

Information About the Internet and the World Wide Web

Internet: links to off-site information (for example, article databases), fee-based services

WWW: free, public-domain information (for example, web pages and search engines)

SEARCH TOOLS

<http://searchenginewatch.com> - a web site dedicated to offering information about searching the World Wide Web, evaluating the usefulness of search tools through reports and surveys, discussing searching techniques, news information and fun facts.

Search tools are classified into three categories:

Directory (example, Librarian's Index to the Internet <http://www.lii.org>)

As the name states, it is a directory of web pages. Directories are easily identified by a directory structure on their web site where a person can "point & click" through hyperlinks of a predetermined topic structure.

Search Engine (example, Lycos <http://www.lycos.com>)

Search Engines are a simple search box where a person can input a query.

Metasearch Engine (example, Dogpile <http://www.dogpile.com/>)

Metasearch Engines are more comprehensive than a regular Search Engine. Their basic function is to search a group of Search Engines giving a person a one-stop shopping option in finding information.

!WARNING!

- 1) No search tool is alike.
- 2) There is no search tool that can search 100% of the content on the World Wide Web.