

## Terminology (continued)

### Hyperlinks (aka Links)

Shortcuts to another web page through clicking on them with a mouse.

#### Types of Links

**Hyperlink**—*generally* underlined and/or a different color than the surrounding text.

**Button**— a graphic element

**Dropdown menu**— a list of options










### Browser

A software program that allows you to access the internet.

#### Browser Programs

Internet Explorer (MS), Safari (Mac), Firefox/Mozilla, Chrome, Opera






#### Parts of a Browser

Title Bar   
Minimize  Restore   
Close   
Address Bar - where you see the URL  
Menu Bar   
Refresh  Stop   
Back & Forward   
Home   
Scroll Bar - at the side of the page  
Status Bar - at the bottom of the page

### Search Engine

A website that indexes billions of page and sites on the world wide web.

#### Examples

	Google	the largest
	Yahoo!	a directory
	Altavista	great for images
	Bing	Microsoft product
	Dogpile	a metasearch engine

## How to Search

### Search Box

Easy to use but returns LOTS of results!

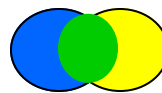
### Using AND, OR and NOT

A way of combining words to make your search more specific.

#### AND +

+ will *narrow* by specifying that *ALL* words must be present in the search results.

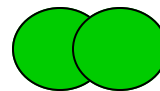
France +travel



#### OR

OR will *broaden* by specifying that *EITHER* word must be present.

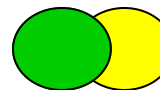
France OR travel



#### NOT -

- will *narrow* by specifying that *ONE* word must be *excluded* in the results.

France -travel



### Quotation Marks “ ”

Creates a phrase search with the exact words in the exact order.

### Advanced Search

Google, Altavista, Dogpile and other true search engines allow you to use parameters to help adjust your search.

## Evaluating Websites

### Accuracy

Who wrote or authored the page?

Can you contact them?

Is the information reliable at first glance?

Is the page free from typographical errors?

### Authority

What credentials or qualifications are listed for the author(s)?

What institution publishes or who sponsors the site? Check the domain type

Is there a link to information about the author or sponsor?

### Objectivity

What is the goal or objective of the page?

How detailed is the information?

Does the information try to sway opinion?

Is there any advertising on the page?

### Currency

When was the site created?

When was the site last updated?

Are the links current?

Are any of the links dead or broken?

### Coverage

What is the intrinsic value of the information?

Is the material in-depth?

Is the information provided cited?

Is the information free?

Do the links complement the site's theme?

## Terminology

### Internet

A global collection of computer networks linked by telephone, cable, satellites and wireless connections.

#### Uses

- Communicating
- Shopping
- Paying bills
- Finding news and information

#### Unavailable (for free)

- Most full-text articles
- Copyrighted information

### World Wide Web

A service that enables websites and pages to be available over the internet.

### Web page

A single document of page on the world wide web.

### Website

A group of related web pages with a common URL or address.

### URL (Uniform Resource Locator)

The address that connects you with a website.

#### Parts of the URL

<http://www.deerfieldlibrary.org>

http:// = Hypertext Transfer Protocol

www = world wide web

deerfieldlibrary = domain name

.org = domain type

#### Domain Types

.com = commercial

.org = *generally* nonprofit organizations

.edu = higher education

.gov = U.S. government agency

.fr = France (websites from other countries)

## Further Resources

### Encyclopedias & Dictionaries

PC Magazine

[pcmag.com/encyclopedia/](http://pcmag.com/encyclopedia/)

UC Berkeley Library

[lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/](http://lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/)

### Tutorials and Further Information

New User Tutorial

[tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutor/welcome.htm](http://tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutor/welcome.htm)

Stanford University Libraries

[www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/swain/internetguides.html](http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/swain/internetguides.html)

GCF LearnFree.org

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/>

### Subject Guides

Internet Public Library 2

[ipl.org](http://ipl.org)

About.com

[about.com](http://about.com)

### For Fun and Practice!

AARP Games

[games.aarp.org](http://games.aarp.org)

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## Internet and Searching Basics

