Searching The Web

Activity Instructions

The purpose of this activity is to become more familiar with search engines to find desired information. Start by selecting a topic of interest and then searching for information related to the topic. Do this by using three of the four Search Engines/Subject Guides listed. Record your topic, keywords, and results in the boxes. Each search should use a different search engine/subject guide. Different search engines have different advanced search techniques; they each provide information on how to utilize their service.

Search Engines/Subject Guides

Yahoo
http://www.yahoo.com

Excite
http://www.excite.com

Hotbot
http://www.hotbot.com

AltaVista
http://altavista.digital.com

Search Data

Your Topic: (e.g., heart attacks)

Key Words or Phrases: (e.g., heart attack, stroke, heart failure, cardiac arrest)

First Search

Site Used: (e.g., Yahoo, Excite)

Key Words or Phrases Used: (e.g., Boolean search: heart AND (attack OR failure)

Results: (i.e., number of returns or hits, sites found, did you like the Search Engine/Subject Guide?)
### Second Search

**Jumping Off Site used:**
(e.g., Yahoo, Excite)

**Key Words or Phrases used:**
(e.g., Boolean search: heart AND (attack OR failure))

**Results:**
(i.e., number of returns or hits, sites found, did you like the Search Engine/Subject Guide?)

### Third Search

**Jumping Off Site used:**
(e.g., Yahoo, Excite)

**Key Words or Phrases used:**
(e.g., Boolean search: heart AND (attack OR failure))

**Results:**
(i.e., number of returns or hits, sites found, did you like the Search Engine/Subject Guide?)