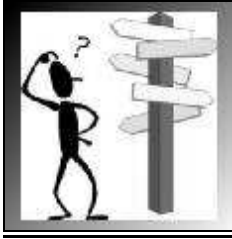


Doing Research in College, or "Why can't I just search Google?"

Doing research in college requires you to find accurate, reliable information.

Why is the Internet unreliable?

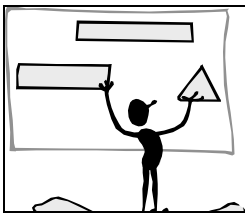
NO ONE CONTROLS THE INTERNET



- Because the web is not organized, information is **DIFFICULT** to find and it is **TIME-CONSUMING** to sort through thousands of entries.
- **NOT SCHOLARLY** – No peer review process means that anyone, anywhere can write anything they want – including bogus information
- **WHEN TO USE** – For enjoyment, and to find current news or information, quick facts, and personal home pages

Ok, so what's better about library resources?

LIBRARY RESOURCES ARE ORGANIZED



- The library catalog and article databases are organized by librarians and professionals to provide **QUICK** and **MORE DIRECT** access
- **SCHOLARLY** – Peer Reviewed journal articles are evaluated for **accuracy** and **reliability** before being published
- **WHEN TO USE** – To find books, government documents, and articles from journals, newspapers, and magazines.

BUT I ONLY WANT TO USE THE INTERNET!!

Library resources are also online, and many journal articles have the full text available for you to print, email, or save. But you **can not find** these resources through Google. Go to Roesch Library's home page - <http://library.udayton.edu/> - and click on Research.

OR

Use a search engine that has organized the Web for you:

Infomine - <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>

Librarians' Index to the Internet - <http://lii.org/>

What if I find an Internet site I want to use in my paper?

You will need to evaluate the internet site. Use the following criteria to start:

Relevancy - Is the material related to your topic? Does it fit your research needs?

Authority - Who is the person/group responsible for site? What are their credentials?

Source - Sponsor/location of the site is appropriate to the material as shown in the URL

Accuracy - Is the information based on fact or opinion? Does the person/group have something to gain (bias)? Is there a bibliography listing sources?

Currency - When was the page created or last modified?