

EFFECTIVE INTERNET RESEARCH

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BASIC INTERNET TERMINOLOGY

www	world-wide web
ISP	Internet service provider
URL	Uniform Resource Locator; website address
server	a computer that provides a service to another computer
search engine	finds web pages with specific content
cookie	A file left on your computer by a website's browser containing your login, password, user preferences, and other personalized information
browser	Software used to "browse" the Internet. Most common examples are Internet Explorer and Netscape Navigator
domain name	The unique name that identifies an Internet site
html	HyperText Markup Language – computer code used to create documents on the World Wide Web
http	HyperText Transfer Protocol – protocol for moving hypertext files across the Internet
downloading	Copying a file from a remote computer to your computer
uploading	Copying a file from your computer to a remote computer
bookmark	Function used to save a webpage location for future reference
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
home page	Page your computer will go to when you initially log onto the Internet
link, hyperlink	Text found on a web page which, when clicked, will take you to another web location

SEARCH ENGINES

www.allsearchengines.com

- Compilation of all major search engines

www.google.com

- Most comprehensive and widely used search engine

www.beaucoup.com

- Features Super Search or search by category

www.teoma.com

- Uses Subject-Specific Popularity to achieve more relevant hits

Other popular search engines:

www.dogpile.com

www.alltheweb.com

www.wisenut.com

www.altavista.com

www.excite.com

www.lycos.com

WEBSITES

DICTIONARY / REFERENCE PORTALS

www.refdesk.com

- Quick access to today's news
- Links to hundreds of online newspapers, dictionaries, encyclopedias, search engines and other reference tools
- Unbeatable tool for captioners and CART providers

www.infoplease.com

- Searchable almanacs on dozens of topics of general interest

www.onelook.com

- Look up any word in 763 online dictionaries simultaneously

www.yourdictionary.com

- Get Word of the Day emailed to you every day
- Click "Specialty" to get links to dictionaries in 58 categories
- Click "Nyms & Such" to get links to dictionaries of abbreviations, acronyms, etc.

www.glossarist.com

- A searchable directory of glossaries and topical dictionaries

www.1000dictionaries.com

- Links to over 3,200 dictionaries, encyclopedias, glossaries, thesauri and more

www.alldictionaries.com

- Links to 383 dictionaries of world languages and 374 dictionaries of general subjects

MEDICAL REFERENCES

www.rxlist.com

- Searchable drug index
- Contains a link to online Taber's Medical Encyclopedia

www.drugs.com

- Searchable drug index
- Has advanced search capabilities

www.mtdesk.com

- Medical transcription and terminology website containing lists of manufacturers' websites; alphabetical index of medical terminology including drugs, medical equipment and medical procedures; and medical word lists by system/specialty
- Features a chat/forum section similar to VRForum

www.ama-assn.org

- Official AMA website which contains a nationwide Doctor Finder feature

www.dentalleader.com/terms.htm

- Glossary of dental terminology

www.bracesinfo.com/glossary.html

- A dictionary of dental terms

LEGAL REFERENCES

www.findlaw.com

- Contains links to federal and state statutes, case law, and other legal reference sites

www.law.cornell.edu

- Contains links to federal and state codes, court opinions, legal journals and more

www.hg.org

- Links to U.S. and International laws, legal associations, bar associations and more

OTHER REFERENCES OF INTEREST

www.build.com

- Directory of building products manufacturers and their products

www.constructionweblinks.com

- Links to construction-related organizations, business and technical dictionaries

www.motorera.com

- Contains a dictionary of over 13,000 expressions for automobiles, bicycles, motorcycles, engines, and boats

www.hickoksports.com

- Contains glossaries of over 30 sports by category, plus links to sports history and other sports-related categories

www.chemsoc.org

- Chemical terminology search feature

www.mesothelioma.com

- Contains lists of asbestos or asbestos-related products and their manufacturers

www.mapquest.com, www.mapblast.com, www.maps.com

- Sites for maps, directions

VRForum on www.ncraonline.org

- Message board forum for court reporters to share information