



Finding a water and sanitation information online

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For many people, the Internet has become the first medium to turn to when they need information. Water and sanitation professionals are no different. Currently there are around 1 billion Internet users worldwide. [Worldwide World Subject Readings](#), [authoritative information](#), [how to find information online](#). [How to find information online](#)?

Search tools and search services

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Key search engines

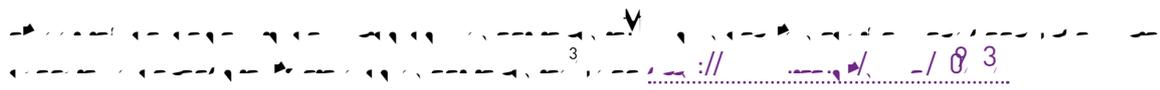
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Discussion groups and communities of practice

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Figure 1.11. Search strategies for different types of information

What are you looking for?	Search strategy	Search Tool	Search words/phrases
A unique concept or name eg NEWAH	Use one word	Google Yahoo! Organisation directories Bibliographic databases	NEWAH
Specific programme, project, concept, organisation, device or idea, eg Life Skills Approach	If you know the exact words enclose in quotes	Google Yahoo! databases	"Life Skills Approach"
Particular viewpoint on a more general topic, eg how to include children in school sanitation	Enter many words and phrases for the first element Evaluate into the next the same for the second element	Teoma Google Blogs	"school sanitation" ISSHE "hygiene education"
Consider possible angles, eg cost recovery water supply, privatization	and phrases for all elements at the same time	Portals and subject gateways Google Yahoo!	water supply water supply tariffs privatization public secur "community manag
Complex topic you are not familiar with (you cannot think of synonyms or related terms to use in your search) eg hospital waste	Harvest address related web pages; enter words and all elements at the same time; inspect results and use relevant terms in subsequent queries	IP portals and subject gateways Yahoo!	
Specific topic eg water and sanitation, but only a general notion eg watershed are looking for, eg interaction of land and water catchment areas, water	gateway or portal. know how to phrase it represent the subject area; choose narrower topics as needed to arrive at a narrower subtopic that expresses your interests	subject gateways Blogs	watershed watershed livelihoods

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