

## Regional Search Engines

[www.philb.com/countryse.htm](http://www.philb.com/countryse.htm) Over 222 countries and territories, over 4,000 Search engines listed.

<http://www.searchengineguide.com/searchengines.html> The home button will give you subject specific search engines and directories. The Country button will give you country specific search engines.

### Niche or Targeted Search Engines:

<http://www.collegeathome.com/blog/2008/06/19/100-useful-niche-search-engines-youve-never-heard-of/> If you can get to this site, it lists 100 search engines on many topics.

<http://websearch.about.com/od/engineanddirectories/a/nichesearch.htm> Large list of search engines by topic.

<http://www.athenus.com/> Science and engineering

[www.globalspec.com](http://www.globalspec.com) Engineering.

<http://www.eng-tips.com/> Browse a list of forums by engineering topic.

[www.omnimedicalsearch.com](http://www.omnimedicalsearch.com) Has 6 authoritative medical search engine.

[www.healthline.com](http://www.healthline.com) A consumer medical search engine.

[www.business.com](http://www.business.com) Search engine and directory for business terms and issues.

[www.masterseek.com](http://www.masterseek.com) Company profiles, services, goods,...

[www.accoona.com](http://www.accoona.com) Database of free online business info for millions of companies.

[www.businesseek](http://www.businesseek.com) Best businesses based on ratings and reviews.

<http://www.business.gov/about/features/search-engine.html> Gov't advice on starting a business.

<http://www.eduhound.com/> Topic based online edu resources.

<http://www.lessonplanet.com/> 150,000 lesson plans.

## Reference Search Engines

<http://www.refdesk.com/toc.html> This takes you to the Refdesk site map where you can choose from a list—encyclopedia, dictionary, newspapers, country guides etc.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/> or  
<http://www.biblestudytools.com/>

Reference tools for studying the Bible.

## LIBRARY HELPS SERIES

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## Categories of Information

- **Free, Visible Web:** All publicly mounted Web pages indexed by search engines. Use a good search engine or directory.
- **Free Invisible Web:** See our brochure, *Federated Search: Searching the Invisible Web*
- **Paid Databases over the web:** Access through Infohio, OPLIN, or OhioLink. Get passwords from librarian.

## Search Tool Types (These change, merge, partner)

### • Search Engines

>**Global:** Google, Fast Search, Norther Light, HotBot, AltaVista—read pages all over the world

>**Regional:** Limited geographically—like only Australian websites may be accessed.

<**Targeted:** Target one topic, like engineering

<**Reference:** Cite reference sources like encyclopedias, Bartleby etc.

### • Directories

<Categorized lists picked by humans

<High quality and relevance

<Low number of hits

## Starting Point

- **Broad Subject:** (Like Tibet, Knot tying, Cell respiration) Use an encyclopedia.
- **General Subject Area:** (like Business, Medicine, Renaissance paintings, government documents) Use a targeted search engine.
- **Well-known specific subject:** (Exercise routines, colleges in Ohio, nutrition guidelines, art museums) Try a directory like IPL or LII.
- **Very specific or unusual subject:** (Airbus 320, medicinal use of peppermint, breeding guinea pigs) Use a general search engine.
- **Research paper and need lots of info:** try all of the Internet tools.

## Source Selection Tip

(see our Evaluating Websites Brochure for further help)

Select sources that offer as much of the following as possible:

- Author's name
- Author's title or position
- Author's affiliation (organization)
- Date of page creation or version
- Author's contact info
- Follows many indicators of information quality (see Evaluating brochure)

## Web Sites

### Internet Directories

<http://www.internet-web-directory.com/> Annotated and updated list of directories.

[www.anywho.com](http://www.anywho.com) Residential, commercial and government yellow and white pages, maps

[www.academicinfo.net/refdirectories.html](http://www.academicinfo.net/refdirectories.html)  
This is an annotated list of subject directories

[www.digital-librarian.com/subject.html](http://www.digital-librarian.com/subject.html)

[www.lii.org](http://www.lii.org) Annotated searchable subject directory created and evaluated by librarians.

### Search Engines

#### Global

<http://searchenginewatch.com/2156281> Lists search engines that search the entire web, but may not be well known.

[http://www.searchenginefinder.com/Global\\_Search\\_Engines/](http://www.searchenginefinder.com/Global_Search_Engines/) Annotated list of global search engines revealing their appearance and interface.