

Web Research Guide: Internet Expert Quiz

Choose the best answer for each question in this quiz.

- Which one of the following is NOT an example of an extension in a URL?
 - .gov
 - .edu
 - .npr
 - .com
- You can optimize your search results by
 - using several different search engines.
 - sticking to your topic and resisting distractions.
 - using reliable Web sites like *National Geographic* or the Library of Congress.
 - all of the above
- Which of the following is the best indicator that a Web site is reliable?
 - The author of the site tells you so.
 - The author of the site provides contact information and his or her credentials.
 - The author links to her favorite sites.
 - The author states in bold letters that the site was proofread by a librarian.
- What does this URL tell you about the source? <http://vos.ucsb.edu>
 - It is associated with an educational institution.
 - It is an English teacher's home page.
 - It is an article from a magazine.
 - It is from a directory.
- Which item shows a Boolean search?
 - Shakespeare sonnets
 - Shakespeare AND sonnets
 - "Shakespeare" with "SONNETS"
 - Shakespeare (sonnets)
- Which statement is TRUE?
 - A search engine does not discriminate between good and bad sites.
 - A search engine may list thousands of unordered search results.
 - A directory is someone's attempt to list the best sites for a given topic.
 - all of the above
- Which of the following statements about meta-search engines is NOT true?
 - Meta-search engines scan multiple search engines simultaneously.
 - Meta-search engines are a waste of time; they provide very few results.
 - Meta-search engines provide results based on the keyword(s) submitted.
 - Meta-search engines can save time, but shouldn't be used exclusively.
- Critically evaluating content on the Web is important because
 - Web authors are less professional.
 - Web authors are always biased.
 - anyone can publish on the Web. There's no guarantee that what you're reading is objective or accurate.
 - printed information is always more accurate than Web information.
- Which of the following is an example of effective online searching?
 - Do a keyword search on one search engine. Browse through all the results.
 - Formulate research questions, list possible sources, identify keywords, and begin your search.
 - Visit chat rooms and find out what others are saying about your topic.
 - Post a question on a message board.
- Which citation is composed according to the MLA-citation manual and guide for an article in an online magazine?
 - Doe, Jane. "Fundamentals of Guitar." Guitar Virtuoso 2000. 2 Feb. 2001. <<http://www.guitarvirtuoso.com>>
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