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Media- and Information Literacy

Figure 2: The Ecology of MIL: Notions of MIL


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Publications

• Scientific publications
  o Scientific articles
  o Dissertations
  o Research reports
  o Conference papers

Other publications
  - course books, student theses
  - judicial documents, statistics
  - investigations, documents from authorities
  - newspaper articles, popular science
What is a Scientific article?

- Research results
- Academic readership
- Reviewed by experts
Different types of articles

- Original articles
- Review articles
- Theoretical articles
Structure

• Depending on subject, method and the type of article
  o Abstract
  o Introduction
  o Method
  o Result
  o Discussion
  o References
Reviewed material

- Peer review
- Experts
- Ensuring scientific quality
Terminology

• "Just any word"
• Keywords
• Subject terms
Search method

• Phrase search “…” (two or more words)
• Truncation – the use of a star *
• Combination search
  o And or not
• Make combinations of your own!
What is...

- Library search tools – discovery system?
  - Search in one box
  - Reach the majority of the library resources
    - Books, articles, dvd...
  - A good place to start!
What is... 

• A database?
  o Gives you the possibilities to search efficiently for
    • Published information – articles in
      – Magazines
      – Journals (Peer reviewed)
      – Newspapers
    o General (all disciplines) or discipline specific (e.g. focus on economic topics)
Why use database?

- Reliable
- Relevant
- Accessible
What is…

• A search engine?
  ○ Google
    • Search the internet e.g. information from government and organizations
When to use what?

• It depends on what type of information you are hoping to find and how you plan to use it.
  o Credible, scholarly articles, you will have more success finding relevant sources in a library database free of charge.
  o Other information e.g. Census data or organizational material, it is more efficient to find that through a search engine that guides you to the appropriate government website.
The tools

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