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# Beyond Google: Searching the Deep Web

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## Have You ...

- Made a plane or hotel reservation online
- Gotten directions from MapQuest or Google Maps
- Searched for articles in an EBSCOhost, Gale or ProQuest database
- Searched an online catalog

If yes,  
then you have searched the Deep Web



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Visible Web = Surface Web = Shallow Web  
Findable by general purpose search engines

Deep Web = Invisible Web = Hidden Web = Dark  
Web = Cloaked Web

Not findable by general purpose search engines

Timeline of Events Related to the Deep Web

<http://papergirls.wordpress.com/2008/10/07/timeline-deep-web/>



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## Deep Web larger than Surface Web

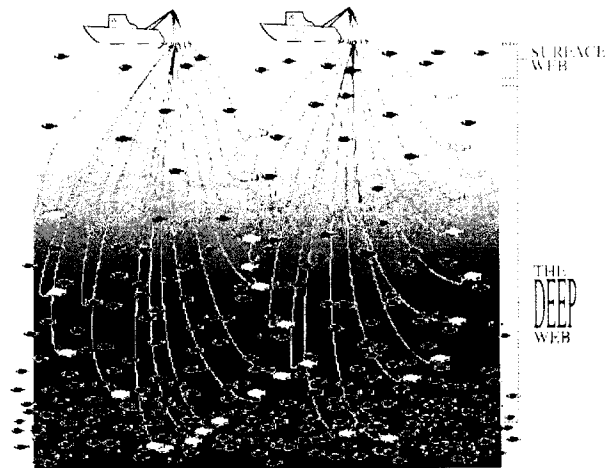


Image Source: <http://www.mkbergman.com/?p=458>

2007 Estimates:

<http://netforbeginners.about.com/cs/secondaryweb1/a/secondaryweb.htm>



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## How Visible Web is Created



Search engine  
 Indexing  
 Crawling  
 Ranking  
 Serving  
 Updating



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## Deep Web Content Categories

- Databases
  - Academic Search, NewsBank, InfoTrac, ERIC, NASA Image eXchange (NIX), etc.
  - Some proprietary, some free
- Sites requiring forms to be completed
  - Generate dynamic information, often single use
    - Traveling direction sites, job hunting sites, phone books



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## Deep Web Content Categories

- Deep (extensive) web sites
  - may be only partially indexed
    - Largest Deep Web™ Sites
    - [http://aip.completeplanet.com/aip-engines/help/largest\\_engines.jsp](http://aip.completeplanet.com/aip-engines/help/largest_engines.jsp)
- Formats – new or older
  - [http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search?hl=en](http://www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en)
  - [http://images.google.com/advanced\\_image\\_search?hl=en](http://images.google.com/advanced_image_search?hl=en)
  - <http://video.google.com/videoadvancedsearch?q=butterflies%20filetype%3Ajpg&hl=en>



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## Deep Web Content Categories

- Very current or real-time content
- Sites requiring registration or password access
- Sites excluded by their owners or that are not linked to indexed pages
- Sites the general search engine chooses to exclude

Another image of Web content:

<http://netforbeginners.about.com/library/diagrams/n4layers.htm>



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## Why Use the Deep Web

- Quantity of information
- Quality of information
- Greater depth of information in specific topics
- Often structured information



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## Searching

- Searching Surface Web More Effectively
- Article Databases
- Split-level Searching
- Subject Directories
- General Deep Web Search Engines
- Vertical Searching
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## More Effective Surface Web Searching

[ranking.thumbshots.com](http://ranking.thumbshots.com)

Try more than one general purpose search engine

- Learn strengths/weaknesses/coverage
- "Different Engines, Different Results"  
<http://www.infospaceinc.com/onlineprod/Overlap-DifferentEnginesDifferentResults.pdf>

[[Article on Thumbshots ranking tool](#)]



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## More Effective Surface Web Searching

- Use advanced search features
  - Domain/site restriction - .edu or .gov or .org
  - Other refinements – file format, page date, where keywords appear, language, usage rights
  - Advanced search features available for image, news, video searches
    - [http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search?hl=en](http://www.google.com/advanced_search?hl=en)
    - <http://search.yahoo.com/>



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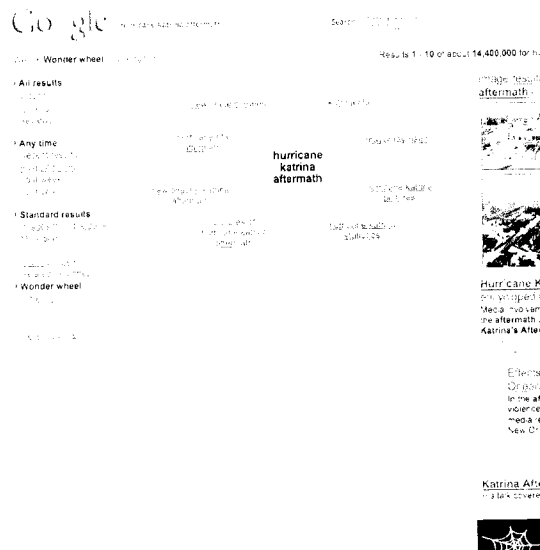
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### Searching the Surface Web More Effectively

Explore "Show Options" on Google results page:

- > All results
  - Videos
  - Forums
  - Reviews
- > Any time
  - Recent results
  - Past 24 hours
  - Past week
  - Past year
- > Standard results
  - Images from the page
  - More text
- > Standard view
  - Related searches
  - Wonder Wheel
  - Timeline

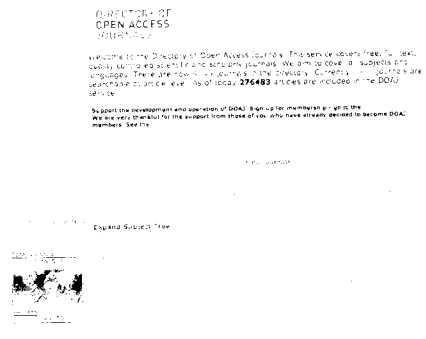


Sample Search: [hurricane katrina](#)

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## Article Databases

- Subscription databases
  - EBSCOhost, Newsbank, etc.
- Google Scholar
- Free databases
  - Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) - <http://www.doaj.org/>
  - HighWire Press - <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/freart.dtl>
  - PubMed Central - <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>



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# Split-Level Searching

- First Level
  - Use general purpose search engines to locate directories, specialized databases or search engines
- Second Level
  - Search the directory, database, search engine, etc.



First level search strategy:  
include "database" with topic term(s) in search

## nuclear explosions

Google search results for "nuclear explosions". The top result is "Introduction to Nuclear Explosions" from the University of Tennessee, dated 2007. Other results include "Nuclear Explosions" from the University of Tennessee, "Nuclear Explosions" from the University of Tennessee, and "Nuclear Explosions" from the University of Tennessee.

## nuclear explosions database

Google search results for "nuclear explosions database". The top result is "Nuclear Explosions Database" from the University of Tennessee, dated 2007. Other results include "Nuclear Explosions Database" from the University of Tennessee, "Nuclear Explosions Database" from the University of Tennessee, and "Nuclear Explosions Database" from the University of Tennessee.



## Second level: search the database or portal

**Nuclear Explosion DataBase (NEDB)**  
[http://www.rds.info/database/nedb/nedb\\_ent.html](http://www.rds.info/database/nedb/nedb_ent.html)


The NEDB consists of source information (date, time, location, yield, seismic magnitude, burial depth, etc.) drawn from a variety of official and unofficial sources, and a collection of related digital waveform data for all nuclear explosions conducted from 1945-2006. The database includes 2754 announced or presumed nuclear explosions for 837 of which over 120,000 digital waveforms have been compiled and archived.

A range of options are provided for accessing/downloading these data resources including menu-based and map-based alternatives. For a complete description of the NEDB data resources and access tools, the NEDB User Manual provides an orientation and guide including a summary of what data are available, functionality of various web-based access and display options, and step-by-step examples for several typical NEDB data queries.

Some features of the NEDB website are still being developed or supplemented.

NEDB User Manual

Search Reports   Site Reports

Country:  All   Region:   Sub-Region:   


From: 1945-01-01 00:00 To: 2006-12-31 23:59

Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
0.0	22.2	0.0	100.0
0.0	5.9	0	10000

yes ( ) no    Amplitude    underground    underwater

yes ( ) no

Submit Request   Refresh



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## Subject Directories

- About.com  
 – <http://www.about.com/>
- Yahoo Directory  
 – <http://dir.yahoo.com/>

YAHOO!   [New](#)   [Directory](#)   [Search](#)   [Help](#)

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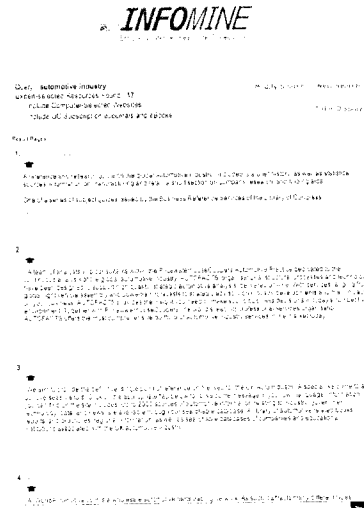
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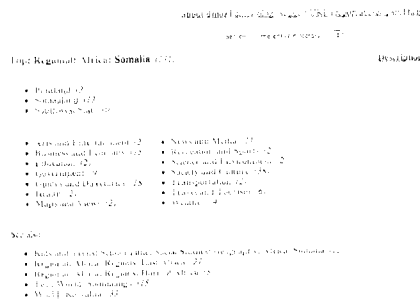
# Subject Directories

- Librarians' Internet Index  
 – <http://www.lii.org>
- INFOMINE  
 – <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>
- Intute  
 – <http://www.intute.ac.uk/>



# Subject Directories

- Open Directory Project (DMOZ)  
 – <http://www.dmoz.org>
- World Wide Web Virtual Library  
 – <http://vlib.org/>



## General Deep Web Search Engines

- CompletePlanet (70,000+ sites last harvested in 2004)

<http://www.completeplanet.com/>

- Incy Wincy (content appears similar to DMOZ)

– <http://www.incywincy.com/>



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## Vertical Searching

Scirus - <http://www.scirus.com/>

SCIRUS

Advanced search

Search for:

AND OR

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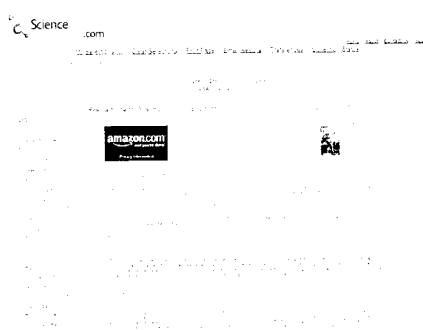
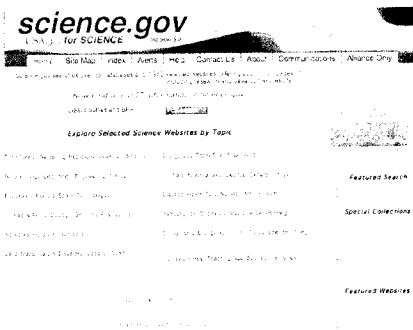
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# Vertical Searching

<http://science.gov/>

<http://scienceresearch.com/>



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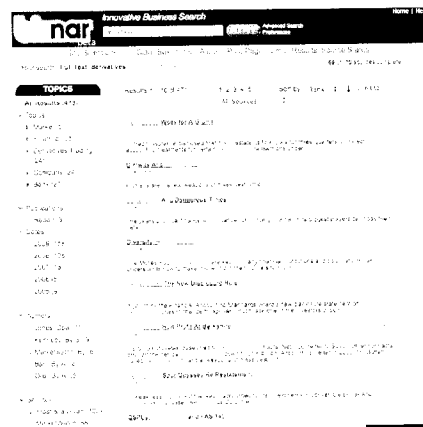
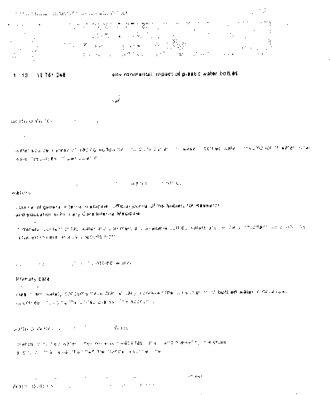
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# Vertical Searching

[deepdive.com](http://deepdive.com)

[biznar.com/](http://biznar.com/)



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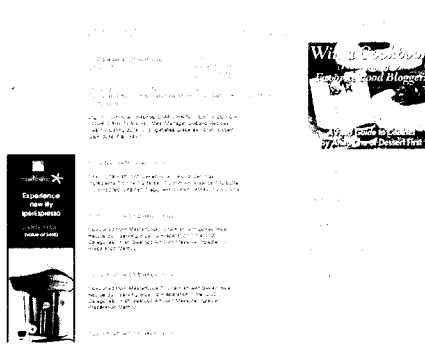
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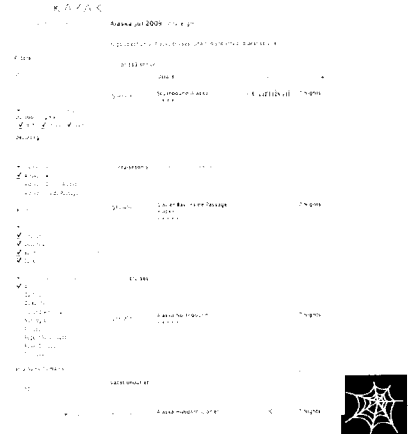


# Vertical Searching

## Foodieview.com – a recipe search engine



## Kayak.com – a travel search engine



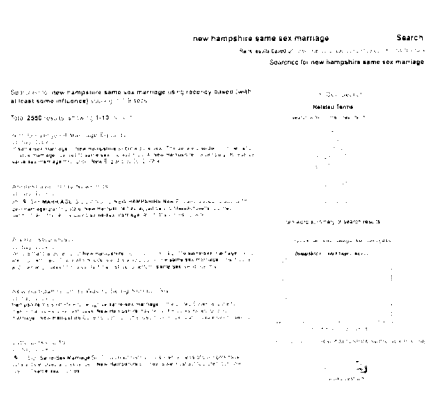
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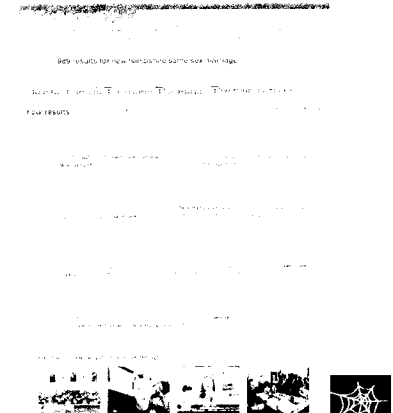
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# Vertical Searching

## http://www.blogscope.net/



## http://technorati.com/



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## Vertical Searching

- Music – not just iTunes
  - [allmusic.com](http://allmusic.com)
  - [Songza.com](http://Songza.com)
  - [iLike.com](http://iLike.com)
- Videos – not just YouTube
  - [blinkx.com](http://blinkx.com)
  - [hulu.com](http://hulu.com)
- Additional Suggestions from Session Attendees:
  - [search.twitter.com](http://search.twitter.com)
  - [Pandora.com](http://Pandora.com) (Internet radio service based on The Music Genome Project)



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## Digital Collections

- May contain
  - digitized (i.e., scanned) books and articles
  - born-digital texts
  - audio files (e.g., wav, mp3)
  - images (e.g., tiff, gif)
  - movies (e.g., mp4, quicktime)
  - datasets (e.g., downloadable statistics files)
- May be freely accessible, restricted, or a combination
- A Compendium of Digital Collections (*A project of the UNH Library Digital Collections Initiative*) - <http://digitalcollections.wordpress.com/>
- Library of Congress Digital Collections & Services - <http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>
- Collaborative Digitization Programs in the United States – <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/stateportals.html>
- [PolicyArchive.org](http://PolicyArchive.org)



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## Digital Collections

- OAI – Open Archives Initiative
- OAster - <http://www.oaister.org/>
  - Union catalog of digital resources
  - 20,928,590 records from 1,112 contributors
- Goals
  - One-stop “shopping” for academically-oriented digital resources
  - Access to digital materials in addition to searching of records for these resources



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## OAster Search

The screenshot displays the OAster search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "Search for a keyword or phrase" and a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are several sections for refining the search:

- Search within fields:** Includes checkboxes for "All fields" (checked), "Title", "Author", "Subject", "Date", "Language", "Format", "Accession", "Identifier", "URL", "Description", "Metadata", "Full text", "Thumbnail", "Image", "Audio", and "Video".
- Limit by resource type:** Includes checkboxes for "All types" (checked), "Image", "Audio", "Video", and "Other".
- Choose sort order of results:** Includes checkboxes for "Relevance" (checked), "Date", "Title", "Author", "Subject", "Language", "Format", "Accession", "Identifier", "URL", "Description", "Metadata", "Full text", "Thumbnail", "Image", "Audio", and "Video".

At the bottom of the search results area, there is a "Sort by" dropdown menu and a "Page 1 of 1" indicator. The OAster logo is visible in the top left corner of the interface.



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## OAlster Search

The screenshot shows the OAlster Search website. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu. Below the search bar, there is a section titled "The New Hampshire (generalized) search" and a list of search results. On the right side of the screenshot, there is a small image of a building, likely a historical site in New Hampshire.

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## Internet Archive

- Wayback Machine –  
<http://www.archive.org/web/web.php>
- Open Library Project
- Open Content Alliance – digitization of out-of-copyright books and accessible through a permanent archive
  - Text archive - <http://www.archive.org/details/texts>

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## Internet Archive

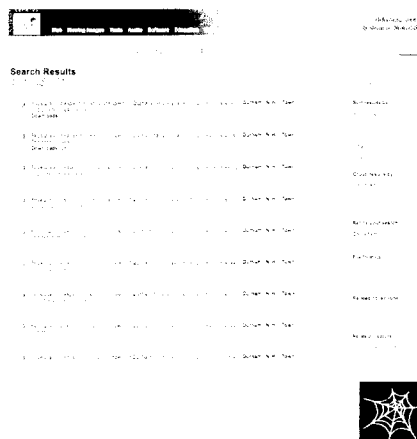
Sample text search:

durham nh report

Refine search by Related  
Creator: Durham (N.H.:  
Town)

Sort by Date

Can view PDF, B&W PDF,  
full text, Flip Book



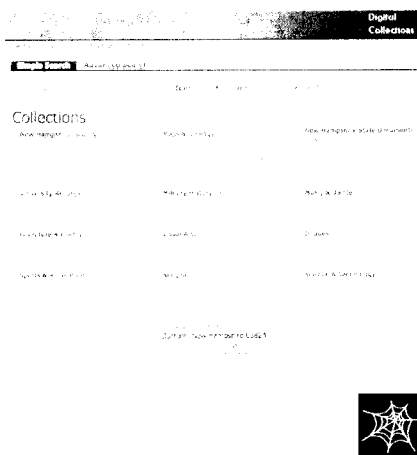
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## UNH Digital Collections Initiative Database

- <http://www.library.unh.edu/diglib/>
- Simple search searches metadata only
- Advanced search can search within full text
- Only format is PDF



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## The Future

- Ever-shifting boundaries
- Google's efforts
- Different search & presentation methods
  - Kosmix.com
  - DeepPeep.org
- Semantic Deep Web?



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## Keeping Up

- Search Engine Land
  - <http://searchengineland.com/>
- LibWorm - <http://www.libworm.com/>
- Google Alerts
  - <http://www.google.com/alerts?hl=en&gl=us>



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