

# **CSCI 4173**

## **Web-Centric Computing**

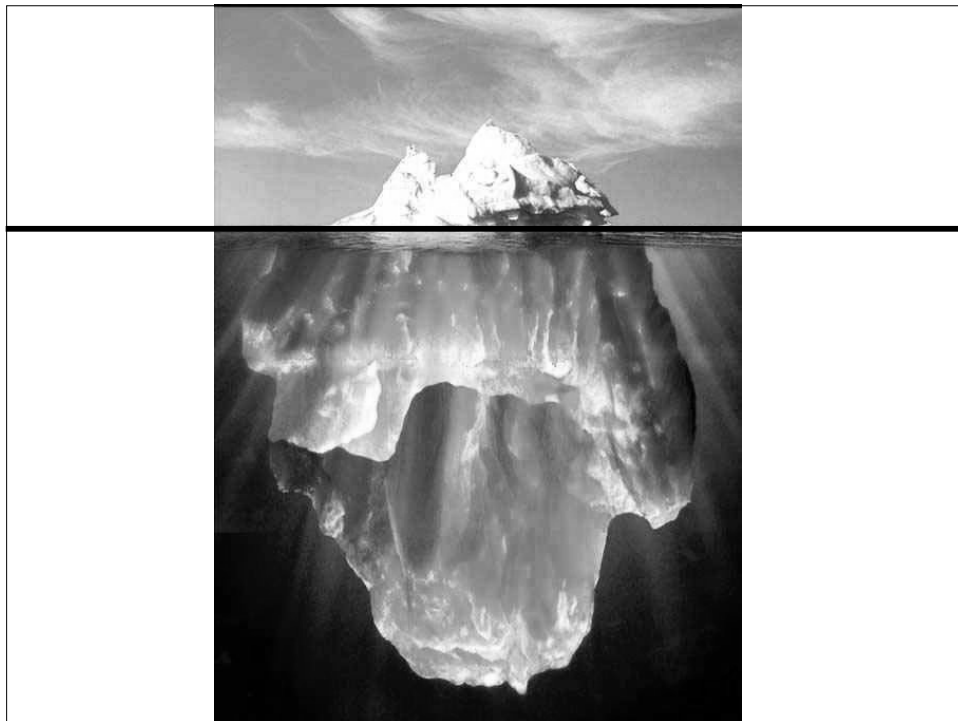
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### **Finding Quality Websites on the Web**

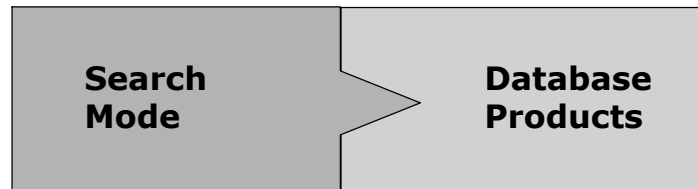
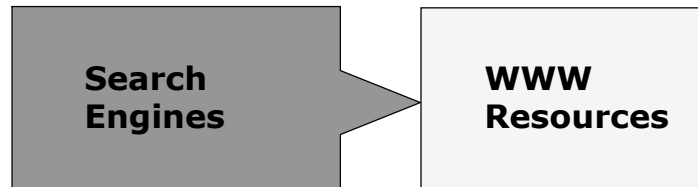


## Topics for Today

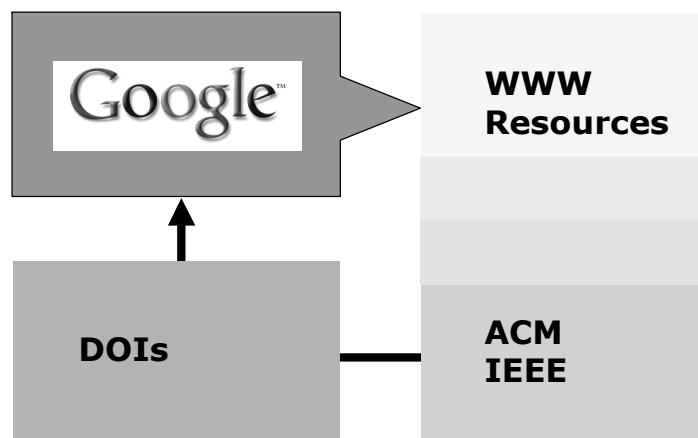
- **Assessing information on the Web**
- **Searching the Invisible (deep) Web**



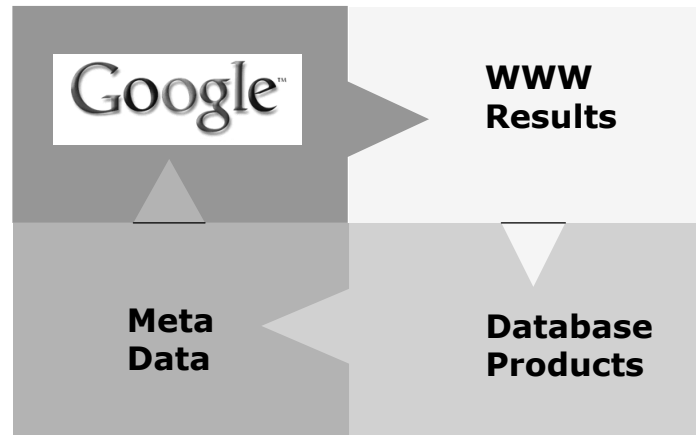
## Searching for Resources



## Lines are blurring...




## The future of MetaSearching...?



## Accessing information

- Beware of domain names  
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- Get the most nutrition out of your calories.

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**Welcome to MyPyramid.org!** USDA hopes the updated food pyramid, MyPyramid, will help to ease much of the confusion that has come from so-called "doctors" and "scientists" claiming that their independent, repeatable experimentation has shown red meat, processed foods, agrichemicals and irradiation to be unhealthy for people and the planet. Many of USDA's top officials have worked in the Agribusiness industry, providing the expertise necessary to develop a pyramid that best represents the truth about healthy eating -- **it's not what happens to the food before it gets to your table, but simply that you eat substantial servings of all foods** -- Following these guidelines will help ensure the health of American families while guaranteeing the health of Agribusiness Corporations around the world.

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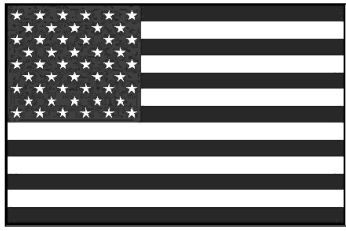
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## Finding Government Information



**site:gov**



**site:gc.ca**



**"privacy issues" site:gov**

**security policies site:gc.ca**



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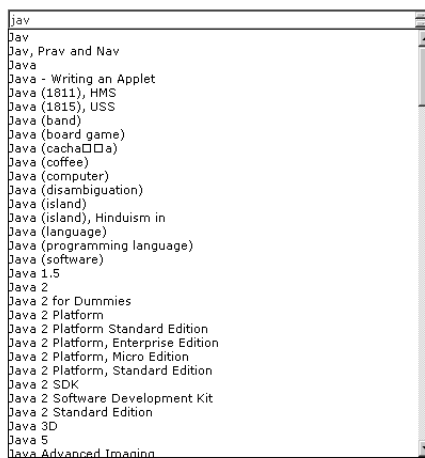
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# Bram Moolenaar



- Linux programmer
- Text Editing Guru



## The Web Word Processor

...that's now part of Google.

- Google – Writely
- Watch out – MS Word

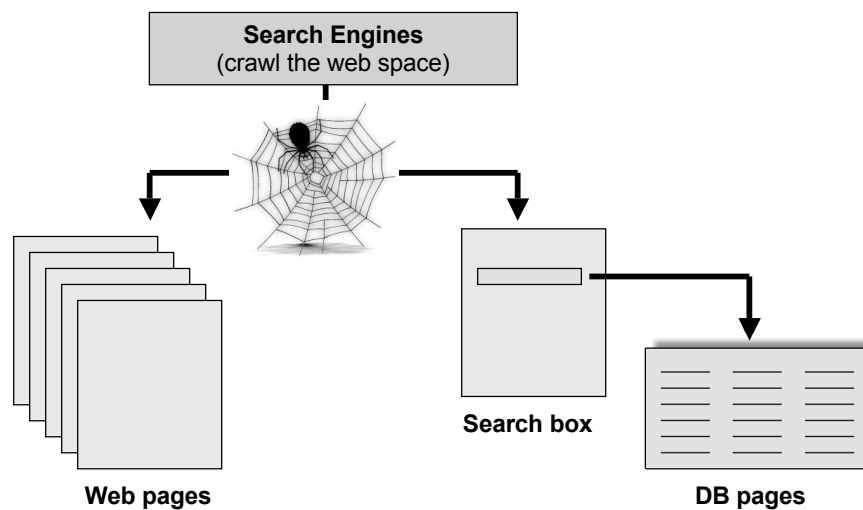
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## Searching the Invisible Web

- Known searchable sites
  - RDN (Research Discovery Network)
  - EEVL (Engineering, Mathematics & Computing)
- Look in the "spider blocking" files
  - `www.xxx.com/robots.txt`

## Deep Web



# Research Discovery Network

<http://www.rdn.ac.uk/>

The screenshot shows the Research Discovery Network (RDN) website. At the top, the RDN logo is on the left, and a search bar labeled "ResourceFinder" is in the center. To the right of the search bar is a "GO" button and links for "Resource Discovery Network", "HELP", and "PREFERENCES". Below the search bar, a text box reads: "The RDN selects, catalogues and delivers high-quality Internet resources for further and higher education: the best of the Web."

On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for: ABOUT, FEEDBACK, NEWS, PUBLICATIONS, PROJECTS, PARTNERS, CASE STUDIES, TRAINING, and VACANCIES. Below this menu are two larger buttons: "Case Studies" and "Virtual Training Suite", both featuring the RDN logo.

The main content area is titled "browse" with a right-pointing arrow. It displays a grid of subject categories, each with a link and a logo:

- [Arts & Creative Industries](#) with the "artifact" logo.
- [Engineering, Mathematics & Computing](#) with the "EEVL" logo.
- [Geography & Environment](#) with a globe icon.
- [Health, Medicine & Life Sciences](#) with the "BIOME" logo.
- [Hospitality, Leisure, Sport & Tourism](#) with the "ALTIS" logo.
- [Humanities](#) with the "H" logo.
- [Physical Sciences](#) with the "PSigate" logo.
- [Social Science, Business & Law](#) with the "SOSIG" logo.

The "Engineering, Mathematics & Computing" link is highlighted with a black rectangular border. On the right side of the main content area, there is a vertical scroll bar with a downward-pointing arrow.