

## Internet Search Tips

### Search Tips:

Websites must register with each search engine to be found by that engine. What this means is that different search engine return different results. This only becomes a factor when you are searching for a smaller organization or site. **Tip: Use multiple search engine and meta-search engines.**

**Meta-search engines** are search engines that search the results from numerous regular search engines.

**Boolean Operators-** These consist of the terms **AND, OR, & NOT**. Include these terms (in all caps) to broaden or narrow your search. As a default, many search engines use the AND operator as a default. This means that any combination of terms you search for produces results containing all of the search terms.

### Search Engines:

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

[www.altavista.com](http://www.altavista.com)

[www.infoseek.com](http://www.infoseek.com)

[www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com)

[www.lycos.com](http://www.lycos.com)

[www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com)

[www.msn.com](http://www.msn.com)

[www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com) (meta search engine)

[www.metacrawler.com](http://www.metacrawler.com) (meta search engine)

### African Search Engines:

[www.aardvark.co.za](http://www.aardvark.co.za)

[www.ananzi.co.za](http://www.ananzi.co.za)

[www.max.co.za](http://www.max.co.za)

[www.zebra.co.za](http://www.zebra.co.za)

### Africa-related websites:

[www.linksforafrica.com](http://www.linksforafrica.com)

[www.africaonline.com](http://www.africaonline.com)

[www.africatoday.com](http://www.africatoday.com)

[www.southafrica.gov](http://www.southafrica.gov)

[www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html](http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html)