Internet Search Tips

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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
www.altavista.com
www.infoseek.com
www.askjeeves.com
www.lycos.com
www.alltheweb.com
www.msn.com
www.dogpile.com (meta search engine)
www.metacrawler.com (meta search engine)

African Search Engines:

www.aardvark.co.za
www.ananzi.co.za
www.max.co.za
www.zebra.co.za

Africa-related websites:

www.linksforafrica.com
www.africaonline.com
www.africatoday.com
www.southafrica.gov
www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html