Using the internet for research and writing

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Why the internet?
- Information is almost ‘free’
- The tools are mostly ‘free’
- Working smarter is a good thing to do
- Backing up data is also important

Outline
- You will learn more about:
  - issues in using the internet for scholarly research;
  - issues of critical evaluation of resources;
  - the importance of primary data sources in scholarly publications;
  - how to read scholarly articles; and
  - using free internet-based tools to formulate your bibliography

Google Scholar
- Your ‘friend’, if you use it well
  - the advanced Google Scholar

Advanced Google Scholar
- Read for relevance, select wisely, take notes
- Make sure you record what you read – Zotero

Use scholar in clever ways
Writing academically

- Listening
- Note taking
- Writing
- Structure

http://www.gwr.arizona.edu/content-topics.htm

Research planning

Outcomes

- Demonstrating how to use Zotero for collecting, annotating and exporting scholarly resources; and
- how to critically evaluate online resources.

- Demonstrating referencing

Citation builders

- Chose a reference and try one of these
  - http://www.sourceaid.com/citationbuilder/
  - http://citationmachine.net/
  - http://www.lib.unc.edu/house/citationbuilder/
How do I structure literature?

- Lots of ways
  - On your PC – VUE (see http://vue.tufts.edu/)
  - MindMeister
    - (create yourself an account)
    - http://www.mindmeister.com/
  - Create one – invite a friend

Mindmaps can help

- Create a Google email address
- Create a MindMeister account
- Create a map – invite a friend to edit
- Export a map into a word document
- Reflect on what you have learned

MindMeister

Sometimes

- Create a Delicious account
- Find literature that you find useful
- Create links and Tags
- Share your Delicious site with peers in the same discipline.

Collecting bookmarks

- Moving from computer to computer
- Sharing bookmarks
- Building a library – tagging and finding
- Introduction to http://delicious.com
Selecting articles

- What do I read?
  - Relevant, Recent, Readable
- Record
  - Keep notes in Zotero
  - Bookmarks – Del.icio.us or Diigo
- Patterns
  - Look for patterns, notes, concept/mind maps
- Paraphrase rather than copy-and-paste
  - if you do, use "*" and record the page number
- Access – VPN at LN

Conclusions

- Start early
  - Think about your papers
  - Talk to your teachers
  - Write a little – EVERY DAY
  - Keep extensive notes - Zotero
  - Be methodical - PLANNING
  - Manage your teachers carefully