

Search Strategy Sheet

Part 1. Identify and Develop Your Topic

Choose one of the two topics for your research:

- A. Why the Government of Canada has joined the Open Government Partnership.
- B. Is there a cure for information overload?

1.1. What are the keywords (main concepts) of your topic?

1.2. What other synonyms could be used for these keywords?

Keyword: _____

Synonyms: _____

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1.3. What characteristics (language, dates, format, geographical element, etc.) could also be used as keywords?

1.4. Which repositories/databases do you plan to search?

Part 2. Create a Search Statement

2.1. Use Boolean Operators – AND / OR / NOT – to help construct a search for the computer to perform. Use your keywords and synonyms to create two search statements:

2.2. What other resources (If applicable) might be useful?

2.3. Which repositories and/or databases were most useful to your research, and why?

2.4. Of the two different search statements you tried, which one worked the best for you? How did you change your search statement to improve it? Why do you think that statement worked better than the other ones you tried?
