INDEX BASED SEARCH ENGINES

Some companies also try to catalogue the Web. Whereas search engines use computers to create the search engine index, classified and specialist directories use humans to select and catalogue the Web pages.

Yahoo (www.yahoo.com) is one of the most notable. As well as being able to enter search text, the user can also browse through the directory. For example, if you want to find a new movie, you might start with entertainment and then click movies and carry on until you find what you want.

The medical gateway www.omni.ac.uk is an example. For a comprehensive list of what is available, go to www.vlib.org .

Meta Search Engines

These are not search engines themselves — more tools that know about other search tools and will submit your query to several search engines at once. Metacrawler (www.metacrawler.com) and Dogpile (www.dogpile.com) are examples.