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**CIS 115 PERSPECTIVES ON TECHNOLOGY**

**Where To Find Information**

**REFERENCE –TYPE MATERIALS**  **MCj03078610000[1]**

**WHY?** To gain an understanding, a background, or an overview of the topic

**—Use** the **Library Catalog** (<http://library.acaweb.org/search~S26>) to find subject-

Specific encyclopedias and dictionaries.

Some examples of Reference books:

[Encyclopedia of 20th-century technology](http://library.acaweb.org/search%7ES26?/dtechnology/dtechnology/251%2C566%2C9956%2CB/frameset&FF=dtechnology+encyclopedias&1%2C%2C2)

[McGraw-Hill concise encyclopedia of science & technology](http://library.acaweb.org/search%7ES26?/dtechnology/dtechnology/251%2C566%2C9956%2CB/frameset&FF=dtechnology+encyclopedias&2%2C%2C2)

[Technology Moral and Ethical Aspects Encyclopedias](http://library.acaweb.org/search%7ES26?/dtechnology/dtechnology/351%2C566%2C9956%2CB/exact&FF=dtechnology+moral+and+ethical+aspects+encyclopedias&1%2C2%2C)

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](http://0-find.galegroup.com.library.acaweb.org/gvrl/start.do?prodld=GRVL&userGroupName=hick39659) This source includes:

[Dictionary of American History](http://0-go.galegroup.com.library.acaweb.org/ps/aboutEbook.do?source=&actionString=DO_DISPLAY_ABOUT_PAGE&inPS=true&prodId=GVRL&userGroupName=hick39659&tabID=&searchId=&searchType=BasicSearchForm&docId=GALE%7C5CGL&contentSegment=&currentPosition=200&eisbn=)

[Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Viewpoints, and Voices](http://0-go.galegroup.com.library.acaweb.org/ps/aboutEbook.do?pubDate=120100000&actionString=DO_DISPLAY_ABOUT_PAGE&inPS=true&prodId=GVRL&userGroupName=hick39659&searchType=BasicSearchForm&docId=GALE%7C3XSV)

[Encyclopedia of Activism and Social Justice](http://0-go.galegroup.com.library.acaweb.org/ps/aboutEbook.do?pubDate=120070000&actionString=DO_DISPLAY_ABOUT_PAGE&inPS=true&prodId=GVRL&userGroupName=hick39659&searchType=BasicSearchForm&docId=GALE%7C1VSC)

**CIRCULATING MATERIALS MC900198771[1]**

**WHY?** To obtain more in-depth or focused coverage.

**—Use** the **Library Catalog** to find **circulating** **(Main Collection)** items.

Search the catalog. Some suggested **keyword or subject** terms for technology:

[Technology General Issues](http://library.acaweb.org/search%7ES26?/dtechnology/dtechnology/251%2C566%2C9956%2CB/exact&FF=dtechnology+general+issues&1%2C2%2C) [Technology Moral and Ethical Aspects](http://library.acaweb.org/search%7ES26?/dtechnology/dtechnology/351%2C566%2C9956%2CB/exact&FF=dtechnology+moral+and+ethical+aspects&1%2C37%2C)

**NOTE:** Find a title from somewhere else that is not in our Library? We can get you those books from other libraries through our **Interlibrary Loan** service.

<https://lrc.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/logon.html>

**databases from Rudisill Library** **MC900282200[1]**

**WHY?** To find articles and electronic resources on your topic.

**—Use** the Library’s **Databases by Subject** web page and search the individual databases:

<http://library.lr.edu/databases/subject-type#computingscience/math> OR

**—Use** “**Powersearch”** from the Library's home page (<http://library.lr.edu/>). Click on the **"Try it now"** link, thenclick on **“databases by subject”** on the next screen, above the search box. Click on these subjects: **General; Counseling/Political Science/Psychology / Sociology; Natural Sciences**; then select “OK.” Then begin your search.

Other relevant databases: (you can search them individually or search them together using Powersearch)

[**Academic Search Premier**](http://0-www.nclive.org.library.acaweb.org/cgi-bin/nclsm?rsrc=210)Journal articles, many with scholarly works

[**JSTOR**](http://0-www.jstor.org.library.acaweb.org/)1000 core academic journals in many areas such as history, music, and sociology (but lacks the past 3-5 years worth of information)

**MasterFILE Premier** General Magazines, journals, and newspapers covering many subjects; includes some peer-reviewed articles.

[**ProQuest: Research Library**](http://0-search.proquest.com.library.acaweb.org/pqrl?accountid=13505)Diversified mix of journals in many academic disciplines

**PsycINFO** Abstracts of scholarly journal articles (many peer-reviewed), book chapters, and books, in behavioral science and mental health

**EVALUATING RESOURCES** j0216858

Evaluate all the resources you find by following the **CARS** criteria, and pick the most authoritative ones.

**CREDIBILITY** Can you trust this item/site?

* Who is the Author? Book publisher? Sponsoring organization (names, contact information, credentials, education, experience, background)
* For web sites, what domain names are used? (Domain names are sometimes an indication of authority—.gov, .edu, .org, .com)

**ACCURACY** Is this information correct, exact, comprehensive, and up to date?

* What date was the book was published or site updatedTN00641_TN00641_TN00641_TN00641_TN00641_TN00641_
* Who is the book or web site's intended audience? What is its goal or purpose?

**REASONABLENESS** Is the information fair, balanced, objective, and correct?

* Is the information one-sided or slanted? Objective and consistent?
* Is there a conflict of interest? (Look back at “what is its purpose?”)

*Look out for—tone of language (“stupid jerks”) and sweeping statements.*

**SUPPORT** Does the item / website indicate sources of support for its information?

* Does it list where its statistics or sources come from?
* Is there a bibliography or links to other related sources?

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