

Singapore - Facts and Images

Cheat Sheet

Get to know Singapore through this quick guide that helps you navigate the online resources on Singapore



Fast Facts

Where can I find official and reliable facts on Singapore?

Facts and Figures

For official information on Singapore, consider going to the following websites:

Singapore.sg

<http://app.singapore.sg/>

Maintained by the Ministry of Communications and Information, this is a one-stop source of information on Singapore for visitors as well as locals. Users can find fast facts as well as informative articles to obtain a quick insight on Singapore society and developments.



Singapore Government Portal

www.gov.sg

Containing information on the Singapore government, you can use this portal to look at official releases and governmental services. Browse through various aspects of Singapore using the directory links:



Economy
Economic
Development
Board

www.edb.gov.sg



Infrastructure
Ministry of
Transport

www.mot.gov.sg



**Housing and
Development
Board**

www.hdb.gov.sg

Fast Facts



Environment
Ministry of The
Environment and
Water Resources

www.mewr.gov.sg



Society
Ministry of Social
and Family
Developments

www.msf.gov.sg



Culture
Ministry of Culture,
Community and
Youth

www.mccy.gov.sg



History and Culture

Infopedia

infopedia.nl.sg



An electronic encyclopaedia on Singapore's history, culture, and events.



NLB Libguides

libguides.nl.sg



Libguides covers various topics with bibliographies and resources compiled by librarians.

Examples on Singapore include topics such as:

- 'Education'
- 'Personalities'



News

Browse through archival and current news articles on Singapore through the following databases:

NewspaperSG

newspapers.nl.sg



NLB e-resources

eresources.nlb.gov.sg



- Factiva
- Library Press Display



(Refer to 'Newspaper' cheatsheet for more information!)

Images

Where can I find past and present images of Singapore?

National Archives of Singapore (NAS) Collections

<http://archivesonline.nas.sg/> 

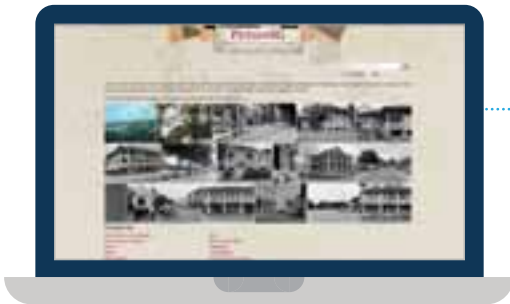
On this database, you will be able to browse through old photographs, maps and documental records of Singapore, as well as access audio-visual recordings that give insights into how Singapore was like in the past.



PictureSG

<http://pictures.nl.sg> 

This is a collection of images and artworks on Singapore that aims to help people discover the social developments of Singapore from past to present.



Conservation Portal, Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA)

<http://singapore.tourismcontent.com/> 

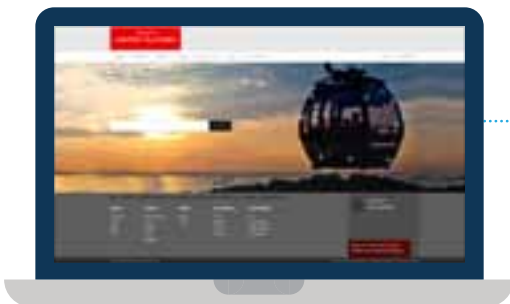
Users can access photos of heritage buildings in Singapore, with image views that cover both interiors and exteriors of buildings. The database also offers historical background and conservation guidelines for the public to browse and learn about.



Singapore Tourism Board (STB) Content Platform

<http://singapore.tourismcontent.com/> 

This website features images, videos, audio recordings and documents owned by the Singapore Tourism Board (STB). Content is free for the public to access. Users have to register and log in to download the materials.



Tip: Be sure to check the copyright licence of the images before proceeding to use or post it for your own work.



Searching for online information on Singapore

A. Understanding the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) is the unique address for pages on the Internet.

It usually contains the webpage title, domain name, country and file name.

e.g. <http://nea.gov.sg>

Webpage Title: Organisation name

Domain: Government

Country: Singapore

Some examples of domain names include:

.com - Commerical

.edu - Educational

.gov - Government

.org - Organization

Look out for websites that has domain ending with '.edu', '.gov' or '.sg' to get information with more credibility.

B. Search Strategy Construction

To find a certain topic on a specific site, you can state the specific webpage in your search command by inserting the 'site:' function.

For example, to search on 'air quality' in Singapore:

For **Government** related websites, type the following commands in your search box:

'air quality AND site:.gov.sg' 

For websites provided by the **National Library Board**:

'air quality AND site:.nl.sg' 

C. Evaluating Websites

Ensure **Accuracy** by checking **Authority** and **Currency**

Official releases and announcements often contain useful economic facts, organisation structures, and research findings that serve as authoritative sources.

Nevertheless, be sure to still check the **DATE** of the last update in order to double check that the information that you are seeing is **CURRENT**.