**Module 8- Internet – Graded assignment**
The purpose of this assignment is to practice on doing research on the Internet, using subject directories and search engines, and to acquire evaluation skills for Internet resources.

**Instruction**
Take time to read the questions and the instructions within each question and submit your answer accordingly.  To perform a keyword search, type in the search term (s) in the search box and hit **Enter** or click on **Search**.  The search box is usually located next to the Search button.  Search buttons may have different names such as **Find**, or **Submit**, or **Go Get It** depending on the website you are searching.


# I . Subject Directories

A.   **Academic Subject Directories**
1.  Go to **Infomine** at http://infomine.ucr.edu and search for information on Egyptian art.  Do not search by keyword, but follow the subject tree path to find a list of resources relating to **Egyptian art.**

     a.  Describe the path you followed (i.e. how many levels or clicks you have to go to find the results.
     b.  List one relevant Web site including the URL and the title of the Web site.

   2.  Go to the **Librarians' Index to the Internet** at http://www.lii.org and do a keyword search for information on the **pyramids of ancient Egypt.**

a.  List the keyword (s) you used for this search, and any modification of your search terms.
b.  List one relevant Web site including the URL and the title of the Web site
c. Evaluate the annotations for this Web site (its clarity and its usefulness).


B.  **Commercial Subject Directory**
1.  Go to Yahoo at http://www.yahoo.com and search for a list of public libraries Web sites in California.  You will perform two search modes as follow:

a.  Browse search - Follow the subject tree path starting with the broadest main heading, then click down to all the subdivisions to get to the Los Angeles Public Library Web site.  Hint:  There are at least six subdivisions to go through before you get to the Los Angeles Public Library Web site.  Yahoo makes it easy to follow the thread: at each subdivision page, you will see at the top of the page your step-by-step path down the subject tree.

•   List all the subdivision names that you have clicked to get to Los Angeles Public Library Web site.

b.<u>Keyword search</u> –

- Write down the exact search terms you typed in the search box and any modification of your search terms.
- Compare the two search modes (i.e. their speed and ease of use).


## II. Search Engines

### A.  Single Search Engines

**a.**  Using the two following search engine, perform a search to find a short biography about **Jack Kerouac and the literary movement linked with him.**  Answer the following questions for each search engine.

**Google at** http://www.google.com

**Lycos at** http://www.lycos.com

1. Write down the exact search terms you typed in the search box and any modification of your search terms.
2. How many of the first 10 retrieved Web sites you would consider as relevant? Why?
3. How far did you have to scroll down to find the relevant Web page?
4.  List the relevant Web site where **Kerouac's biography** is found.  Include the URL and the title of the Web site.

5. What is Jack Kerouac's date of birth?

6.What is the name of the literary movement associated with him?


**b.** Perform a search to find the full-text of a poem called *Ithaca* by the Greek poet **Constantine Cavafy** using the two listed search engines below and answer the following questions for each search engine.

**Altavista** at http://www.altavista.com

1. Write down the exact search terms you typed in the search box and any modification of your search terms.
2. List the relevant Web site where the full-text poem *Ithaca* is found.  Include the URL and the title of the Web site.

3.When was this Web site last modified?

**Hot Bot** at http://www.hotbot.com

1. Write down the exact search terms you typed in the search box and any modification of your search terms.
2.  List the relevant Web site where the full-text poem *Ithaca* is found.  Include the URL and the title of the Web site.

3.When was this Web site last modified?

**B. Meta Search Engine**

Go to **Metacrawler** at http://www.metacrawler.com and search for resources relating to the subject of **Wetlands in California**.

1. Write down the exact search terms you typed in the search box and any modification of your search terms.

2. Briefly scan through the first page of the results list.  On the average, how many search engines are listed with each result entry?  (Hint:  Search engines are listed in between parentheses).

3.  Which search engine appears often in most result entries?

2.   List one relevant Web site including its URL and its title, and the search engines (these are listed in parentheses) that have found this Web site.


## III. Evaluation of Web sites

Visit and evaluate the three listed Web sites below by answering the following questions for **each** Web site.

       a.   http://www.tibet.org

       b.   http://www.amnesty.org

       c.   http://www.nrahq.org

1.  What is the title of the Web site?

2.   Who are the Web site's sponsors and is there any information given about the sponsors?  (Hint:  Information about the sponsors is usually found by clicking on the link called **About us**.  Is there such a link on this Web site?).

3. Is this Web site an educational, or informational, or propaganda, or a multi-purpose Web site?

4.  Would you consider this Web site reliable and would you use it for research? Why?