

Web databases
Assignment 2 – *NewsBank*

NewsBank has four different databases for different research needs:

1. *Business NewsBank*
2. *Global NewsBank*
3. *NewsBank NewsFile*
4. *StatsBank*

For each of the topic below, you need to choose one specific database to answer the question and explain why you chose this database. *StatsBank* has four different subfiles:

1. U.S. National Topics
2. States of the U.S.
3. Word Topics
4. Countries of the World

When you choose *StatBank* to answer the question, you must specify which subfile and its subdivisions and why you chose it. For example:

States of the U.S. – Vermont – Economy – Coal production

1. You need to search for articles about **Microsoft's antitrust case in court**. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the article written by Stewart Alsop about Microsoft in the magazine *Fortune* sometimes in 2001.

(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)

- d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

2. You need to search for articles about **Internet and E-commerce**. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the article dated July 7, 2001 in the *Miami Herald* about airlines offering discount online.

(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)

- d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

3. You need to search for articles about **worldwide child labor**. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the article dated June 21, 2001 about boycotting chocolate.
(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)
 - d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

4. You need to search for articles about **the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the debt reduction for developing countries**. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the article dated May 2001 about Chad getting its debt reduced.
(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)
 - d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

5. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **prescription drugs escalating prices**. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the newspaper article dated July 12, 2001 in the *Boston Globe*.
(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)
 - d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

6. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **the division in the scientific world regarding biotech foods**. Please answer the following questions:
 - a. Which database did you choose? Why?
 - b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
 - c. List the citation of the newspaper article dated July 12, 01 in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)

d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics.**)

7. You need to find data regarding **the total energy consumed by California residents in 1997**. Please answer the following questions:

a. Which database did you choose? Why?

b. Write down the exact path which lead you to this data. For example:

States of the U.S. – Vermont – Economy – Coal production

c. List the total energy consumption of California residents in 1997.

8. According to the 1990 U. S. census, after English and Spanish, **which is the third language most spoken at home?** Please answer the following questions:

a. Which database did you choose? Why?

b. Write down the exact path which lead you to this data. For example:

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c. List the language and the number of persons who speak this language at home.

9. You need to search for articles about **the future of AOL after its merger with Time Warner**. Please answer the following questions:

a. Which database did you choose? Why?

b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.

c. List the citation of the article dated July 23, 2001, in the magazine *Fortune*.

(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)

d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics.**)

10. You need to search for articles about **the democracy struggle in Africa**. Please answer the following questions:

a. Which database did you choose? Why?

b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.

c. List the citation of the article about Tanzania dated May 14, 2001, in the publication *East African*.

(**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)

d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics.**)

11. You particularly want to search for newspaper articles about **zero tolerance policy in schools**. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down the keyword (s) you typed in the search box.
- c. List the citation of the newspaper article dated June 11, 2001, in the *Orlando Sentinel*. (**Note:** a citation must list author, title, periodical name, volume or issue number, date (month, day, year), page (s) number.)
- d. Write down the topic (s) of the article. (**Note:** Topics are listed under the heading **Topics**.)

12. You need to find data about the **literacy rate of Vietnam**. Please answer the following questions:

- a. Which database did you choose? Why?
- b. Write down the exact path which lead you to this data. For example:
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- c. List the total, male, and female literacy rates of Vietnam.