IMAT 2704 Tutorial 2-1

Finding sources

# The purpose of this tutorial is:

* To look at different places to find sources for your research

# Tutorial task

**Exercise**

1. Watch the demonstration.
2. For each of the following sites being demonstrated, working with the person next to you, fill out the following table:

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|  | Main types of sources | Academic? | Age of sources | What are the sources good for? | Are there references? |
| google.com | Articles, websites | Not always, can be | Varied | Varied information from different sources | sometimes |
| en.wikipedia.org | Factual and informative | No but depends | Quite up to date = anyone edit them | Finding out background information | yes |
| scholar.google.com | Academic, reports, research papers | yes | Varied | Professional, academic credited sources. Trustworthy | yes |
| news.google.com | News articles, videos | No (sometimes can be) | Varied = up to date, modern | Up to date facts, news, what’s happening now | yes |
| library.dmu.ac.uk | Research papers, books, reports, articles | yes | Varied = modern and older articles | Find research and facts. Academic research and primary research | yes |

1. What other places could you look for sources?

Journals, books, professional websites, company websites, government websites, legalisation

1. Rank these places (and the ones from 2) from most rigorous to least rigorous

Schoolar.google.com

Journals

Books

Library.dmu.ac.uk

1. What keywords (“themes”) might you use to look up sources on your topic?

Aberrations

Filtrations

Keywords

Date