

# Finding Articles in Library Databases

LIB 1201

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isn't it true that only librarians like  
to search? Everyone else likes to  
*find*.

Tennant, Roy. (2001, October 15). Digital  
Libraries—Cross-Database Search: One-  
Stop Shopping. [Web log entry]. Retrieved  
from [http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA1\\_70458.html](http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA1_70458.html)

# Article Databases Advice

- Stay calm
- Stay focused
- Read the directions
- Plan your strategy
- Ask for help if you need it
- Interlibrary Loan possibilities!

(Badke p. 106-109)

# Strategies for Article Databases

- Have your keywords and subject headings ready
- Choose a database: general or subject-specific?
- Use your advanced strategies: Boolean, truncation (\*), quotation marks
- Use the database limiters to narrow your results

# In class activity

- Select a database, or cross-search in EBSCO
- Use your list of keywords and subject headings
- Use some advanced strategies:
  - Boolean (AND OR NOT)
  - Truncation \* or “phrase searching” or (nesting or combining) and (finding or searching)
  - Limiters
- Find a few relevant articles; email to yourself and/or save in EasyBib
- Share what worked/what didn't with neighbors & report back to class

# For Monday, November 4

*Guest Lecture:* Prof. Ian Beilin, Library

*Discussion:* Evaluation of sources in any format: how to evaluate information

*Review 2 websites:*

UC Berkeley Library, [Evaluating Web Pages: Techniques to Apply & Questions to Ask](#)

Cornell University Libraries, [Critically analyzing information sources.](#)

Blogging: one research journal blog post in response to this prompt:

- Do a search on your research topic in at least one internet search engine and one library database
- What words or phrases did you use to search?
- What are the similarities and differences between the results of your two searches?