

# Library database exercise #4

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Advantages of using library databases In the modern world, with the invention of internet students are able to access many learning resources online. By performing a simple search using Google, a person can access millions of academic resources online. However, there are disadvantages of performing a general search via the internet instead of using library databases. First, the information obtained via a general search may be inadequate. This is due to the fact that publishers want to make money hence do not give full access to their copy righted content. This results in users not getting reliable information which can easily be obtained by searching for books in library databases. By using database a person is able to obtain information not freely available on the internet.

Secondly, the information obtained via a general search may not authoritative and credible, online websites are sometimes by people who are novice on the subject. Finding credible information is critical in doing research and by using library databases one can always get accurate and reliable information. The information obtained from the library database is from reliable sources such as: academic journals, popular magazines, newspapers, trade journals and scholarly reviewed articles. The information is written by credible authors such as: journalists, researchers, and experts in the particular subject.

Thirdly, search engines give millions of results making it hard for people to scan the results and find the exact information needed. However, by using databases one can access thousands of articles and books, charts and images and databases that are focused on the particular topic. Library databases have powerful search tools that enable a person to have more control over the search results. The tools suggest additional keywords for

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users to use and narrow down the results. Conclusions are that databases have the following advantages: They provide credible information, a person spends less time searching, have powerful search tools, and better information.

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