Comparing LUBsearch and Google

Part 1: Search for Information in LUBsearch

Enter a search term relevant to your topic.

- What kind of results do you get? Consider for example type of texts, type of publisher, type of audience. How old is the oldest article in your results list?
- Add an additional search term. How does that change the results?
- Choose an article: Find an article that appears relevant to your topic. Follow the links for PDF or full text.
- Answer the following:
  - What is the article title and publication source?
  - Who is the author or first author if there are several authors? What do you know about the author?
  - Who is the intended audience? How can you tell?
  - What is the purpose of the article?
  - State briefly how you might use this source in your research.

Part 2: Search for Information on the Web

Do the same search in Google as you did in LUBsearch.

- What kind of results do you get?
- Add an additional search term. How does that change the results?
- Choose a result: Find a web source that appears relevant to your topic.
- Answer the following questions:
  - What is the URL
  - Does the site have an author? If yes, who? What do you know about this person/publisher?
  - Who is the intended audience? How can you tell?
  - What is the purpose of the web page or website?
  - State briefly how you might use this source in your research.

Part 3: Think and Evaluate

Discuss with a fellow course participant.

- How does the information found through Google compare with that retrieved from LUBsearch?
- How do your search experiences in Google and LUBsearch compare?
- Describe 1-2 differences and 1-2 similarities between the type of information you located through LUBSearch and the information found through Google. Do these differences suggest anything about how to use library database and Google for your academic work?