

Evaluating Web Sites

e·val·u·ate - to judge or determine the significance, worth, or quality of;
assess



Four Basic Criteria

1. **Accuracy** - The most important part of evaluating a Web site is checking the accuracy of the source and content.

- Are the facts on the site documented? Verifiable?
- Is more than one source used for background information within the site?
- Does the site contain a bibliography?
- Are there grammatical and spelling errors in the text?
- Is the information about the topic comprehensive, or is it just a superficial treatment?
- Are the links within the site up-to-date?

2. Authority -

The author should be:

- clearly identified.
- well-known in the field or recommended by someone who is well-known
- easily accessible, with an e-mail or postal address given.

4. Currency

Is the information on the site current?

This is not always an issue in evaluating a site

5. Presentation

- Is the information easy to access?
- Is the design appealing?
- Does the organization make sense?
- Are the sections properly labeled?

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Keyword Searching Strategies

operators?

Examples

