Library Information Literacy
Online Tutorials

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What Is Information Literacy?

• “Information Literacy is the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information.” (ACRL)

• “Information literacy is a key component of, and contributor to, lifelong learning.” (ACRL)
Purpose of Library Online Tutorials

• General introduction
• Subject research
• Audience level
• Specific databases or applications
• Library related topics
Type of Technologies Used in Creating Library Information Literacy Online Tutorials

- HTML
- CGI Scripts (JavasScript, Perl, C++, PHP)
- Tutorial Software
  - Commercial (ViewletBuilder, Adobe Captivate, Camtasia Studio, SWiSH Max, Demo Builder)
  - Open Source (Wink)
- Packaged tutorials
  - TILT - Texas Information Literacy Tutorial
  - University of Glasgow Study Skills Tutorial
Tutorials in HTML

• **UC Berkeley Library** - Finding Information on the Internet: A Tutorial
  [http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html](http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/FindInfo.html)

• **Cornell University** - Library Guide to Library Research at Cornell: Seven Steps to Effective Library Research
  [http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/tutorial.html](http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/tutorial.html)

• University System of Georgia-Online Library Learning Center
  [http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/](http://www.usg.edu/galileo/skills/)
Tutorials in HTML with CGI Scripts

- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library Research Tutorial
  [http://www.lib.unc.edu/instruct/tutorial/](http://www.lib.unc.edu/instruct/tutorial/)

- University of Helsinki-Library Tutorial

- Healey Library Information Literacy Tutorial
  [http://www.lib.umb.edu/newtutorial/](http://www.lib.umb.edu/newtutorial/)

- Minneapolis Community & Technical College Library Tutorial
  [http://www.minneapolis.edu/Library/tutorials/infolit/](http://www.minneapolis.edu/Library/tutorials/infolit/)
Tutorials Created by Tutorial Software

- Washington State University (ViewBuilder)
  http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/electric/search/category_results.asp?loc=tutorials&cat=Instructional+Viewlets

- Babson College (Camtasia)
  http://www3.babson.edu/library/tutorials/Proquest/proquest.html

- Trinity Western University Library (Wink)
  http://www.acts.twu.ca/lbr/AcSePr.htm

- Pennsylvania State University (ViewBuilder)
  http://aect.ed.psu.edu/viewlets/prerequisite.htm
Prepackaged Tutorials

Prepackaged tutorials integrated contents and computer programming into one and you can download and use it as a package. It is not easy change it to reflect your local needs.

- TILT - Texas Information Literacy Tutorial at http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/
- Acadia University Library: plagiarism http://library.acadiau.ca/tutorials/plagiarism/
Status Quo

- Not every library has online tutorials
- “Increased number of academic libraries have developed or are developing information literacy search skills online tutorials…” (Cox, 2008)
- Most libraries that have online tutorials have used HTML
- One third of online tutorials have used CGI scripts
- More and more libraries use tutorial software to create tutorials with animation and multimedia
- Very few tutorials are truly interactive
Perfect Tutorials?

• “Students responded positively to the interactivity and game-like nature of the tutorial.”-Reference Services Review; 2006, Vol. 34 Issue 4, p491-497, 7p

• “Web-based library instruction requires more than duplicating print instructional materials on the web. Good online information tutorials should effectively incorporate multiple instructional media into the web presence to convey the instruction in multi-stimulating ways.”

• A good online tutorial should be created with a combination of the above mentioned technologies and more……
Demo

Rider University Information Literacy
Search Skills Online Tutorial
References


"Macromedia Captivate vs. Qarbon Viewletbuilder Pro."

Questions?