

Web Pages or Websites Evaluation Checklist

Evaluating Web pages or Websites requires two actions:

- Be suspicious
- Think critically about every page you find

Title of the web page or website you are evaluating:
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1. Who has written this web page or website?	
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Name of the person or organisation	
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Hint: log on to http://www.easywhois.com and enter the domain name of the website you have decided to access	Results from EasyWhois :
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Who wrote the page?	<input type="checkbox"/> E-mail: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Name: _____
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What did you find out about them in a search?	
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2. What is it about? Is it factual? What do you know by reading the URL?	
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Do you recognise the domain name? What is the extension in the domain name? Appropriate for the content?	<input type="checkbox"/> com/co <input type="checkbox"/> org/net <input type="checkbox"/> edu/ac <input type="checkbox"/> gov/mil/us <input type="checkbox"/> non-US _____ <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ (Hint: Visit http://www.computeruser.com/resources/dictionary/domains.html to get a listing of extensions in domain names) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, it is appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not appropriate
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Personal or Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal (look for ~ or %, or users, members, blog, or people) <input type="checkbox"/> Organisation
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3. When was the site created and/or last updated? Is it recent enough to be valid?	
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Hint: log on to http://www.easywhois.com and enter the domain name of the website you have decided to access	Created: _____ Updated: _____
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Dated?	Date _____ Current enough? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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4. Where does this information come from? Where does this site link to?	
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Hint: log on to http://www.altavista.com and enter link:all or a part of the URL you would like to research	Many or few? Opinions of it?
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5. Why will this information be useful? Why has the author written this?	
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Why was the page put on the Web?	<input type="checkbox"/> Inform, facts, data <input type="checkbox"/> Explain <input type="checkbox"/> Persuade <input type="checkbox"/> Sell <input type="checkbox"/> Entice <input type="checkbox"/> Share/disclose Other: _____
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6. How good is the Information?	
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