

Evaluating Web Sites: What criteria can help us determine whether a Web site contains useful information?

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Introduction

Before we can use information found in web sites on the Internet, we need to evaluate the quality of the sites found. This is a project to examine and compare Internet web sites dealing with the evaluation of other web sites. I have selected sites that present some criteria for helping us determine whether a Web page contains useful information or not. From these sites I have developed [my own set of criteria for evaluating web sites](#). Finally I have ranked the sites according to these criteria.

Conclusion

The page that seemed most relevant to my project while remaining easily accessible to many of my students was "Evaluating Web Sites: Criteria and Tools, from HH Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan." I gave this site an 88 rating. I thought the "Evaluating Quality on the Net" gave the most comprehensive and detailed coverage of the topic of the few sites I looked at, but if I were a student in one of my classes, I probably wouldn't use this site because it was too detailed for my purpose, which was to find criteria for evaluating the quality of information on the Internet. I thought the other sites all presented that information in more easily accessible form.

Summary: best sites to use for a project, and my least favorite one

<i>Site</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Evaluation overview</i>	<i>Useable</i>
<i>Evaluating Web Sites</i>	88	Highest marks on all criteria	Yes
<i>Evaluating Information Found on the Internet</i>	72	A lot of links	Possibly
<i>Evaluating Web Pages</i>	64	Except no graphics	Possibly
<i>Evaluating Quality on the Net</i>	52	It is difficult to read from ESL student	Possibly