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## Hands-on #4: Searching Web-based Databases

**Due:** Monday, October 25, 1999

**Assigned:** Monday, Novemeber 1, 1999

**Points:** 50

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### Purpose

- To become familiar with the depth, breadth and types of web based databases.
- To acquire search techniques and methods found in web based databases.

### Instructions

1. Begin all searching from NMSU Library's Article Databases page (<http://lib.nmsu.edu/article.html>).
2. Read each questions carefully to determine which is the best database given the subject of the question.
3. For each question or problem set in Part 1, write down: database you chose, search strategy and the citation for the article.
4. In part 2 you will be searching your final project topic. Again note databases chosen, search strategy and citations.



**Do Not use ProQuest or Lexis-Nexis to answer every question!!!**

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### PART ONE

1. Find a full text article that discusses the box office success of Jackie Chan's movie, *Rush Hour*.

<b>DATABASE</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>CITATION</b>	

2. How many times since 1996 has G. Hardin's 1968 article on the Tragedy of the Commons in *Science* been cited in Social Sciences publications?

<b>DATABASE</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>CITATION</b>	

3. Find a scientific article from within the last 10 years about possible health risks associated with Bovine Growth Hormone.

<b>DATABASE</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>CITATION</b>	

4. Find articles about the effect of Philip Glass on minimalism in modern music in America.

<b>DATABASE</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>CITATION</b>	

5. Find an article that discusses search and seizure relating to the West Covina v. Perkins case.

<b>DATABASE</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>CITATION</b>	

### PART TWO

1. Below list all the article databases from the NMSU Article Databases page (<http://lib.nmsu.edu/articles.html>) that would provide information on your final project topic.
  
2. Select at least two databases from the list above and search for your final project topic. One database can be a general all purpose database such as *ProQuest Direct*, *Lexis-Nexis* or *Wilson Select*. **The other database must be a subject specific one.** Find at least 2 articles. For each article that you find, fill out the chart below.

#### DATABASE:

<b>CITATION</b>	
<b>SEARCH STRATEGY</b>	
<b>RATIONALE FOR SELECTION</b> (why did you chose this particular article)	

Library owns?  Yes  
 No

Call number \_\_\_\_\_

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