

# Finding Science Information on the World Wide Web

## Search engines

**Biolinks.com** (<http://www.biolinks.com/>) - This search engine has its own database "designed by scientists, for scientists" of general science information as well as sites related to careers, publishing, associations and conferences, and protocols. There is also a rudimentary directory.

## Directories

**Amazing Environmental Organization WebDirectory** (<http://www.webdirectory.com>) - While the name may be a little hokey, this directory does a good job of arranging thousands of environment-related sites into a comprehensive directory.

**Open Directory Project – Science** (<http://www.dmoz.org/Science/>) - DMOZ, as it is commonly known, is run by a group of volunteer subject specialists who find and organize science-related sites. It also has the best science coverage of the general directories.

## Database and Website Indexes

**Searchlight – Sciences/Engineering** (<http://searchlight.cdlib.org/cgi-bin/searchlight?Science>) - This site allows visitors to search for a topic on several freely available databases all at one time.

**Direct Search** (<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/direct.htm#Science>) - Maintained by Gary Price, a librarian at George Washington University, Direct Search is simply a list of free databases on the internet, arranged by subject.

**Internets.com Science Databases** (<http://www.internets.com/sciencedata.htm>) - A list of free online databases arranged by general branch of science (e.g., Chemistry). Lists include foreign and domestic governmental, association and school databases, and news organizations.

## Portal Sites

**SciSeek** (<http://www.sciseek.com>) - Combines a search engine with a directory, both devoted solely to science and nature pages. Advanced features include links to the most popular searches and newly added URLs. Sites in the directory are annotated and can be rated by visitors.

**PhysLINK.com** (<http://www.physlink.com/index.cfm>) - Features news, reference help and sites, ask an expert (including an archive of answers), a newsletter, community information, and fun sites in physics, astronomy, applied mathematics, and engineering.

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