Introduction, welcome, pre-instruction assessment questions

How many of you have been to the library before? To use the resources? That’s fine... one of the awesome things about the library is that... you don’t always have to come here to do your research (though there’s all sorts of reasons to come to the library!)

**Library Resources via the Website:**

“the wealth of information starts here!” Search tool – limit to website. (don’t do resources)
Services – Circulation
FAQ
Ask A Librarian – best resource in the library
Popular Links –

**NUCat vs Databases –**
Difference between Books and Art – “Humor me. What’s an article?”

Wholes vs pieces – books vs chapters, journal titles vs articles, NUCat searches for wholes. Databases or (specific journals) search the pieces.

**LibGuides:**

“How has Enron’s bankruptcy effected

*Where would you start your research? Google?*

“*ENRON*” in Google. Google Scholar. Then Let’s look at some databases.

Libguides and Subject guides
Class Page
Searching Databases: all function relatively the same.
Chris showed us how many results we received through Google and Google Scholar, now let’s look at a database.

To search a database, first we’ll need some keywords.

- What **Enron** was – history; background
- Its **rise** to prominence in the **business** world – rise; growth; energy
- **Crisis** and **collapse** – fraud; bankruptcy; ethics; accounting; finance; scandal; fall
- The **regulatory aftermath** – fallout; reform; Sarbanes-Oxley Act

**-Academic Search Premier:**

SEARCH: “ENRON”
Over 6000 results. Ways to limit and organize results:
- sort by relevance
- limit by type of publication

What is the difference between scholarly & popular?

- #1, PDF (sometimes full text is immediately available. Yay!)
- point out abstract and different functions of result
- #4 FIND IT@NU button
- Interlibrary loan

Another way to narrow or widen the search, is to use Boolean operators

**What is BOOLEAN searching?**

**AND** – narrow
SEARCH: “Enron” AND “rise”

**OR** – widen, synonyms
SEARCH: “Enron” and “rise” or “growth”

and NOT - exclude

**Truncation:** Enron AND Financ* AND reform

**Citing Sources:** via class guide
- To give credit
- To verify your work
- To find things
-If you find an article you really like, CHECK OUT THE REFERENCES! Mining bibliographies can be one of the sharpest tools in your toolbox.

**Books & NUCAT**, finding a known item:

**CREDO** – database in which you search through hundreds of encyclopedias, dictionaries, books, and other reference materials for general information

From Credo search: “Enron AND Growth”

You find an entry in CREDO and want to check out the book. How?


Teams:

**Encyclopedia/Reference sources**  What was Enron?

**Business Database**  Rise to prominence in the business world

**Books**  Crisis and Collapse

**General/Multi-subject Database**  The regulatory aftermath
questions from the class

1--What can the library databases tell them that Google can't?

2--Is there a central clearinghouse with a list of/access to all library databases and periodicals and someplace that will tell them what we have in print, what in electronic form and so forth?

3--How can they know what database out of the many they should choose to find the best information on a new topic? Is there a rule of thumb or a way to narrow the field?