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Welcome to the V10N7 July 2012 issue of the **Awareness Watch™ Newsletter**. This newsletter is available as a complimentary subscription and will be issued monthly. Each newsletter will feature the following:

Awareness Watch™ Featured Report
Awareness Watch™ Spotters
Awareness Watch™ Book/Paper/Article Review
Subject Tracer™ Information Blogs

I am always open to feedback from readers so please feel free to email with all suggestions, reviews and new resources that you feel would be appropriate for inclusion in an upcoming issue of Awareness Watch™. This is an ongoing work of creativity and you will be observing constant changes, constant updates knowing that “change” is the only thing that will remain constant!!

Awareness Watch™ Featured Report

This month’s featured report covers **New Economy Resources**. In today’s “New Economy” we must be constantly vigilant as to the latest happenings, resources and sources that will be our tools and companions for the “New Economy”. This comprehensive listing of resources and sites for the New Economy will serve as your roadmap and guide to accomplish your goals and to keep you focused with the latest current awareness that will be required to obtain the needed objectives along the path. The URLs that need to be monitored for updates to this report are as follows:

<http://NewEconomyResources.com/>



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New Economy Resources

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New Economy Resources represents the latest world wide web resources for discovering new knowledge and understanding the latest happenings with regards to the New Economy. The world is rapidly changing as transparency, big data and the ability to access data from new and now accessible databases becomes a reality! These resources are constantly updated by Subject Tracer™ Information Bots and the latest resources for the new economy are available from the following URL:

<http://www.NewEconomyResources.com/>

Understanding the required new economy analytics, resources and alerts will give you the necessary tools to maintain your current position, improve your position and or discover the new knowledge required to be the leader in your profession.

American Economic Alert - Trade News and Opinions

<http://www.americaneconomicalert.org/>

AmericanEconomicAlert.org was founded by the U.S. Business and Industry Council Educational Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit research and educational organization dedicated to improving the American people's awareness of critical public policy issues in such diverse fields as trade, taxation, education, health care, foreign relations, defense, and national security, among others. USBICEF is affiliated with the U.S. Business and Industry Council, a 501(c)(6) non-profit business association. The U.S. Business and Industry Council is a national organization of business owners and executives dedicated to making the U.S. domestic economy the world's leading engine of economic growth. The USBIC Educational Foundation is its research arm. Only a robust national economy, balanced in capabilities and dynamic in operation, can provide the material base for an American society that is stable at home and secure in the world.

BankTracker - Investigating Reporting Workshop

<http://banktracker.investigativereportingworkshop.org/>

The unprecedented bet that many banks made on mortgages, real estate development and other real estate-related lending during the middle part of this decade has produced a payoff no one imagined just a few years ago -- a huge increase in loan defaults, a soaring number of foreclosures and a plunge in bank profits. And now, an analysis of bank financial statements by the Investigative Reporting Workshop and msnbc.com, sheds new



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light on just how dangerous conditions have become in many banks across the nation. The analysis is based on reports every bank is required to file each quarter with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the federal agency that protects deposits and is part of the bank regulatory system. The Investigative Reporting Workshop, a project of the School of Communication at American University, intends to address this fundamental issue for democracy in two important ways: a) By conducting significant investigative journalism projects on a national and international scale; and b) By researching and experimenting with new models for creating and delivering investigative projects.

Beige Book - Current Economic Conditions by Federal Reserve District

<http://www.federalreserve.gov/FOMC/BeigeBook/2012/>

Commonly known as the Beige Book, this report is published eight times per year. Each Federal Reserve Bank gathers anecdotal information on current economic conditions in its District through reports from Bank and Branch directors and interviews with key business contacts, economists, market experts, and other sources. The Beige Book summarizes this information by District and sector. An overall summary of the twelve district reports is prepared by a designated Federal Reserve Bank on a rotating basis.

Benton Foundation - Using Technology and Innovation To Address Our Nation's Critical Challenges

<http://www.benton.org/>

The mission of the Benton Foundation is to articulate a public interest vision for the digital age and to demonstrate the value of communications for solving social problems. The Benton Foundation works to ensure that media and telecommunications serve the public interest and enhance our democracy. They pursue this mission by seeking policy solutions that support the values of access, diversity and equity, and by demonstrating the value of media and telecommunications for improving the quality of life for all.

beSpecific - Daily Accurate, Focused Law and Technology News

<http://www.bespecific.com/>

Blog by Sabrina I. Pacifici published since August 2002. Daily law and technology news with links to reliable primary and secondary sources on topics including: e-government, privacy, government documents, cybercrime and ID theft, the Patriot Act, freedom of information, federal legislation, legal research, KM, blogs, RSS and wikis. Recipient of the Special Libraries Association Innovations in Technology Award 2008. beSpecific listed in The Top 100 Law and Lawyer Blogs from Criminal Justice Degrees Guide and is one of the Top 10 General Legal Blogs. A must daily read for latest law and technology news.

Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) U.S. Department of Commerce

<http://www.bea.gov/index.htm>

BEA strives to provide the most timely, relevant and accurate economic data to you, their users, to help promote a better understanding of the U.S. economy. These reliable and consistent measures of economic activity are essential to the informed decision making of



policymakers, business leaders and every American household. The success of their statistical programs, in large part, is determined by the trust in the quality of their data. As one of the world's leading statistical agencies, they are dedicated to staying on the cutting edge of the economy. To help keep you informed on a number of non-statistical issues, their Director's Page provides a number of useful pieces of information. The 5-year BEA Strategic Plan is available for your review as well as a report card of their successes in meeting the over 200 annual milestones in the Plan. Information on the President's current budget request for BEA also is available. Congressional testimony related to BEA and its statistical programs will be included to keep you current on important topics being considered by Congress. Finally, other important reports and information can be found to keep you informed on ongoing activities and plans at BEA.

Business Dynamics Statistics, BDS

http://www.ces.census.gov/index.php/bds/bds_home

The new Business Dynamics Statistics are a product of the Center for Economic Studies of the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual series describes establishment-level business dynamics along dimensions absent from similar databases including firm age and firm size. The new data series provides researchers with a tool to gain insight into the dynamics of a changing economy. Business Dynamics Statistics are created from the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), a confidential database available to researchers throughout the network of Census Research Data Centers. The BDS was developed by the U.S. Census Bureau, and partially funded by the Kauffman Foundation. The BDS is unique in that its source data are longitudinal in nature and permit tracking establishments and firms over time. The public use files are created in an effort to make these data accessible to a broad range of data users. Other efforts currently under way include the creation of a fully synthetic microdata file based on the LBD. The BDS series provides annual statistics for 1976-2005 by firm age and firm size. Annual files are also provided at the state level, for Standard Industrial Classification sectors and for the economy as a whole.

Business Intelligence Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.BIResources.info/>

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Census Bureau Economic Briefing Room

<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>

A overall view of the latest economic indicators presented by the Census Bureau along with Economic Indicator Calendar and Census Bureau Economic Programs.



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Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)

<http://www.cepr.net/>

The Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) was established in 1999 to promote democratic debate on the most important economic and social issues that affect people's lives. In order for citizens to effectively exercise their voices in a democracy, they should be informed about the problems and choices that they face. CEPR is committed to presenting issues in an accurate and understandable manner, so that the public is better prepared to choose among the various policy options. Toward this end, CEPR conducts both professional research and public education. The professional research is oriented towards filling important gaps in the understanding of particular economic and social problems, or the impact of specific policies. The public education portion of CEPR's mission is to present the findings of professional research, both by CEPR and others, in a manner that allows broad segments of the public to know exactly what is at stake in major policy debates. An informed public should be able to choose policies that lead to an improving quality of life, both for people within the United States and around the world.

ChangeTracker - Tracking Change In Washington

<http://www.propublica.org/feature/changetracker>

ChangeTracker, an experimental new tool that watches pages on a) whitehouse.gov, b) recovery.gov and c) financialstability.gov so you don't have to. When the White House adds or deletes anything— say a blog post, or executive order ... ChangeTracker will let you know. The latest changes are on their page or sign up to get alerts sent to you. Each change links to a page that shows the different versions side-by-side. Text highlighted in red means it was removed, green means it was added.

CitySourced - Mobile Civic Engagement Platform

<http://www.citysourced.com/>

CitySourced is a real time mobile civic engagement platform. CitySourced provides a free, simple, and intuitive platform empowering residents to identify civic issues (public safety, quality of life, & environmental issues, etc.) and report them to city hall for quick resolution; an opportunity for government to use technology to save time and money plus improve accountability to those they govern; and a positive, collaborative platform for real action. A picture tells a thousand words and CitySourced makes it snap.

ClearSpending - Making Sense of the Federal Checkbook

<http://sunlightfoundation.com/clearspending/>

They have taken data from other federal reporting systems and compared it with the data found in USASpending.gov across three categories: Consistency, Completeness and Timeliness. How close are the reported dollar amounts to the yearly estimates? How many of the required fields are filled out in each record? And how long did it take the agency to report the money once it was allocated to a project?



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Data.gov

<http://www.Data.gov/>

The purpose of Data.gov is to increase public access to high value, machine readable datasets generated by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. Although the initial launch of Data.gov provides a limited portion of the rich variety of Federal datasets presently available, they invite you to actively participate in shaping the future of Data.gov by suggesting additional datasets and site enhancements to provide seamless access and use of your Federal data. Data.gov includes a searchable data catalog that includes access to data in two ways: through the "raw" data catalog and using tools. As a priority Open Government Initiative for President Obama's administration, Data.gov increases the ability of the public to easily find, download, and use datasets that are generated and held by the Federal Government. Data.gov provides descriptions of the Federal datasets (metadata), information about how to access the datasets, and tools that leverage government datasets. The data catalogs will continue to grow as datasets are added. Federal, Executive Branch data are included in the first version of Data.gov.

DataMasher - State Data - Mash It

<http://www.datamasher.org/>

How do the States Compare? Mash up some government data to find out! The Federal Government produces an immeasurable amount of data each day. DataMasher helps citizens with that data by creating mashups to visualize them in different ways and see how states compare on important issues. Users can combine different data sets in interesting ways and create their own custom rankings of the states.

Debategraph - The Global Debate Map

<http://debategraph.org/>

Debategraph helps groups collaborate in thinking through complex issues by building and sharing interactive maps of domains of knowledge from multiple perspectives. Their public service goal is to make the best arguments on all sides of any public debate freely available to all and continuously open to challenge and improvement by all. Debategraph is a wiki debate visualization tool that lets you: a) map the strongest case on any issue that matters to you; b) openly engage and learn from opposing views in a transparent, multi-perspective dialogue; c) create and reshape maps of the conversation as it develops, make new points, rate and filter the arguments; d) keep track of the maps via email and RSS feeds; and, e) share and embed the maps around the web.

Deep Web Research and Discovery Resources

<http://www.DeepWebResearch.com/>

<http://www.DeepWeb.us/>

Deep Web Research Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest deep web resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source. It is divided into the following sections: a) Articles, Papers, Forums, Audios and Videos; b) Cross Database Articles; c) Cross Database Search Services; d) Cross Database Search Tools; e) Peer to



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Peer, File Sharing, Grid and Matrix Search Engines Presentations; f) Resources - Deep Web Research; g) Resources - Semantic Web Research; and h) Current Subject Tracer™ Information Blogs

DemocracyMap - Database of Government Jurisdictions/Entities, Their Websites, and Elected Officials Contact Information

<http://pages.e-democracy.org/DemocracyMap>

Plan and build a universal, free, open, shared and continuously updated database of government jurisdictions/entities, their websites, and over time add elected official contact information. In the United States there are approximately 30,000 government jurisdictions. There is no official database of the websites tied to each jurisdiction be it a city, school district, or some relatively obscure special district. Business.Gov, an effort of the Small Business Administration, recently released an API with 8,000 or so city and county websites raising interest across many organizations in how to cover ALL government organizations. Once collecting and maintaining a directory of all government jurisdiction web addresses and a way to find your jurisdiction by entering a street address or by using a map is addressed, then deepening data collection to elected officials and all government owned or funded websites will be explored.

Economic and Financial Crisis Resources

http://guides.library.msstate.edu/economic_crisis

This guide is a comprehensive resource to the current economic and financial crisis from the Mississippi State University Library LibGuide.

Economic Recovery

<http://www.EconomicRecovery.gov/>

EconomicRecovery.gov is a resource for the American people to find help to keep their homes, find jobs and protect their savings.

eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG)

http://www.w3.org/2007/eGov/IG/wiki/Main_Page

The mission of the eGovernment Interest Group (eGov IG) is to explore how to improve access to government through better use of the Web and achieve better government transparency using open Web standards at any government level (local, state, national and multi-national). The eGov IG is designed as a forum to support researchers, developers, solution providers, and users of government services that use the Web as the delivery channel, and enable broader collaboration across eGov practitioners.

eGovMon - Methodology and Software for Quality Evaluation of eGovernment Web Services

<http://www.egovmon.no/en/>

The eGovMon project is developing methodology and software for quality evaluation of web services, in particular eGovernment services, concerning four areas: a) Accessibility, b) Transparency, c) Efficiency, d) Impact.



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Entrepreneurial Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.EntrepreneurialResources.info/>

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ET.gov - Emerging Technology

<http://et.gov/>

The purpose of this site and process is to facilitate the identification, discovery, and formation of communities of practice (CoPs) around emerging technology (ET) components and specifications of interest to government agencies. The process consists of eight stages.

EveryBlock - Geographic Filter Newsfeed of Your Neighborhood

<http://www.everyblock.com/>

EveryBlock filters an assortment of local news by location so you can keep track of what's happening on your block, in your neighborhood and all over your city. For a long time, that's been a tough question to answer. In dense, bustling cities like Chicago, New York and San Francisco, the number of daily media reports, government proceedings and local Internet conversations is staggering. Every day, a wealth of local information is created — officials inspect restaurants, journalists cover fires and Web users post photographs — but who has time to sort through all of that? Their mission at EveryBlock is to solve that problem. They aim to collect all of the news and civic goings-on that have happened recently in your city, and make it simple for you to keep track of news in particular areas. They are a geographic filter — a “news feed” for your neighborhood, or, yes, even your block.

Federal Business Opportunities

<https://www.fbo.gov/>

Federal Business Opportunities is the United States Government's one-stop virtual marketplace. Through this single point-of-entry, commercial vendors and government buyers are invited to post, search, monitor, and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

Federal IT Dashboard

<http://it.usaspending.gov/>

The IT Dashboard provides the public with an online window into the details of Federal information technology investments and provides users with the ability to track the progress of investments over time. The IT Dashboard displays data received from agency reports to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), including general information on over 7,000 Federal IT investments and detailed data for nearly 800 of those investments that agencies classify as "major." The performance data used to track the 800 major IT investments is based on milestone information displayed in agency reports to OMB called "Exhibit 300s." Agency CIOs are responsible for evaluating and updating



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select data on a monthly basis, which is accomplished through interfaces provided on the website.

Federal Register - Daily Journal of the United States Government

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) jointly administer the FederalRegister.gov website. The OFR/GPO partnership is developing an unofficial XML-based edition of the daily Federal Register on this site. In this edition, Federal Register documents are organized and displayed in an easier to read format; we have also added various web tools and user aids designed to help people find material relevant to their interests. We built this XML edition of the Federal Register to make it easier for citizens and communities to understand the regulatory process and to participate in Government decision-making. You can now find the Federal Register electronic public inspection desk at www.OFR.gov.

FedSpending.org - A Project of OMB Watch

<http://www.fedspending.org/>

The purpose of the FedSpending.org database is to give journalists, analysts, government officials, and regular citizens easy access to information on federal spending. Broader access to this information should foster the development of a better informed, active citizenry that has more power to hold elected officials accountable. FedSpending.org is limited to information contained within the [FPDS](#) and [FAADS](#) government databases (See [here](#) for data that is not included on FedSpending.org).

FedThread - Interacting With the Federal Register

<http://www.fedthread.org/>

FedThread is a new way of interacting with the Federal Register. FedThread gives you: a) collaborative annotation: Attach a note to any paragraph of the Federal Register; start a conversation; b) advanced search: Search the Federal Register (back to 2000) on full text, by date, agency, or other fields; and c) customized feeds: Turn any search into an RSS or email feed; FedThread notifies you when new items match your search query. The Federal Register tells you what your government is doing, in a lot more detail than you get from the news media. FedThread is possible because of the government's new XML-format Federal Register, a milestone in technology-based civic engagement that lets citizens create new services that in turn provide value back to government.

Financial Markets and Portfolio Management (FMPM)

<http://www.fmpm.org/>

The official publication of the Swiss Financial Analysts Association, Financial Markets and Portfolio Management (FMPM) addresses all areas of finance, concentrating on financial markets, portfolio theory and wealth management, asset pricing, risk management, and regulation. The journal serves as a bridge between innovative research and its practical applications. FMPM publishes academic and applied research articles,



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shorter "Perspectives," book reviews, and survey articles dedicated to current topics of interest to the financial community.

Financial Sources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.FinancialSources.info/>

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FinancialStability.gov - Comprehensive Financial Stability Plan and Related Resources

<http://www.FinancialStability.gov/>

This site displays all the information related to the comprehensive financial stability plan from the United States Government initially issued on February 10, 2009. This site will be the starting point for transparency of all financial stability resources and sources being developed and implemented by the United States Government Department of Treasury. The Financial Stability Plan Fact Sheet is available by clicking [here](#). [7 pages .pdf 71.5KB]

Find and Compare the Best American Recovery & Investment Act - Find, Compare and Decide

<http://recovery-and-reinvestment-act.findthebest.com//>

FindTheBest's American Recovery & Reinvestment Act App organizes grant, loan and contract recipients of the recovery program by several filters including Recipient Name, Project City, Project Name, Project Status, Funding Agency Name, Award Type, Award Amount, Jobs Reportedly Created, Cost/Job and Total ARRA Received. For quick sorting, just click on any category to list recipients by that feature. If you want to sort by city, click on the Project City filter for an alphabetical list of the project cities.

Follow the Unlimited Money - Super PACS

<http://reporting.sunlightfoundation.com/outside-spending/super-pacs/>

This resource shows all independent expenditure-only committees--better known as super PACS--that have raised at least \$10,000 since the beginning of 2011. Click on the FEC filings links to see the original filings on the Federal Election Commission's web site. Click on each super PAC's name in the left column to see breakdowns of their spending, including aggregate amounts spent supporting or opposing individual candidates, and a chronological list of all their individual independent expenditure filings with the Federal Election Commission.

FORA.tv - Videos On People, Issues and Ideas Changing the Planet

<http://fora.tv/>

FORA.tv helps intelligent, engaged audiences get smart. Their users find, enjoy, and share videos about the people, issues, and ideas changing the world. They gather the web's largest collection of unmediated video drawn from live events, lectures, and



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debates going on all the time at the world's top universities, think tanks and conferences. They present this provocative, big-idea content for anyone to watch, interact with, and share --when, where, and how they want. With their community of savvy users and an extensive, growing library of smart videos, FORA.tv is at the forefront of the ongoing integration - and transformation – of the traditional media, TV, cable, and online industries from mass-market to high-quality, high-value content. FORA.tv was founded in 2005 and is funded by a select group of investors including William R. Hearst III and Adobe Ventures.

GovFresh - Government 2.0

<http://govfresh.com/>

GovFresh is a live feed of official news from U.S. Government Twitter, YouTube, RSS, Facebook, Flickr accounts and more, all in one place.

GovLuv - Connects Government Representatives and Citizens Via Twitter

<http://govluv.org/>

GovLuv is a project of Act.ly and the Open Forum Foundation. It is a website that connects government representatives and citizens using the magical power of Twitter. It aggregates what representatives are tweeting with what everyone else is tweeting to them, and about them. They aim to make the myriad interwoven conversations that are already happening in the political space on Twitter both useful and discernable.

govpulse - The Federal Register At Your Fingertips

<http://www.govpulse.us/>

Each day agencies release hundreds of proposed rules and regulations, meeting notices, final rules, and changes to existing rules in the form of the Federal Register. However in their current format they are difficult to find and to process in meaningful ways. GovPulse was built to address this problem and open the doors of government to the people they work for. By making such documents as the Federal Register searchable, more accessible and easier to digest, GovPulse seeks to encourage every citizen to become more involved in the workings of their government and make their voice heard on the things that matter to them, from the smallest to the largest issues.

GovTrack.us - Tracking the U.S. Congress

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

GovTrack.us is an independent tool to help the public research and track the activities in the U.S. Congress, promoting government transparency and civic education through novel uses of technology. You'll find here the status of U.S. federal legislation, voting records in the Senate and House of Representatives, and information on Members of Congress, as well as congressional committees and the Congressional Record. The site is a research tool, but also a (totally free) tracking service. Pick up Trackers throughout the site to make a personalized feed or get email updates.



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GovTwit - The Government Twitter Directory

<http://govtwit.com/>

This website hosts the world's largest list of government agencies on Twitter, tracking state/local, federal, contractors, media, academics, non-profits and government outside of the U.S.

GPO's Federal Digital System Search (FDsys)

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>

GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) provides public access to Government information submitted by Congress and Federal agencies and preserved as technology changes. GPO's Federal Digital System (FDsys) is an advanced digital system that will enable GPO to manage Government information from all three branches of the U.S. Government. FDsys is available as a public beta during migration of information from GPO Access. The migration of information from GPO Access into FDsys will be complete in 2009, until this time GPO Access will contain all content.

Grant Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.GrantResources.info/>

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i360Gov - Federal Government News

<http://www.i360gov.com/>

i360Gov provides government business and technology leaders with important federal government news and analysis regarding government's largest and most important initiatives in an interactive, online environment. Comprised of six topic-specific news channels each functioning as its own web site, the i360Gov network delivers daily federal government news and analysis pertaining to the following topics: a) Policy and Business, b) Information Technology, c) State and Local Government, d) Defense/Intelligence, e) Healthcare Policy and IT, and f) Energy Policy and Technology.

International Monetary Fund Alerts

<https://www.imf.org/external/cntpst/index.aspx>

Sign up to receive free e-mail notices when new series and/or country items are posted on the IMF website.

Internet Alerts

<http://www.InternetAlerts.info/>

InternetAlerts.info is a Subject Tracer™ Information Blog from The [Virtual Private Library](#). It is designed to bring together the latest resources and sources on an ongoing basis from the Internet covering alerts.



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Intrapreneurial Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

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LegiStorm - Transparency's Sidekick

<http://www.legistorm.com/>

LegiStorm helps bring transparency to the U.S. Congress by disseminating public documents and nonpartisan information over the web. Based on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, LegiStorm's first information product was a database of congressional staff salaries but we have now added other valuable information, such as the most comprehensive database of all privately financed trips taken by members of Congress and congressional staffers. The information is provided in a strictly factual, non-partisan fashion. They have no political affiliations and no political purpose except to make the workings of Congress as transparent as possible. They expect this resource to be useful to journalists, researchers, lobbyists and current and would-be staffers - as well as regular citizens who simply want to know how their representatives spend public money. You can be sure that there are more such legislative resources to come from LegiStorm.

LittleSis - Free Database Detailing Connections Between Powerful People and Organizations

<http://littlesis.org/>

LittleSis is a free database detailing the connections between powerful people and organizations. They bring transparency to influential social networks by tracking the key relationships of politicians, business leaders, lobbyists, financiers, and their affiliated institutions. All of this information is public, but scattered. They bring it together in one place. Their data derives from government filings, news articles, and other reputable sources. Some data sets are updated automatically; the rest is filled in by their user community.

MAPLight - U.S. Congress Campaign Contributions and Voting Database

<http://maplight.org/>

MAPLight.org, a groundbreaking public database, with offices located in Berkeley, California, illuminates the connection between campaign donations and legislative votes in unprecedented ways. Elected United States officials collect large sums of money to run their campaigns, and they often pay back campaign contributors with special access and favorable laws. This common practice is contrary to the public interest, yet legal. MAPLight.org makes money/vote connections transparent, to help citizens hold their legislators accountable. MAPLight.org combines three data sets: a) Bill texts and legislative voting records; b) Supporting and opposing interests for each bill; and c) Campaign contribution data from the Center for Responsive Politics and the National Institute on Money in State Politics. Combining this data makes visible key information that could never before be determined easily.



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Metagovernment Project

http://www.metagovernment.org/wiki/Main_Page

The mission of the Metagovernment project is to support the development and use of Internet tools which enable the members of any community to fully participate in the governance of that community. They are a global group of people working on various projects which further this goal. They expect governance software to be adopted first in small communities, and then to spread outward with the potential to gradually replace many institutions of representative democracy with a new kind of social organization called collaborative governance. They conceive a world where every person, without exception, is able to substantively participate in any governance structure in which they have an interest. They envision governance which is not only more open, free, and democratic; but also which is more effective and less fallible than pre-Internet forms of governance.

Microsoft Public Sector Idea Bank - Gov 2.0 Ready

<http://publicsectorondemand.com/>

Microsoft Public Sector Idea Bank is a portal that showcases the Public Sector On-Demand Solutions their Partners have successfully built, using and customizing Microsoft Dynamics CRM. Not only will you be able to learn about and purchase these solutions, you will have the chance to: a) Interact with other Public Sector Professionals; b) Discover and learn about new solutions; c) Share your own ideas with the community; and d) Promote ideas you think should be developed. It's all about Public Sector Professionals, it's a relevant forum that puts a laser focus on the industry, and it's a place where you can collaborate and see your ideas come into fruition!

Mobile Government

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/101571>

Mobile technology is changing the way people find and use information and services. How does government interact with the public in this anytime, anywhere world? This Making Mobile Gov Project is helping agencies work together to make a more open, innovative government to meet 21st century citizen expectations.

MuckRock - Government Tool Powered by State and Federal Freedom of Information Laws

<http://www.muckrock.com/>

MuckRock is an open government tool powered by state and federal Freedom of Information laws, a generous grant from the Sunlight Foundation, and you. They make tools to keep our government transparent and accountable. Requests are based on your questions, concerns and passions, and you are free to embed, share and write about any of the verified government documents hosted there.



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National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

<http://www.nber.org/>

Founded in 1920, the National Bureau of Economic Research is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan research organization dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of how the economy works. The NBER is committed to undertaking and disseminating unbiased economic research among public policymakers, business professionals, and the academic community. Over the years the Bureau's research agenda has encompassed a wide variety of issues that confront our society. The Bureau's early research focused on the aggregate economy, examining in detail the business cycle and long-term economic growth. Simon Kuznets' pioneering work on national income accounting, Wesley Mitchell's influential study of the business cycle, and Milton Friedman's research on the demand for money and the determinants of consumer spending were among the early studies done at the NBER. The NBER is the nation's leading nonprofit economic research organization. Sixteen of the 31 American Nobel Prize winners in Economics and six of the past Chairmen of the President's Council of Economic Advisers have been researchers at the NBER. The more than 1,000 professors of economics and business now teaching at universities around the country who are NBER researchers are the leading scholars in their fields. These Bureau associates concentrate on four types of empirical research: developing new statistical measurements, estimating quantitative models of economic behavior, assessing the effects of public policies on the U.S. economy, and projecting the effects of alternative policy proposals.

NextGov.com - Technology and the Business of Government

<http://www.nextgov.com/>

Nextgov.com is part of the National Journal Group Inc. and the Atlantic Media Company. It is a spin off of Government Executive.com and provides coverage and commentary on the management of information technology in the federal government. From time to time, Nextgov and Government Executive.com will share content and collaborate on features and events. Nextgov.com provides news, interaction and research for government and contractor executives and managers in the information technology community. Their readers are high-ranking civilian and military officials who are responsible for providing IT support to those who defend the nation and carry out the many laws that define the government's role in our economy and society. Nextgov.com's essential editorial mission is to cover the IT and business processes that the federal government deploys to meet agency missions – dozens of which dwarf the largest institutions in the private sector. They aspire to serve the people who manage these huge agencies and programs in much the way that large consumer and business-to-business technology magazines serve private-sector managers.

NYC Stimulus Tracker

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/ops/nycstim/html/tracker/tracker.shtml>

With the NYCStat Stimulus Tracker, New Yorkers can track the City's use of federal stimulus/recovery funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This funding includes federal tax cuts, expansion of unemployment



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benefits and other social welfare provisions, and domestic spending in education, health care, energy efficiency and infrastructure. The stimulus money for New York City will be used to ensure continued vital City services, provide assistance to New Yorkers in need, and stimulate the City's economy.

OECDdirect

http://www.oecd.org/document/0,3343,en_2649_201185_2699446_1_1_1_1,00.html

A free and time-saving e-mail alert service. Once you've selected the themes that interest you, choose to receive personalised e-mails announcing new publications, statistics updates and free newsletters related to your topics of interest.

Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

OMB's predominant mission is to assist the President in overseeing the preparation of the federal budget and to supervise its administration in Executive Branch agencies. In helping to formulate the President's spending plans, OMB evaluates the effectiveness of agency programs, policies, and procedures, assesses competing funding demands among agencies, and sets funding priorities. OMB ensures that agency reports, rules, testimony, and proposed legislation are consistent with the President's Budget and with Administration policies. In addition, OMB oversees and coordinates the Administration's procurement, financial management, information, and regulatory policies. In each of these areas, OMB's role is to help improve administrative management, to develop better performance measures and coordinating mechanisms, and to reduce any unnecessary burdens on the public.

Open311 - Collaborative Model and Open Standard for Civic Issue Tracking

<http://open311.org/>

Currently, the most developed function of Open311 technologies is to report and track non-emergency issues in public spaces. Common issues include potholes, broken streetlights, garbage, vandalism, and other problems that compromise public spaces and infrastructure. Using a mobile device or a computer, someone can enter information (ideally with a photo) about a problem at a given location. This report is then routed to the relevant authority to address the problem. What's different from a traditional 311 report is that this information is available for anyone to see and it allows anyone to contribute more information. By enabling collaboration on these issues, the open model makes it easier to collect and organize more information about important problems. By making the information public, it provides transparency and accountability for those responsible for the problem. Transparency also ensures that everyone's voice is heard and in-turn encourages more participation.



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OpenCongress - Track Bills, Votes, Senators, and Representatives in the U.S. Congress

<http://www.opencongress.org/>

OpenCongress brings together official government data with news coverage, blog posts, comments, and more to give you the real story behind what's happening in Congress. Small groups of political insiders and lobbyists already know what's really going on in Congress. They think everyone should be an insider. OpenCongress is a free, open-source, non-profit, and non-partisan web resource with a mission to make Congress more transparent and to encourage civic engagement. OpenCongress is a joint project of the Sunlight Foundation and the Participatory Politics Foundation.

Open CRS Network - Congressional Research Reports for the People

<http://opencrs.com/>

American taxpayers spend over \$100 million a year to fund the Congressional Research Service, a "think tank" that provides reports to members of Congress on a variety of topics relevant to current political events. Yet, these reports are not made available to the public in a way that they can be easily obtained. A project of the Center for Democracy & Technology through the cooperation of several organizations and collectors of CRS Reports, Open CRS provides citizens access to CRS Reports already in the public domain and encourages Congress to provide public access to all CRS Reports.

Open Government Guide

<http://www.rcfp.org/ogg/>

The Open Government Guide is a complete compendium of information on every state's open records and open meetings laws. Each state's section is arranged according to a standard outline, making it easy to compare laws in various states.

OpenPlans - Open Government and Livable Streets

<http://openplans.org/>

At OpenPlans, they think cities can work better. They think it should be easier for public agencies in one place to adopt good ideas and good software from other places. They think opening up data and inviting citizens into the civic process is a good thing. And they are helping make it happen. OpenPlans is a non-profit technology organization focused on open government and livable streets. They build open source software. They help agencies open up their data. They report on urban issues.

OpenSecrets - Money in Politics - See Who Is Giving and Who Is Getting

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

OpenSecrets.org is your nonpartisan guide to money's influence on U.S. elections and public policy. Whether you're a voter, journalist, activist, student or interested citizen, use their free site to shine light on your government. Count cash and make change.



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Open Up Government Data - Wired HowTo Wiki

http://howto.wired.com/wiki/Open_Up_Government_Data

A how to wiki by Wired Magazine on opening up government data. This wiki analyzes the problem, delineates solutions and offers areas of involvement as well as highlights the government datasets .. the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly. Constantly kept up to date with the latest developments and requirements to open up government data. Data.Gov is coming and lets help build it!

Performance.Gov - Driving Federal Performance

<http://performance.gov/>

Responding to the President's challenge to cut waste, save money, and better serve the American people, Performance.gov provides a window on the Obama Administration's approach to improving performance and accountability. Performance.gov shows progress on the Administration's efforts to create a government that is more effective, efficient, innovative, and responsive. Reforming how Washington works is an ongoing effort that demands vigilance and leadership.

Poligraph

<http://poligraph.com/>

Feed in a news article, blog post or press release, and Poligraph will present you with an enhanced view of the interconnections between the people, organizations and relationships described in the piece.

POPVOX - Bridges the Gap Between Public Wants and Congress Want and Need to Receive

<https://www.popvox.com/>

POPVOX bridges the gap between the input the public wants to provide and the information Members of Congress want and need to receive. Constituent communications are flooding and overwhelming Congressional offices. POPVOX verifies, aggregates, and simplifies communication with Congress on an open and trusted (and nonpartisan) common ground. Advocacy organizations, trade associations, unions and other groups send their members to POPVOX to take action on bills pending before Congress. Congressional staff and lawmakers log into POPVOX to measure the pulse of their district. POPVOX provides a curating interface for anyone — including Congressional staff, the public and the media — to access and understand the voice of the people.

Publications.USA.gov - United States Publications

<http://publications.usa.gov/>

For more than 40 years, the Federal Citizen Information Center (FCIC) has been a trusted one-stop source for answers to questions about consumer problems and government services. FCIC, part of the General Services Administration's Office of Citizen Services and Innovative Technologies, has traditionally provided publications to consumers via the publications distribution center in Pueblo, Colorado. The Pueblo.GSA.gov website was where consumers could go to find information and order publications on a variety of



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topics from the federal government. Publications.USA.gov replaces the former Pueblo.GSA.gov. The new site provides better navigation; search; shopping experience; and now some of your favorite publications in popular e-reader formats. Additionally, they will use social media channels to keep you informed of new publications.

RAND Corporation - Congressional Resources

<http://www.rand.org/congress/>

RAND informs policymakers with research and analysis that is relevant to current Congressional agendas, providing knowledge that is trusted for its objectivity, comprehensiveness, and enduring value.

Recovery.org - Economic Recovery Package Information

<http://www.Recovery.org/>

This site is currently in BETA but will soon provide real-time data, maps, and graphs detailing the spending activity associated with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Onvia tracks "every dime" of spending by Federal, State and Local government agencies, and Recovery.com will allow you to explore these activities in great detail by State, by Congressional District, and by Community. Whether you are a business looking to secure projects funded by stimulus dollars or a taxpayer who wants to know how your government is spending your money in your community, Onvia will present you with the most comprehensive, real-time view of this information.

Recovery.gov - Monitoring New World Government Spending

<http://www.Recovery.gov/>

Monitor the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to see how and where your tax dollars are spent. Recovery.gov is a website that lets you, the taxpayer, figure out where the money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is going. There are going to be a few different ways to search for information. The money is being distributed by Federal agencies, and soon you'll be able to see where it's going -- to which states, to which congressional districts, even to which Federal contractors. As soon as they are able to, they will display that information visually in maps, charts, and graphics. An oversight board will routinely update this site as part of an unprecedented effort to root out waste, inefficiency, and unnecessary spending in our government.

Regulations.gov - Search

<http://www.regulations.gov/>

Regulations.gov is your source for all regulations (or rulemakings) issued by U.S. government agencies. On this site, you can find: a) All Federal regulations that are open for public comment (i.e., proposed rules) and closed for comment (i.e., final rules) as published in the Federal Register; b) Many Federal agency notices published in the Federal Register; and c) Additional supporting materials, public comments, and Federal agency guidance and adjudications. When you find a document, you can also submit comments through the web site on those documents that are open for public comment. After Congressional bills become laws, Federal Departments and Agencies are



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responsible for enforcing those laws through regulations. Departments and Agencies develop regulations through the Federal rulemaking process, most commonly through a notice-and-comment process. In general, Departments and Agencies publish proposed rules that are open for public comment, and after a specified timeframe, the Department or Agency publishes a final rule based on public comments and other information. Regulations.gov users can find Federal proposed and final rules published every business day by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in the U.S. government's Federal Register, and submit comments through the web site to the Agencies on proposed rules that are open for public comment. The Regulations.gov web site also houses other types of federal information. In addition to Federal regulations, many Departments and Agencies use Regulations.gov to post other types of documents open for public comment, such as Agency significant guidance. Certain Federal agencies also allow the public to initiate an action by filing a submission via Regulations.gov.

SeeClickFix - Report Non-Emergency Issues and Receive Alerts in Your Neighborhood

<http://www.seeclickfix.com/>

SeeClickFix allows anyone to report and track non-emergency issues anywhere in the world via the internet. This empowers citizens, community groups, media organizations and governments to take care of and improve their neighborhoods.

Show Us the Data - The Most Wanted Federal Government Documents

<http://www.showusthedata.org/>

Is the federal government putting the information you need online? Are there categories of unclassified documents or data that you know exist—on paper or in government computers and databases—that would be of value to the public if posted and regularly updated on an agency's Web site? If so, then help Open The Government and the Center for Democracy and Technology identify the 10 Most Wanted Government Documents, Reports or Data Sets that should be available on the Web. Use this site to tell them what data you want and who has it.

Social Informatics Subject Tracer™ Information Blog

<http://www.SocialInformatics.net/>

Social Informatics Subject Tracer™ Information Blog constantly monitors the Internet for the latest social networks, communities, resources and sources available and then lists them alphabetically in an ongoing information blog with a direct link to the source.

Socrata - Social Data Platform

<http://www.socrata.com/>

Socrata is the leading developer and provider of Open Data Services, a category of cloud-based Web 2.0 solutions that enable federal, state, and local governments to dramatically improve the reach, usability and social utility of their public information assets. The Socrata Social Data Platform™ is a turnkey information delivery platform that reduces lifecycle management costs for government customers while boosting their ability to



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disseminate relevant information and data-driven services to a wide range of audiences including citizens, civic application developers, researchers, journalists and internal stakeholders. The cloud-based Socrata platform transforms information assets – tabular data, geospatial data, unstructured content and real-time data from government transactional systems – into a consumption-optimized and socially-enriched experience, that is automatically accessible across multiple channels of interaction, to enhance governments’ ability to accomplish their mission at a reduced cost.

Stimulus and Recovery Feeds

<http://isd.ischool.berkeley.edu/stimulus/feeds/feeds.html>

Stimulus Feeds is prepared and hosted by the Information and Service Design Program (ISD) of UC Berkeley's School of Information. This is the complete list of feeds currently provided by Agency Recovery Sites themselves. This table groups these feeds by agency, and then by feed type. In addition to these agency-maintained feeds, the Stimulus Feeds site provides feeds for all weekly reports published on recovery.gov (republishing the Excel data as XML and XHTML); these feeds are available in the Scraped Data column. Each of the agency feeds can be tested for validity (i.e., whether it is a correct feed) by simply pressing the validate link following the feed URI.

Stimulus Watch - Keeping an Eye On the Economic Recovery Spending

<http://www.StimulusWatch.org/>

StimulusWatch.org was built to help the new administration keep its pledge to invest stimulus money smartly, and to hold public officials to account for the taxpayer money they spend. We do this by allowing you, citizens around the country with local knowledge about the proposed "shovel-ready" projects in your city, to find, discuss and rate those projects. These projects are not part of the stimulus bill. They are candidates for funding by federal grant programs once the bill passes.

SubsidyScope

<http://subsidyscope.com/>

Subsidyscope aims to raise public awareness about the role of federal subsidies in the economy. This new project, launched by The Pew Charitable Trusts, plans to create a searchable database of federal subsidies and publish the data online. Over the next few years, the project will build this subsidy database industry sector by industry sector.

Sunlight Labs - Developers and Designers Opening America's Government

<http://www.sunlightlabs.com/>

Sunlight Labs is part of the Sunlight Foundation a non-profit, non partisan Washington, DC based organization focused on digitization of government data and making tools and websites to make it easily accessible. Sunlight Labs is an open source community of thousands dedicated to using technology to transform government. They focus on transparency- the idea that government can be more effective, more honest, and more accountable when it makes data about its process, operations, and influences available to the public. Their work revolves around opening up government data of all forms. Paid



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staff of Sunlight Labs are employees of the Sunlight Foundation a 501c(3) non-partisan non-profit organization. The Sunlight Foundation is: a) A think-tank that develops and encourages new policies inside the government to be more transparent and accountable; b) A campaign to engage citizens to change government's transparency policies; c) An investigative organization that uses the data and applications to demonstrate why we need those policies; d) A grant giving institution that gives grants to organizations using technology to further our mission and create community; and e) An open source technology community that revolves around the Sunlight Foundation's core mission.

The Big Money from Slate - Synthesis of Financial News and Tools

<http://www.thebigmoney.com/>

Through a synthesis of financial news, quick-witted commentary and a compelling set of tools, The Big Money provides a unique perspective and a deeper level of engagement to a smart audience that seeks a greater understanding of today's business issues. Since financial and business writing too often gets lost in minutiae, The Big Money will focus on big topics, issues that affect a wide number of people (as consumers, as homeowners, as economic citizens) and go beyond a simple "buy this stock, sell that fund" approach. The Big Money appeals both to junkies in the field and to more casual readers who might not now read any existing business publication. Readers include: a) Senior executives, b) Business decision makers, c) Affluent, educated, influential consumers, and d) Mainstream users that are seeking more business/financial knowledge and perspective and how it will affect their lives.

The Economy - Global Economic Crisis Special Coverage and World Market Analysis

[http://www.thrall.org/special/economy.html#Global Economic Crisis](http://www.thrall.org/special/economy.html#Global_Economic_Crisis)

Middletown Thrall Library Special Coverage: The Economy - Global Economic Crisis, News, Statistics, Economic Indicators, Credit, Energy, Food, Housing / Mortgages / Subprime, & Related Resources. This is a comprehensive site created by the Middletown Thrall Library offering continued special coverage on the Global Economic Crisis with World Market Analysis. Additional resources on this Global Economic Crisis are available [here](#) as well as the [eFinancialBot](#) Global Financial Search Engine.

The Feed - What Government is Tweeting Now

<http://www.nextgov.com/thefeed/>

Nextgov has compiled a few dozen official federal twitter feeds in one place. So you can catch up on what any tweeting federal agency is doing in just a few quick clicks.

Third Party Websites That Transform Government Data

[http://www.opencongress.org/wiki/Third Party Websites That Transform Government Data](http://www.opencongress.org/wiki/Third_Party_Websites_That_Transform_Government_Data)

This wiki page contains a list of websites generated by third parties that make available raw government information. The categories include: a) Legislative Information (with focus on U.S. Congress); b) Federal Law and Regulations; c) The Courts; d) Money and



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Influence; e) Freedom of Information Act; f) Political Party Information; g) Business Information; h) Other Useful Websites; i) Other Meta-Lists of Third Party Government Data; and j) International Websites.

This We Know: Explore U.S. Government Data About Your Community

<http://www.thisweknow.org/>

Their mission is to present the information the U.S. government collects about every community. By publishing this data in an easy to understand and consistent manner, they seek to empower citizens to act on what's known. In this first phase of development, they focused on a handful of nationwide data sets from six different agencies in the data.gov catalog. They picked data sets that each had a spatial component. All the data sets were converted to RDF and loaded into a RDF database that serves as the foundation for this website. Their long-term vision for ThisWeKnow is to model the entire data.gov catalog and make it available to the public using Semantic Web standards as a large-scale online database. ThisWeKnow will provide citizens with a single destination where they can search and browse all the information the government collects.

THOMAS (Library of Congress)

<http://thomas.loc.gov/>

THOMAS was launched in January of 1995, at the inception of the 104th Congress. The leadership of the 104th Congress directed the Library of Congress to make federal legislative information freely available to the public. Since that time THOMAS has expanded the scope of its offerings to include the following features and content: a) Bills, Resolutions; b) Activity in Congress; c) Congressional Record; d) Schedules, Calendars; e) Committee Information; f) Presidential Nominations; g) Treaties; and h) Government Resources.

TIGER - Tracking Indices for the Global Economic Recovery

http://www.brookings.edu/reports/2010/05_economic_recovery_prasad.aspx

The new Brookings Institution-Financial Times index is designed to track the global economic recovery across emerging and advanced markets. The index, which covers the G-20 economies, is composed of three types of variable: indicators of real economic activity, such as GDP, imports and exports; financial indicators, such as stock market indices and capitalisation; confidence indicators, both business and consumer. Combined these variables can deliver a snapshot of the world economy and individual economies. Explore the index to gain a picture of how the world economy is bouncing back.

Transparency Corps

<http://transparencycorps.org/>

Transparency Corps is a project of the Sunlight Foundation. Their work is committed to helping citizens, bloggers and journalists be their own government watchdogs, by improving access to existing information, digitizing new information, and by creating new tools and Web sites to enable all of us to collaborate in fostering greater transparency. Transparency Corps allows anyone anywhere to have a positive impact on



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making our government more transparent by aggregating small actions that require human intelligence but not specialized political knowledge. TransparencyCorps is open source software, licensed under the MIT Open Source license.

Transparency Data

<http://transparencydata.com/>

Transparency Data is a central source for federal lobbying disclosure, federal grants and contracts, earmarks and federal and state campaign contributions. Here you can begin your search, find the information you need, and then download records of what a candidate has received, what an individual has given, how much an organization has spent on lobbying, and many other queries.

TweetCongress

<http://tweetcongress.org/>

We the Tweeples of the United States, in order to form a more perfect government, establish communication, and promote transparency do hereby tweet the Congress of the United States of America. This site is a grass-roots effort to get our men and women in Congress to open up and have a real conversation with us. Powered by: a) Twitter, b) Sunlight Labs, c) TwitterCounter, and d) Ruby on Rails.

Twitter Fan Wiki - U.S. Government

<http://twitter.pbworks.com/USGovernment>

This page includes people and agencies of the U.S. government, organized according to the executive branch, legislative branch, and related sections.

UK Government Open Data Site

<http://data.gov.uk/>

The UK Government's open data website, data.gov.uk, developed with the help of Tim Berners-Lee (W3C Director) and John Sheridan (Linked Data Lead for data.gov.uk and co-Chair of the W3C eGovernment Interest Group). Like data.gov in the United States, the UK site reflects a growing awareness inside and outside of government that standards-based open data is a key enabler of government services and a building block for new information services across government and industry. Additionally, this new site showcases Semantic Web and Linked Data technologies.

USAspending.gov - Track USA Spending

<http://www.usaspending.gov/>

This is a searchable database of federal government assistance awards and contract awards. You may search by contractor, recipient, state, Congressional district, federal government agency/department/program, type of product or service. Data from FY 2000 to present. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Transparency Act) requires a single searchable website, accessible by the public for free that includes for each Federal award: 1) The name of the entity receiving the award; 2) The amount of the award; 3) Information on the award including transaction type,



funding agency, etc; 4) The location of the entity receiving the award; and 5) A unique identifier of the entity receiving the award.

U.S. Government RSS Directory

http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Reference_Shelf/Libraries/RSS_Library.shtml

An extremely comprehensive directory of United States Government RSS feeds for the following areas: 1) Business and Economics RSS Feeds; 2) Consumer RSS Feeds; 3) Defense and International Relations RSS Feeds; 4) Education and Employment RSS Feeds; 5) Environment, Energy, and Agriculture RSS Feeds; 6) Family, Home, and Community RSS Feeds; 7) Health RSS Feeds; 8) Money RSS Feeds; 9) Public Safety and Law RSS Feeds; 10) Reference and General Government RSS Feeds; and 11) Science and Technology RSS Feeds.

Visible Vote

<http://www.visiblevote.us/>

Discover the most powerful way to connect with your legislators today. Download the free app, tell Congress how you feel on any issue, and see how your vote stacks up to theirs. Visible Vote is non-partisan and unbiased service that brings greater transparency and accountability to our representative form of government

WikiRiver.org - All the News About WikiLeaks In One Place, Updated In Real Time

<http://www.wikiriver.org/>

All the news about WikiLeaks in one place, updated in real time. Programmed by Dave Winer, using the River2 aggregator running in the OPML Editor. Interface design and development by Nicolas Gallagher building on the work shared by Martin Duffy in his jQuery templating tutorial. Collaborative development on the River Of News mail list by Shawn McCollum, Ken Booth, Daniel Bachhuber, Havagan and Martimedia.

World Governments Data Sources

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world-government-data>

Governments around the globe are opening up their data vaults – allowing you to check out the numbers for yourself. This is the Guardian’s gateway to that information. Search for government data here from the UK (including London), USA, Australia and New Zealand – and look out for new countries and places as they add them.

XML Federal Register - Bulk Data and Daily Files

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/bulkdata/FR>

The White House, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) and the National Archives’ Office of the Federal Register (OFR) achieved a breakthrough in making Government information available and usable by the public. GPO converted the text of the Federal Register (2000-2009) into XML (extensible markup language) and placed it online in numerous Federal Government portals, which include: GPO’s Federal Digital System (www.fdsys.gov), The Federal Register Web site (www.federalregister.gov) and the



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Government's new portal for Government data (www.data.gov). For direct access to Federal Register bulk data files, go to: www.gpo.gov/fdsys/bulkdata/FR. This project began when President Barack Obama challenged Federal agencies to create a more open and transparent Government. The change supplements the official publishing formats with XML, a form of text that can be manipulated in virtually limitless ways with digital applications. For example, people who want to know about the workings of the Executive branch of the Federal Government no longer need to sift through the Federal Register in its traditional Department-by-Department and Agency-by-Agency format. In this new format users can rearrange the Federal Register's contents in personalized ways to match their particular interests. It is now possible, for example, to download the Federal Register and easily see what proposed actions might affect one's community or region, or what actions might have an impact on one's profession or business interests.

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DiscoverText - Capture Text Data and Crunch Your Data

<http://discovertext.com/>

DiscoverText is a cloud-based text analytics solution that provides valuable insights about your customers, products, and employees. With dozens of features, including an unique active-learning engine, they give you the tools to make better decisions quickly and accurately. Texifter, LLC is a spin-out company based on text analysis research by Dr. Stuart Shulman, the founder of QDAP-Pitt and current Director of QDAP-UMass. Over the last 10 years, Dr. Shulman has conducted research primarily in the domain of electronic rulemaking, with a specific focus on the development of human language tools for reviewing large numbers of public comments. Over the past three years, he has been sole inventor on five distinct software applications that support tasks ranging from text classification, blog capture, and manuscript review management, to the development of better annotation for improving optical character recognition. New research focuses on the detection of threats and novel ideas communicated in public comments, blogs and other media. Texifter is a vehicle for the commercialization of new tools developed in the QDAP labs. This will be added to [Data Mining Resources](#) Subject Tracer™. This will be added to [Web Data Extractors](#) White Paper.

Unsubscribr - Free Your Inbox

<https://unsubscribr.com/>

Unsubscribr takes a **new approach** to cleaning out your inbox. It scans your email for **bulk and junk mail** messages. It then allows you to **unsubscribe** from those messages quickly and easily. No more hunting for tiny, hidden unsubscribe links. Most of the time we can quickly unsubscribe you with a single click. Save time looking through all of your email and let unsubscribr take care of it for you. It's easy, safe and **secure**. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



Advances in Computer Science and its Applications (ACSA)

<http://worldsciencepublisher.org/journals/index.php/ACSA>

Advances in Computer Science and its Applications (ACSA) is devoted to publishing research papers for students, technicians and professors to share advances in Computer Science and Application. ACSA is likely to play an important role in science and engineering in the future. This journal serves as a platform that fosters new applications for all scientists and engineers engaged in research and development in these fast growing fields. Topics considered include but are not limited to:

- * Theory of computation
- * Information and coding theory
- * Algorithms and data structures
- * Programming language theory
- * Formal methods
- * Concurrent, parallel and distributed systems
- * Databases and information retrieval
- * Artificial intelligence
- * Computer architecture and engineering
- * Computer graphics and visualization
- * Computer security and cryptography
- * Computational science
- * Information science
- * Software engineering

Advances in Computer Science and its Applications is available free of charge as an Open Access journal on the Internet. Abstracts available online. Articles available in PDF format.

MetaLib - Federated Catalog of U.S. Government Publications Search Engine

<http://metalib.gpo.gov/>

MetaLib is a service of the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)! MetaLib is a federated search engine that searches multiple U.S. Federal government databases, retrieving reports, articles, and citations while providing direct links to selected resources available online. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Academic and Scholar Search Engines and Sources](#) White Paper.

Beeminder - Flexible Self Control

<https://www.beeminder.com/>

Beeminder plots your progress along a path to your goal and takes your money if you go off track. Beeminder is the only self-tracking system that uses monetary incentives to help you stick to your goals. If you just want self-tracking you have a lot of choices and if you just want commitment devices you have more and more options as well. Beeminder combines self-tracking and commitment contracts: keep all your data points on a Yellow

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Brick Road to your goal or we take your money. The combination is powerful. They call it flexible self-control. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Geofeedia - See What's Happening Right Now, Anywhere

<http://geofeedia.com/>

Geofeedia has pioneered social media search by location. Geofeedia helps you find publicly available, geo-tagged social media using advanced search and map tools. Businesses use Geofeedia to learn what's happening in any location by finding tweets and pictures – whether it's an area as large as a city or small as a building. Journalists use Geofeedia to quickly find and curate social media from locations where breaking news is happening. Newsrooms and reporters can uncover verified sources for follow-on interviews and find unique photos for use in online properties. When your target demographic is gathered in one place, there's no better time to reach out and promote your brand through social media. Once you've located great social media with Geofeedia, put it in a Geofeedia Collection that can be shared and leveraged by your entire organization and your agency. Integrate social media for use in your own applications with Geofeedia's advanced API which supports ATOM/RSS, JSON and GeoRSS response formats. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Social Informatics](#) Subject Tracer™.

International Journal of Networking and Computing

<http://www.ijnc.org/index.php/ijnc>

The International Journal of Networking and Computing is a biannual journal that publishes articles which contribute new techniques and results in all areas of networking and computing. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- * Parallel/distributed/hardware algorithms and architectures
- * Data mining and web mining algorithms
- * Image processing and computer graphics
- * Network routing and communication algorithms
- * Bioinformatics
- * Intelligent computing and neural networks
- * Privacy preserving computation
- * Applied cryptography
- * Database security
- * Cluster computing
- * Grid computing systems
- * Cloud computing
- * Multicore computing
- * CUDA/GPGPU



- * PVM/MPI
- * Heterogeneous and multimedia systems
- * High-performance scientific computing
- * FPGA and reconfigurable architecture
- * RFID
- * Embedded systems
- * Interconnection networks
- * Distributed data and knowledge based systems
- * Distributed system/network security
- * Reliability and fault-tolerance
- * Trusted systems
- * Ubiquitous computing systems
- * P2P networks
- * Content delivery networks
- * Wireless networks and mobile computing
- * Ad-hoc and sensor networks
- * Optical networks
- * Access control and authorization

International Journal of Networking and Computing is available free of charge as an Open Access journal on the Internet. Abstracts available online. Articles available in PDF format.

SQLite - SQL Database Engine

<http://www.sqlite.org/>

SQLite is a in-process library that implements a self-contained, serverless, zero-configuration, transactional SQL database engine. The code for SQLite is in the public domain and is thus free for use for any purpose, commercial or private. SQLite is currently found in more applications than we can count, including several high-profile projects. SQLite is an embedded SQL database engine. Unlike most other SQL databases, SQLite does not have a separate server process. SQLite reads and writes directly to ordinary disk files. A complete SQL database with multiple tables, indices, triggers, and views, is contained in a single disk file. The database file format is cross-platform - you can freely copy a database between 32-bit and 64-bit systems or between big-endian and little-endian architectures. These features make SQLite a popular choice as an Application File Format. Think of SQLite not as a replacement for Oracle but as a replacement for fopen(). SQLite is a compact library. With all features enabled, the library size can be less than 350KiB, depending on the target platform and compiler optimization settings. (64-bit code is larger. And some compiler optimizations such as aggressive function inlining and loop unrolling can cause the object code to be much larger.) If optional features are omitted, the size of the SQLite library can be reduced below 200KiB. SQLite can also be made to run in minimal stack space (4KiB) and very little heap (100KiB), making SQLite a popular database engine choice on memory



constrained gadgets such as cellphones, PDAs, and MP3 players. There is a tradeoff between memory usage and speed. SQLite generally runs faster the more memory you give it. Nevertheless, performance is usually quite good even in low-memory environments. This will be added to [Script Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Create Animated GIFs Online

<http://www.gifpal.com/>

Create Animated GIFs Online. Features include: 1) Make GIF animations using webcam and images; 2) Free GIF animator online with great features; 3) Drawing tools for drawing and adding text; 4) Add effects in your animated GIFs; 5) Adjust animation speed and frames delay; 6) Ideal for stop motion animations; 7) Manage and edit frames in timeline; and 8) Create GIFs for Tumblr and other blogs in minutes. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

DailyPag.es - Book Chapters In Your Inbox

<http://dailypag.es/>

Too busy to read a book? Have DailyPag.es drop an occasional chapter in your inbox. Mix in some reading with your other daily tasks. Get smarter! Sign up in seconds. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

BioResearch Open Access

<http://www.liebertpub.com/biores>

BioResearch Open Access, a bimonthly peer-reviewed open access journal, provides a new rapid-publication forum for a broad range of scientific topics including but not limited to molecular and cellular biology, tissue engineering and biomaterials, regenerative medicine, stem cells, gene therapy, systems biology, genetics, biochemistry, virology, microbiology, and neuroscience. The Journal publishes basic science and translational research in the form of original research articles, comprehensive review articles, mini-reviews, rapid communications, brief reports, technology reports, hypothesis articles, perspectives, and letters to the editor.

Burn Note - One View Then Deleted

<https://burnnote.com/>

Burn Note enables you to communicate online as privately as a spoken conversation. Each Burn Note can be viewed only once and then it is deleted. Deleted Burn Notes are completely erased from the Burn Note servers so it impossible for anyone to retrieve them. More details are available on their FAQ and their technical information page. Burn Note is useful for private communication. For example Burn Note can be used to have an off-the-record conversation with a friend. They are committed to protecting your privacy to the highest extent possible. This will be added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



Totem - Build a Great Press Page Right Now

<http://www.totemapp.com/>

Totem's mission is to make sure that every website for every company in the world has an awesome press page. Press, analysts and influencers are your earliest audience, and your most important one. They should be treated as such. They deserve better. Totem is for anyone who needs an easy way to build and maintain a press page. Totem is beautiful, simple and always has the most up-to-date information about any company or organization. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

KillerStartups

<http://www.killerstartups.com/>

They are a group of passionate, imaginative people who aim to make KillerStartups.com a valuable online destination for website owners, webpreneurs and internet entrepreneurs by empowering them to grow their online businesses through the information, tools, and training they offer. They view themselves as partners and peers of our audience, because they have been there, bootstrapping their way up. They believe in the frugal and lean startup model and our useful, fresh, original content is based upon it. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™. This has been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Fav-Links - Free Bookmark Manager Independent From Browsers

<http://fav-links.org/>

Fav-Links is a free bookmark manager which works independently from browsers and allows you to store and organize your bookmarks into categories. It can be used for any purpose such as organizing music library, banking links, bills, shopping links, photos from social networks, etc. Everything can be saved momentarily. Just drag and drop any link to the Fav-links icon and finalize the process by reviewing information and adjusting image. Sync to web feature is allows to have bookmarks available to access from mobile devices. Fav-Links is always ready to open the website you need and can be called by pressing hot keys on your keyboard. Quick search allows you to find easily any link you need. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Zopeo - Global White Pages

<http://zopeo.com/>

Their mission at ZOPEO® is to empower and enable people everywhere to search for their family and friends on the web. They provide one of the most comprehensive people search on the web. This has been added to [Finding People Resources and Sites on the Internet](#) Subject Tracer™.



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Prevue - Concept Sharing Tool

<http://prevue.it/>

It's a simple and elegant tool that allows you to upload and share your work. It's used by designers, studios and freelance creatives all over the world to privately share work with clients. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Eraser - Advanced Security Tool Remove Sensitive Data From Your Hard Drive

<http://eraser.heidi.ie/>

Eraser is an advanced security tool for Windows which allows you to completely remove sensitive data from your hard drive by overwriting it several times with carefully selected patterns. Eraser is currently supported under Windows XP (with Service Pack 3), Windows Server 2003 (with Service Pack 2), Windows Vista, Windows Server 2008, Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2. Eraser is Free software and its source code is released under GNU General Public License. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Do Lectures

<http://thedolectures.co.uk/>

The idea is a simple one— that people who Do things can inspire the rest of us to go and Do things, too. So each year we invite a set of people down here to come and tell us what they Do. They can be small Do's or big Do's or just extraordinary Do's. But when you listen to their stories, they light a fire in your belly to go and Do your thing, your passion, the thing that sits in the back of your head each day, just waiting, and waiting for you to follow your heart. To go find your cause to fight, your company to start, your invention to invent, your book to write, your mountain to climb. The one thing the Doers of the world Do, apart from Do amazing things, is to inspire the rest of us to go and Do amazing things too. They are fire-starters. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Wikiversity - Learning Resources, Learning Projects and Research

http://en.wikiversity.org/wiki/Wikiversity:Main_Page

Wikiversity is a Wikimedia Foundation project devoted to learning resources, learning projects, and research for use in all levels, types, and styles of education from pre-school to university, including professional training and informal learning. They invite teachers, students, and researchers to join us in creating open educational resources and collaborative learning communities. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Tutorial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.



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KnowThis - Knowledge Source for Marketing

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KnowThis.com is a leading information and resource website for those involved in marketing, market research, advertising, selling, promotion, and other marketing-related areas. KnowThis.com is committed to providing quality information and valuable tools for business professionals, academics and students of marketing and related fields. This is accomplished by: a) publishing highly detailed information and educational materials that, in most cases, are freely available to site visitor; b) being highly selective as to which external Internet resources are referenced; and c) providing access and analysis of current industry news and events. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ .

The Chronicle of Higher Education Blogs

<http://chronicle.com/section/Blogs/164/>

The Chronicle of Higher Education has developed a wide range of blogs over the past few years, and this site brings them together in one place for the curious public. The Complete Chronicle Blog Guide is a must-visit for new visitors. Here visitors can learn about the contents of each blog and its general thematic focus. In total, there are sixteen blogs, including "Next," "ProfHacker," and "Tweed." The "Tweed" blog is fun, and its tagline is "Taking academe a little less seriously." Also, visitors can view the Most Popular posts, which as of late have included "Revenge of the Underpaid Professors" and "What Public-College Presidents Make." Visitors with a passion for librarianship and information science shouldn't miss "The Ubiquitous Librarian," as it offers some great commentary. This has been added to [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Ark - Search for People

<http://ark.com/>

Ark is a search engine where you can find people. Search 1 billion+ people based on more than 30 filters, such as location, high school, college, employment, interests, and more. Find and connect with experts and expand your business network. Ark is the best way to find and re-connect with old high school and college friends. Quickly search many qualities about your friends on your social networks. This will be added to [Finding People](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Hachi - Smartest Way To Connect With Anyone You Want

<http://gohachi.com/>

Hachi finds the smartest way for you to connect with any one you want to. It uses the most powerful matrix in your life. Your social circle! You've built relationships over the years - across organizations, schools, casual meetings, geographic locations - seemingly without much overlap. And these relationships / contacts are spread over your various social and professional networks - LinkedIn, Facebook, Outlook, Salesforce, Smartphone, Gmail, Twitter, IMs.. Now, imagine if this maze of contacts could actually be leveraged?

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If you could use your entire network of existing contacts to get to someone new? Any one new that you want to reach out to - for business, social or personal work. Hachi helps you do that. Hachi searches through all your professional and social networks to give you the smartest way to reach any one you want to. 'Smartest' is the key word here, because not only does Hachi give you all the possible paths to reach your target, but it also recommends the smartest of those paths, based on intelligence about you and your networks. It goes further to actually get you communicating with that target. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Finding People](#) Subject Tracer™.

Kwipoll - Simple Web Poll

<http://kwipoll.com/>

Kwipoll is a ridiculously simple polling app. Create a poll and share the link on any social media site or email. It's optimized for mobile and desktop so it looks great on any screen. There is zero registration. Each poll is open to voting for either 3 or 7 days. After that, only the results will be available for another 7 days. Once those 7 days have passed, the poll will be permanently deleted. Kwipoll does not ask for or collect any information about you. However, Kwipoll does set cookies which are necessary for the poll to work, those cookies expire when the poll expires. Also, Kwipoll uses analytics software to monitor its traffic. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

ASCII Code - The Extended ASCII Table

<http://www.ascii-code.com/>

ASCII stands for American Standard Code for Information Interchange. It's a 7-bit character code where every single bit represents a unique character. On this webpage you will find 8 bits, 256 characters, according to ISO 8859-1 and Microsoft® Windows Latin-1 increased characters, which is available in certain programs such as Microsoft Word. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Windows Hotkey / Shortcut Creator

<http://www.skynergy.com/hotkeyz.html>

You can work faster and more efficiently by using your keyboard instead of your mouse. HotKeyz is a keyboard utility that will boost your productivity and it is really great to use! HotKeyz lets you easily create and maintain a categorized list of your hotkeys. Each hotkey, a key combination on your keyboard, will launch a command. You decide which commands go with which hotkeys. Some of these commands are internal HotKeyz commands and the rest are Windows commands. HotKeyz will help you to manage repetitive tasks on your PC with speed and minimal effort. Why is it faster? The conventional way to open a program on your PC is by pointing your mouse to the Window start button, clicking on the Start button, then you will click on All Programs, your eyes must first look and search for your program icon, then you must click on it and only then it will be the program be launched. Using your mouse like this takes time. With



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a hotkey you simply press the key combination you have defined for your program and HotKeyz will launch it immediately! The following commands are available at your finger tips: execute files / folders / programs, open a calendar, change case of selected text, start a countdown timer that can shutdown your PC, with minimal keystrokes execute any shortcut or file with keystroke launching, login to websites / programs, macro recording and playback, execute multiple commands with only one hotkey, paste text or the current date / time into any control, remap your keyboard, show / hide HotKeyz, open any Control Panel item, show / hide your desktop icons or your taskbar, open my computer / recycle bin, empty your recycle bin without opening it, close / maximize / minimize / hide / unhide / set stay on top any program window, compose a new e-mail even if your email program is closed, dialup connect / disconnect, launch any website in internet explorer / firefox, lock your workstation, switch your monitor off, start your screensaver, change your desktop wallpaper, open / close your cd / dvd drives, logoff / shutdown / power down / restart your PC, change your PC's volume up / down / mute, change the volume balance left / right, sound commands have an onscreen volume display. To make things even easier you can categorize all your hotkeys. You can also preview and then print all your hotkeys to have a hard copy as a quick reference guide. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Academic and Scholar Search Engines and Sources - An Annotated Link Compilation

<http://www.llrx.com/features/academicsearchsources.htm>

This new guide by research guru Marcus P. Zillman focuses on the latest and most significant academic and scholar search engines and sources. With the constant addition of new and pertinent information released online from every sector, it is very easy to experience information overload. A real asset in responding to the challenges of so much data is to apply techniques to identify and locate significant, reliable academic and scholarly information that resides in both the visible and invisible web. The following selected academic and scholar search engines and sources offer a wide range of actionable information retrieval and extraction sources to help you accomplish your research goals. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

FileXile - Stubborn File/Directory Deletion Tool

<http://sourceforge.net/projects/filexile/>

Simple program intended to delete and remove stubborn directories and files that cannot be removed by other means either because the path is too long, the name is invalid, or any of other errors that can be incurred upon file or directory deletion. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



DataLocker - The Convenience of Anywhere Data Access Without the Security Compromises

<http://www.appsense.com/labs/data-locker>

The explosive growth of personal cloud services like Dropbox sends a clear message that computer, tablet, and smartphone users greatly value synchronized data access across all of their devices. But many users struggle with the trade-offs between convenience and concern over the security of personal data stored in the cloud. DataLocker eliminates this concern by enabling users to easily encrypt sensitive information in their Dropbox account without sacrificing the convenience of anywhere access. The DataLocker suite, offered for free by AppSense Labs, includes native clients for Windows, Mac, iPhone, and iPad. The Windows and Mac clients are capable of encrypting and storing secure files in any local file system or cloud storage location, including Dropbox. The DataLocker iOS application stores files in Dropbox. (Additional storage options are planned in future versions of the iOS application.) No matter which of your devices you are using, with DataLocker your personal information will be both secure and easily accessible when you need it. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Booktype - Open Source Platform To Write and Publish Print and Digital Books

<http://www.sourcefabric.org/en/booktype/>

Booktype is a free, open source platform that produces beautiful, engaging books formatted for print, Amazon, iBooks and almost any ereader within minutes. Create books on your own or with others via an easy-to-use web interface. Build a community around your content with social tools and use the reach of mobile, tablet and ebook technology to engage new audiences. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Slide.ly - Instant Creation Social Videos

<http://www.slide.ly/>

Slide.ly is an instant and easy way to create social videos using your favorite photos and music and share it quickly with your friends on all popular social websites. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Project Insight - Project and Portfolio Management Software

<http://www.projectinsight.net/>

Project management software by Project Insight is the leading solution in the mid-market. Many high end portfolio and project management systems are overkill for many project teams. Most low end and free project management tools lack functionality for the more experienced project manager. Project Insight bridges savvy project managers, who require robust project management features, with team members that want an easy to use project management solution. The portfolio, project and resource management and collaboration features of Project Insight are second to none. With advanced functionality



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like intelligent scheduling, project managers can leverage task dependencies to shift tasks on schedules with minimal effort. For resource managers, their cross project resource allocation allows the balancing of work across all projects in the portfolio using drag and drop. Project team members know what to work on as tasks are distributed to their personalized portals in real-time. They are empowered to update their own activities and work with just a couple of clicks. Now project managers no longer have to run around asking for status updates! Projects and tasks are updated in real-time allowing management and executives to view project status with dashboards and reports. No more waiting for manual report updates. Set up is easy. If you know how to fill out a web form, you can set their software up within a day. Their project solution does not require a full time employee to manage the administration either. With robust permissions, administrators can control what team members see. Custom fields and forms may be added rapidly without any programming, but if you would like to integrate or extend the software, they offer software development tools like their SDK and Web Services APIs. Project Insight offers project teams the flexibility they need. The software may be managed by them hosted in Level 3 data center facilities (SaaS), or may be installed on premise or in your preferred data center or cloud computing provider. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Influence Explorer

<http://influenceexplorer.com/>

Influence Explorer is a project of Sunlight Labs, the technology arm of the Sunlight Foundation. Our data is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, the National Institute for Money in State Politics, Taxpayers for Common Sense, the Project On Government Oversight, the EPA and USASpending.gov. For more information on how we use this data, see our campaign finance, lobbying, lobbyist bundling, earmarks, federal spending and EPA ECHO methodology pages. Influence Explorer provides an overview of campaign finance, lobbying, earmark, contractor misconduct and federal spending data. To search the underlying records or download the data in bulk, visit the Data section of Influence Explorer. To see when each data source was last updated, see the data changelog. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [New Economy Analytics, Resources and Alerts](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

KanBan2Go -The Art of Getting Things Done

<https://kanban2go.com/>

Our mission is to help you get the right things done. We bring the power of visualization and simplicity to help you get organized, manage your tasks and empower you to get things done. kanban2go is one of a series of experiments out of Simple Idea Labs. We love what we do and hope you will too! kanban2go helps you collaborate with your family, friends, teams at work or just about anybody. You can sync your tasks with GCal®, iCal®, Outlook®, Evernote® and share your boards via email and Twitter®.



This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Research Blogs and the Discussion of Scholarly Information

<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0035869>

The research blog has become a popular mechanism for the quick discussion of scholarly information. However, unlike peer-reviewed journals, the characteristics of this form of scientific discourse are not well understood, for example in terms of the spread of blogger levels of education, gender and institutional affiliations. In this paper we fill this gap by analyzing a sample of blog posts discussing science via an aggregator called ResearchBlogging.org (RB). ResearchBlogging.org aggregates posts based on peer-reviewed research and allows bloggers to cite their sources in a scholarly manner. We studied the bloggers, blog posts and referenced journals of bloggers who posted at least 20 items. We found that RB bloggers show a preference for papers from high-impact journals and blog mostly about research in the life and behavioral sciences. The most frequently referenced journal sources in the sample were: Science, Nature, PNAS and PLoS One. Most of the bloggers in our sample had active Twitter accounts connected with their blogs, and at least 90% of these accounts connect to at least one other RB-related Twitter account. The average RB blogger in our sample is male, either a graduate student or has been awarded a PhD and blogs under his own name. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Updated> Business Intelligence Online Resources

<http://www.BIOOnlineResources.info/>

I have just updated my annotated white paper titled **Business Intelligence Online Resources** and it is now a 88 page (521KB) freely available .pdf document available from the above URL. Each source is described along with the URL address than can be accessed. Also a comprehensive Business Intelligence link compilation is included! This is a MUST for all doing business research and business intelligence using the Internet as well as for newbies!

Party Time - Documenting the Political Partying Circuit

<http://politicalpartytime.org/>

From the early hours of the morning until late in the evening, politicians are partying. Sunlight's PARTY TIME can help you find out who is partying, where and when. It's not all hearings, floor votes and constituent services for members of Congress. Virtually every day Congress is in session, lawmakers are fundraising, whether at breakfasts or barbecues, happy hours or concerts. Because of Sunlight Foundation's Party Time, which collects and categorizes invitations to these events, you can find out where the fundraisers are and (in some cases) who is expected to attend, often before they happen. Here you can view the array of invitations that are emailed and faxed by the dozen to lobbyists, Political Action Committee (PAC) representatives and others around Washington, D.C. and the country. Though these fundraisers vary from small receptions to lavish getaways, none are cheap. Attendees, who are often well-connected lobbyists, are asked to shell out

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thousands of dollars for a ticket. Sometimes, a lobbyist will play the role of fundraiser himself—by hosting an event and asking his network of friends and colleagues to attend. These invitations provide a treasure trove of information for citizen journalists, activists and others who are interested in following how money flows to candidates and lawmakers. You can use these as starting points to connect the dots between lobbyists, legislators, issues being lobbied and campaign money received. You can also add to our wealth of data by sending along any invitations you have come across, or commenting on a particular fundraising event. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

OpenSecrets.org - Center for Responsive Politics

<http://www.opensecrets.org/>

OpenSecrets.org is the nation's premier website tracking the influence of money on U.S. politics, and how that money affects policy and citizens' lives. The Center for Responsive Politics launched the website following the 1996 elections. Before that time, the Center, founded in 1983 by U.S. Sens. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Hugh Scott (R-Pa.), published its work tracking money in politics and its effect on elections and public policy in extensive reports and books. The first Open Secrets book, published in 1990, was a massive 1,300 pages and analyzed contributions by political action committees in the 1988 congressional elections. Featuring contributor profiles for every member of Congress, it was an unprecedented resource that illuminated money's role in congressional elections and policymaking. Open Secrets also profiled the spending patterns of interest groups and major industries, and included an extensive "Big Picture" section on the patterns of PAC spending and the flow of PAC dollars to each congressional committee. The second edition of Open Secrets, published in 1992, added an analysis of large individual donations — a mammoth task that had never before been attempted. The OpenSecrets.org website not only allowed the Center to expand its reach beyond those willing to invest in its voluminous and expensive publication, but also greatly accelerated the timing and depth of its analysis, making the Center's research more readily available to those making decisions about candidates, policy and the influence of money. For the 1998 elections, the Center produced online contribution profiles for every federal candidate well before Election Day. For the 2000 elections, the Center unveiled several new groundbreaking features on OpenSecrets.org, including detailed contribution profiles of more than 100 industries and special interest areas, fundraising breakdowns for federal party committees and analyses of contributions from special interests to members of specific congressional committees. Today, the Center has expanded the information it analyzes beyond just the Federal Election Commission's offerings on campaign finance. OpenSecrets.org has become a clearinghouse for data and analysis on multiple aspects of money in politics — the independent interest groups flooding politics with outside spending, federal lobbying, Washington's "revolving door", federal earmarks and the personal finances of members of Congress, the president and other officials. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject



Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

ShareFileVDR - Secure Virtual Data Room

<http://www.sharefile.com/virtual-data-room/>

A virtual data room from ShareFile allows you to easily control, share, and track your secure documents – it's your complete due diligence solution. Our web based virtual data room allows parties around the world to access documents easily and securely with complete audit trails. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

ePractice.eu

<http://www.epractice.eu/>

ePractice.eu is a portal created by the European Commission which offers a new service for the professional community of eGovernment, eInclusion and eHealth practitioners. It is an interactive initiative that empowers its users to discuss and influence open government, policy-making and the way in which public administrations operate and deliver services. ePractice.eu involves practitioners from all 27 Member States, EU-member candidate states and EFTA countries. Practitioners from other countries outside the EU are also welcome to join. The ePractice.eu portal combines online activities with frequent offline exchanges: workshops, face-to-face meetings and public presentations. With a large knowledge base of real-life case studies submitted by ePractice members from across Europe, ePractice.eu serves as a point of reference for all users. ePractice.eu is based on the inherently participative nature of web services: it goes beyond the "exchange cases" and facilitates the exchange of advice, experiences, events and stories. The portal enables users to: a) Share their real-life cases by publishing them on the site; b) Meet peers from across Europe and expand their professional networks by creating a personal profile; c) Learn from the experience of others, rate and comment on the published cases. ePractice.eu offers relevant content and insight in various areas of interest: 1) eParticipation; 2) Administrative burden; 3) Pan-European service; 4) High impact online portals; 5) Open Source and standardization; 6) Customer centricity; 7) Organizational change and leadership; 8) Service delivery; 9) Laws and regulations; 10) eInclusion; and 11) eHealth. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Backupify - Backup Your Data

<https://www.backupify.com/>

Backupify enables your company to benefit from cloud services while retaining control of your data. Features include: a) Backups are simple and automated; b) Data is restored to the application in minutes; and c) A secure second copy provides peace of mind. Backupify protects your web-based data from the most common causes of data loss: 1) User error; 2) Viruses, 3) Data corruption; and 4) Hacking or sabotage. Backupify's admin console makes backup administration easy, especially for large Google Apps



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domains: a) Setup takes less than five minutes; b) Data can be restored quickly with one mouse click; and c) Real-time monitoring keeps you up to speed on the health of your backups. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

ManualsLib - Search for Manuals Online

<http://www.manualslib.com/>

Looking for a manual online? ManualsLib is here to help you save time spent on searching. Their database consists of more than 700,000 pdf files and becomes bigger every day! Just enter the keywords in the search field and find what you are looking for! Search results include manual name, description, size and number of pages. You can either read manual online or download it to your computer. Moreover, documents can be shared on social networks. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Tutorial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Updated> Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators

<http://www.BotsBlogs.com/>

I have just updated my research white paper link compilation titled "Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators" which is now a 20 page research paper listing many resources both new and existing that will help anyone who is attempting to find information and knowledge research about bots, blogs and news aggregator tools currently available on the Internet. It is freely available as a .pdf (340KB) at the above link from the Virtual Private Library™ and authored by [Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A.](#) It was updated **June 12, 2012.**

Bolide® Free Slideshow Creator

<http://slideshow-creator.com/>

Have you ever thought of being a film director and making your own movie with nice sound tracks and special transition effects? You will fall in love with Slideshow Creator if you: a) got exciting photos and would like to revive sweet wedding/holiday/birthday party/ university memories, b) would like to make an impressive product presentation for your business partners; and c) got tired of uploading numerous photos to your website or Facebook page. With Bolide Slideshow Creator software you can make a video slide show using almost any photo file format, MP3/AAC/WMA/M4A/MP4/OGG audio, and save the video file as AVI, MKV or WMV with up to FullHD resolution! Your slideshow will look great on every modern TV. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Unrable - All You Need to Find Your Next Hire

<http://www.unrable.com/>

Unrable isn't regimented HR software or another take on the job board. It's an entirely new, and better, approach to hiring designed by people who've suffered through the same frustrations as most hiring managers. Simply put, Unrable makes hiring easier and here's



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how: a) It saves time by automating the core hiring tasks; b) It improves decision-making, replacing résumés with objective, measurable criteria; c) It ranks top candidates based on skills you decide are most valuable; d) It verifies claims through social networks, saving you from candidates who stretch the truth; and e) It improves collaboration by making it easy to include colleagues in the hiring process. This has been added to [Employment Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Updated> Bot and Intelligent Agent Research Resources On the Internet

<http://whitepapers.virtualprivatelibrary.net/Bot%20Research.pdf>

The above is the associated white paper link compilation of the [Bot Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog by [Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A.](#) It is a 20 page .pdf document 196KB. [Updated June 13, 2012] Other white papers are available by clicking [here](#).

USA.gov : Search for State Government Information

<http://www.usa.gov/>

USA.gov is the U.S. federal government's official web portal. USAgov's search engine searches 180,000,000+ federal and state government web pages. After initial search results, Advanced Search allows for keyword and phrase searching. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [Reference Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

State Law Resources : LII (Legal Information Institute, Cornell)

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/states/listing.html>

For each of the 50 states, links to state constitutions, statutes, regulations, judicial opinions, etc. This has been added to the tools section of Research Resources Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

The Pew Center on the States

<http://www.pewstates.org/>

The Pew Center on the States provides nonpartisan reporting and research, advocacy, and technical assistance to help states deliver better results and achieve long-term fiscal health by investing in programs that provide the strongest returns. They bring policy makers and experts together to develop solutions that are driven by facts, and conduct reporting and in-depth research across the 50 states and the District of Columbia, using evidence to determine which policies work and which do not. When the facts are clear, they and their partners advocate for practical reforms in areas such as elections, corrections, children's dental health, and voluntary home-based programs for new and expectant families. They help states turn proof into policy. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



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Iubenda - Privacy Policy Generator

<https://www.iubenda.com/>

Every website, including yours, needs a privacy policy. Iubenda is the most stylish and effective way to generate one. They will help you generate your privacy policy in just 3 steps. It takes only five minutes and you don't need any legal skills. It's as easy as that because their dev and legal team have already done most of the work, handling all the legal stuff. Your privacy policy is hosted on the cloud and is embedded into your website using a small code. Their privacy policy is a piece of design, usability and information architecture. This will be added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Animation Desk

<http://www.kdanmobile.com/en/animation-desk/>

Animation Desk is designed and developed for people whoever have interest to deliver their ideas by simply drawing with fingers. Friendly user interface and detailed built-in user guide allow users to adapt themselves to the animation creating conditions quickly. Creating brings accomplishment and sharing brings happiness. Animation Desk for iPad enables you to upload your animated works using the built-in submitting platform directly to YouTube, Facebook, and Youku. Imagine how great it could be to design an e-card with your own art works. Animation Desk now makes it possible for you to send your animated work as email attachment to wow your friends. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Qwiki - The Best Way To Share Anything

<http://www.qwiki.com/>

Qwiki is a technology company pioneering a new media format that combines the appeal of video with the interactivity of the web. Each "Qwiki" is easily created through a browser - enabling users to combine pictures, videos, infographics and their own voice into a beautiful, interactive presentation describing anything. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Updated> Online Research Tools White Paper URL Dataset Link Compilation

<http://www.OnlineResearchTools.info/>

This is one if not the most comprehensive white paper URL Dataset Link Compilation available on the Internet and is titled *Online Research Tools* by [Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A.](#) and has just been updated! It literally displays alphabetically listed URL Datasets of thousands of online research tools. These offer various downloadable as well as web applications to allow you to do your research and searching on the Internet far more effective and productive. It is now a freely available 241 page .pdf document (1.25MB) that can be downloaded from the above URL. Other white papers and resources on information retrieval, information extraction and deep web research by Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A. are available by clicking [here](#). The Online Research Tools White Paper Link Compilation was updated **June 16, 2012**.



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GLOBAL Excursion (Extended Curriculum for Science Infrastructure Online)

<http://www.globalexursion-project.eu/>

GLOBAL excursion (Extended Curriculum for Science Infrastructure Online) is a supporting action funded by the European Commission under the Research and Innovation Infrastructures programme of FP7. The project will develop a common understanding, teaching use cases, as well as pedagogical and technical artefacts. The aim of this project proposal is to provide young citizens and their educators (teachers, parents, etc.) across Europe with a range of e-Infrastructures and access to expert knowledge on its usage for a joyful exploration of e-Science through e-Infrastructure. Based on the experience from previous projects, we intend to target pupils between 14-18 years of age (upper stage school). Participating schools and science communicators will elaborate communication and teaching activities. The driving themes will be nano- and biotechnologies, as well as volunteer computing and life sciences with an interdisciplinary focus especially including ethical, legal and social aspects (ELSA). The main purpose of the GLOBAL excursion project is to enable students and teachers access to the experimental laboratories and resources of selected e-Infrastructures in order to improve science curricula by enriching school's existing teaching and learning materials. By connecting e-Infrastructures, resources and tools with schools, pupils can experience challenging and authentic learning scenarios. Thus, students gain insights in scientific real work and relive interest in natural science education. This has been added to [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Evaluation of Information Sources

<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/instruction/evaluation/evaluation00.html>

This tutorial is intended to give you a foundation in the evaluation of Information Sources. Once you find information, you need to evaluate it, to determine it's value with respect to your information needs. This tutorial is presented in two parts. Part I will discuss understanding what type of information source you have and Part II will cover the criteria by which you may evaluate an information source. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has been added to [Information Quality Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

July 2012 Zillman Column - Business Intelligence Resources On the Internet

http://Columns.VirtualPrivateLibrary.net/BIResources_July12_Column.pdf

<http://www.zillmancolumns.com/>

The July 2012 Zillman Column is now available and is titled **Business Intelligence Resources On the Internet**. In this July 2012 Zillman Column each business intelligence source is described along with the URL address than can be accessed. Also a comprehensive Business Intelligence URL DataSet Link Compilation is included! This Zillman Column is a MUST for all doing business research and business intelligence using the Internet as well as for newbies to business intelligence! It should be noted that I did a Zillman Column on business intelligence resources in May of 2006 with 25 pages. This July 2012 Zillman Column is a **record breaking** 92 pages!! Download this



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Goldfire® - Optimal Decision Engine

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Goldfire®, Invention Machine's award-winning Optimal Decision Engine, uniquely addresses the need for global enterprise connectivity. Goldfire connects personnel across the product lifecycle to the wealth of knowledge that lies inside and outside an organization - and to experts, intelligence and insights, enabling companies to: a) Generate innovative concepts for market-leading products; b) Identify new markets and partners; c) Get on-demand competitive and technology trends and analysis; d) Leverage internal corporate assets; e) Connect to relevant internal and external content; and f) Identify and connect to experts inside and outside the organization. With Goldfire, collaboration and productivity are improved and decision making is more informed, enabling companies to deliver superior, competitively differentiated products – in less time and at less cost. Available in two modules - Goldfire Innovator™ and Goldfire Connect™ – Goldfire offers select functionally serving all roles across the product lifecycle. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™.

The Search Monitor

<http://www.thesearchmonitor.com/>

The Search Monitor was founded by a group of search marketing enthusiasts. In 2003, they were part of the original team that pioneered KeywordMax, the first bid management tool to automate keyword bidding based on financial goals like CPA and ROI (now part of Digital River, Inc.). Their commitment is never to stop exploring new ways to automate information, intelligence, and work flow for sophisticated online marketers like you. They listen to their customers, they watch as the industry continues to evolve, and they adapt their solutions to best meet the needs of today with a look towards tomorrow. Many ASP solutions are rigid platforms responding in slow motion to customer requests. They are not like that. They are not afraid to customize their solutions to meet your needs. They are not scared to move quickly. If you'd like a special report or a new way to view data, just ask them. This has been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Updated> Accessibility Resources White Paper URL DataSet Link Compilation

<http://www.AccessibilityResources.info/>

I have just updated my white paper link compilation of the **Accessibility Resources** Subject Tracer™ Information Blog by Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A. It is a 18 page .pdf document 196KB. **[Updated June 19, 2012]** Other white papers are available by clicking [here](#).



Udacity - New Kind of Learning Experience

<http://www.udacity.com/>

Udacity is a totally new kind of learning experience. You learn by solving challenging problems and pursuing udacious projects with world-renowned university instructors (not by watching long, boring lectures). At Udacity, they put you, the student at the center of the universe. Udacity classes will make you sweat. Passing a Udacity class is as demanding as passing a university-level class. But you will have a lot of fun along the way as you learn new skills and interact with amazing instructors and peers. In return for your hard work, Udacity offers a range of certification options that are recognized by major technology companies who are actively recruiting from the Udacity student body. Join the hundreds of thousands of Udacity students who have already been empowered by this new form of learning. This will be added to [Tutorial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Academic Earth - A World-Class Education for Everyone on Earth

<http://www.academicearth.org/>

Offering free online classes and in-depth online learning, Academic Earth brings courses online so everyone can receive a world-class education from the world's leading scholars without being restricted by physical boundaries. We focus on providing a user-friendly educational ecosystem where you can easily navigate through the free online courses to find the exact online class video to watch, interact with and gain knowledge from. With all the available classes online, why are we the top provider of education online? It is because we pair up with top national universities to bring you the top lectures in a variety of subjects in an online community that makes learning from online classes easier and more successful for everyone. This will be added to [Tutorial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™.

Updated> Agriculture Resources

<http://www.AgricultureResources.info/>

The white paper link compilation of the [Agriculture Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ information resource by [Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A.](#) has been just updated and is a 24 page .pdf document 226KB. [Updated June 20, 2012] Other white papers are available by clicking [here](#).

NimbleSchedule - Easy Employee Scheduling

<http://www.nimbleschedule.com/>

NimbleSchedule enables businesses to schedule employees across multiple locations and timezones easily from anywhere. Features include: a) Simplified Scheduling - NimbleSchedule shrinks an hours-long process into just minutes. By actively involving employees in the process, you boost morale and improve communication; b) Speedy Scheduling - NimbleSchedule is made for busy people. It's especially made for busy people who want anytime, anywhere access to a solution that's so easy to navigate almost every major task is reduced to a couple of clicks; c) Self-Service - NimbleSchedule takes your entire team by the hand and plugs them into the scheduling process. They'll handle time off requests, shift swap requests and more all on their own; d) No More Excuses - Advanced team communication tools that range from text messaging to email ensures



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you never have to hear that dreaded excuse again, “I didn’t know I was scheduled!”; and e) MimbleSchedule Mobile - Try their new web version of the app for your on-the-go employee scheduling needs. It works for iPhone and Android. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ .

SurveyLegend - Create a Picture Based Survey

<http://www.surveylegend.com/>

SurveyLegend is a survey tool that approaches things differently by focusing on relaying information visually, prioritizing user experience, sharing and ease of use. Surveys are answered by selecting between images instead of text. Sometimes we really need to aggregate answers to questions we have to make good choices in day to day affairs. To stick out and get results in the information saturated environment of today, you need to ask questions in a different way. The type of short, pertinent questions SurveyLegend is designed for help you to iteratively increase your knowledge, rather than putting all eggs in one basket. A fundamental acknowledgement of the Internet as a social environment in design and philosophy is a big part of what allows SurveyLegend to help you get the most out of your questions. Sharing your survey online, embedding it into your website or posting it to Facebook are all part of the natural flow of a modern survey, and their people friendly interface gives you the power to not only easily share but to adjust the look and feel of your survey, questionnaire or poll to fit in: without sacrificing functionality. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Entrepreneurial Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ .

Presentation: Past, Present and Future of Bots on the Internet Including the Fascinating Deep Web

Location: Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, Naples Princess, Port O Call Marina, 550 Port O Call Way, Naples, Florida

Date/Time: June 21, 2012 at 7:30AM

Marcus P. Zillman, M.S., A.M.H.A., Executive Director of the Virtual Private Library and eSolutions Architect, will offer an exciting fast paced presentation discussing the **Past, Present and Future of Bots on the Internet Including the Fascinating Deep Web**. You may be talking to one now called Siri or you may have visited a number of Zillman's sites covering bot research, chatterbots, artificial intelligence resources and lots more. Of course we will visit them all as well as review his complete 16th annual listing of ShoppingBots for your holiday shopping. Zillman created BotSpot - The Spot for All Bots and Intelligent Agents on the Net and was awarded the top 100 of all websites on the Internet by PC Magazine Shop With Your Bot Until You Drop!! He predicted 12



years ago that we will all be using our own Bot (Virtual Assistant) by 2012 - 2013 and it looks like it is all happening!! Truly exciting times!!

Resources for this presentation include:

GoogleBot Alerts

<http://google.com/alerts>

Bot Research

<http://www.BotResearch.info/>

ChatterBots

<http://www.ChatterBots.info/>

ShoppingBots and Online Shopping 2012

<http://www.ShoppingBots.info/>

Deep Web Research 2012

<http://www.DeepWeb.us/>

Artificial Intelligence Resources

<http://www.AIResources.info/>

Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators

<http://www.BotsBlogs.com/>

Smarter Bots

<http://www.SmarterBots.com/>

Entrepreneurial Resources

<http://www.EntrepreneurialResources.info/>

White Papers by Marcus P. Zillman

<http://www.WhitePapers.us/>

Marcus P. Zillman's Blog (14,000+ Postings)

<http://www.zillman.us/>

Zillman Monthly Columns

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User-generated Online Content 1: Overview, Current State and Context by *Pamela J McKenzie, Jacquelyn Burkell, Lola Wong, Caroline Whippey, Samuel E Trosow, and Michael B McNally*

<http://firstmonday.org/htbin/cgiwrap/bin/ojs/index.php/fm/article/view/3912>

Abstract:

This paper reviews a wide range of scholarly and popular literature to provide an overview of the current state of online user-generated content (UGC). We describe the UGC value chain, introduce three varieties of content (creative content, small-scale tools, and collaboratively-created content), and describe the factors unique to each variety. We then identify the common elements across varieties: motivations for content creation, mechanisms to support content creation and control content quality, and value creation. Throughout the article we identify the interrelationships between social and commercial forces on UGC creation and distribution.

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Biotechnology Resources

<http://www.BiotechnologyResources.info/>

Bot Research

<http://www.BotResearch.info/>

Business Intelligence Resources

<http://www.BIResources.info/>

ChatterBots

<http://www.ChatterBots.info/>

Data Mining Resources

<http://www.DataMiningResources.info/>

Deep Web Research

<http://www.DeepWebResearch.info/>

Directory Resources

<http://www.DirectoryResources.info/>

eCommerce Resources

<http://eCommerceResources.info/>

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<http://www.ElderResources.info/>

Employment Resources

<http://www.EmploymentResources.info/>

Entrepreneurial Resources

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Fact Checkers Directory

<http://www.FactCherckers.us/>

Financial Sources

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Finding People

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Grant Resources

<http://www.GrantResources.info/>

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<http://www.GreenFiles.info/>

Grid, Distributed and Cloud Computing Resources

<http://www.GridResources.info/>

Healthcare Resources

<http://www.HealthcareResources.info/>

Information Futures Markets

<http://www.InformationFutureMarkets.com/>

Information Quality Resources

<http://www.InformationQualityResources.info/>

International Trade Resources

<http://www.InternationalTradeResources.info/>

Internet Alerts

<http://www.InternetAlerts.info/>

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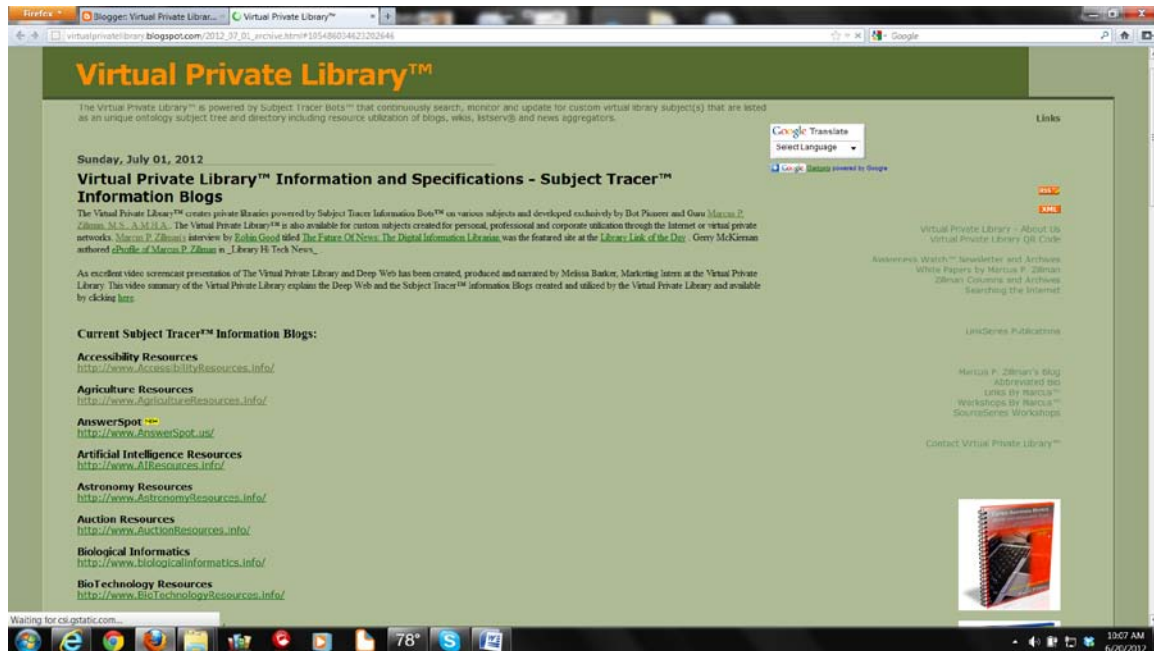


Figure 1: Virtual Private Library™

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