

Citation extraction

In this context, Google Scholar extracts references to all items indexed by the service. Items retrieved by Google Scholar will list the number of references located or extracted by the system.

Context sensitive help

Documentation for the particular feature that you are in the process of using.

Federated search

A search feature that will present just one search interface to the user and act as an intermediary to all the search features on the other information available through that interface (e.g., databases, documents, web pages, etc.).

Open access (publishing)

From the Association of Research Libraries, 2004, "Framing the Issue Open Access"

"Open access refers to works that are created with no expectation of direct monetary return and made available at no cost to the reader on the public Internet for purposes of education and research ..."

Search syntax

Refers to the specific 'grammar' of a programming language. Each program defines its own rules that control which words the computer understands, which combinations of words are meaningful, and what punctuation is necessary.

Proxy connection

In the simplest terms, a proxy connection creates an Internet authentication procedure for remote access to restricted resources.

Relevance algorithm

In this context, an algorithm is a set of specific steps (or rules) in a programming language. A relevance algorithm is a discrete sequence of steps used to determine the relevance of a particular item indexed by the system.

WorldCat

From the WorldCat Homepage at: <http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/>

"WorldCat is a worldwide union catalog of more than 57 million records created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions... it is the largest and most comprehensive database of its kind."