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Chapter 4 Summary

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Learning how to maximize use of any search engine will drastically change how quickly the information being looked for is retrieved. While I did not have previous knowledge of Google’s Advanced Search, I do see how it can be beneficial, especially when it comes to date filtering. I also had previous knowledge about blogs and wiki, but I did not recognize the term “news aggregation website” until reading this chapter. I have personally used Yahoo before, but was not aware it is considered a news aggregation website.

I was born in an age where I had an iPod with The Weather App installed by the time I actually cared what the weather was going to be. Even things such as school delays or closings, I remember being younger in middle school and waking up with the 6 o’clock news and waiting for the W’s to come across the screen. By the time I was in high school, I was able to just use our local news website on my iPod Touch and vigorously press the refresh button. I have also used job finder apps such as Indeed and LinkedIn to assist me with applying and searching for jobs. Even though I don’t always need these job finders to find the job itself, it is always helpful to be able to have your resume at your fingertips.

When it comes to using the Internet for medical advice, I agree with this chapter that there are both good and bad sides to that. While the Internet may be helpful for something like “how to properly clean a small cut”, it would not be most helpful for “how to stitch a stab wound.” While you will get results for both searches, I feel as though any invasive medical advice should come from a trained professional treating you directly. If you do not like what that doctor tells you, I feel you should resort to finding another doctor, not WebMD. I agree with this chapter that the Internet is more useful for medical preventative measures.

I have spent a lot of time on Zillow looking at homes for rent and for sale. Even if I am not planning on moving, I find it interesting to see available properties around the area and what they are going for. Online shopping is one of my biggest red flags. I love to online shop and have bought just about everything online before. From dinner subscriptions to Chewy orders for my cats, and the random 50 pack of garbage bags that auto ships from Amazon every few months because I forget to cancel, I would say I have extensive knowledge of online purchasing.

When it comes to copyright and intellectual property, those are both terms that I already had a general understanding of. Something new I learned was that a copyright is good for 95 years. I have knowledge about plagiarism and citing websites as well as periodical databases and online resources from doing research papers in school. However, I did not know about DOIs. This chapter has been a nice refresher, and it has also provided me with new knowledge.