

Internet Jargon & Usage.



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1. Overview:

Published description:

"Discussion of Internet jargon and usage, including recommended "dos" and "don'ts", sources of online information, and how a usage sheet can help with preparation of Web pages. Lecture/demo format. Prerequisite(s): Experience in Web browsing."

Support statement:

Computing & Information Services offers consulting support on general Internet usage and on the Netscape browser. There is no supported glossary or style sheet at this time.

Goals:

- To identify online dictionary, glossary, and style resources.
- To think in terms of relevant and irrelevant jargon.
- To understand the usefulness of a traditional style sheet in Web publishing.
- To consider how to cite online documents and resources.

2. Jargon.

- Developing a positive attitude toward jargon (versus slang).
 - serious terms (jargon)
 - units of measure
 - areas of usage: Internet, Microsoft applications, telecommunications, etc.
 - passing usage in the sub-culture (slang)
- Selecting a general online dictionary or glossary (or several).
 - The Free On-line Dictionary of Computing
 - Technology Glossary
 - The New Hacker's Dictionary
- Selecting a printed resource (or maybe not).

3. Style sheets.

- Tips on making your own.
- Content categories – examples.
 - ordinary words.
 - computer jargon.
 - company and product names

4. Citations to online materials.

- modified MLA recommendations.
 - e-mail messages and newsgroup postings
 - Web-pages and other URL-based resources
- other issues
 - availability of material over time?
 - duplication and integrity – what is authoritative and uncorrupted?

5. References.

On-line.

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Print.

Cyberspeak: An Online Dictionary,
 by *Andy Ihnatko.*
 [1996], paper, Random House, \$12.95, ISBN:0-67977095-X.

The New Hacker's Dictionary, 📌
 by *Eric S. Raymond.*
 [1996], paper, MIT Press, \$17.50, ISBN:0-26268092-0.

Wired Style: Principles of English Usage in the Digital Age,
 by *Constance Hale (ed.).*
 [1997], hard spiral, Hardwired, \$17.95, ISBN:1-888869-01-1.

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