The Google Advanced Search screen offers many options for limiting your searches, so you get a more focused result.

This explanation illustrates the use of the Domain option (black arrow). There are three areas that especially benefit from use of this option: educational materials, government resources, and Hawaii topics.

In the Find web pages that have... fields the search will look for both the singular and plural forms of the words typed there. To look for other forms of a word use the asterisk (*) as a truncation symbol.

Example: financ* retrieves both finance and financial
EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Perhaps you have noticed already that general search results often have a wide mixture of resources – some are worth using in a paper and some are useless. One way to focus a search on academic or scholarly materials from university or related educational sites is to run the search in the Domain field for edu. These results will usually be more acceptable Internet resources for your paper.

Put your search words in the appropriate Find web pages that have box(es). Then put edu in the Domain box (see arrow).

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES:

Governments at all levels produce useful research reports, statistical information, legal materials, and much more. Follow the search method above for educational materials, substituting gov for edu in the Domain box.

HAWAII TOPICS:

Research about Hawaii can often be difficult to find. Much of the information is written only in Hawaii – newspapers or magazines. Sometimes only the most current material is available at the local Web site of a publication. Google allows you to search older cached pages that are hidden.

Under Domain enter one of the following: staradvertiser.com OR bizjournals.com (Pacific Business News -- and include the word pacific together with your search words, because this company publishes other business newspapers).

Another useful site for information in local magazines and journals is the Hawaii Pacific Journal Index, created by the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hamilton Library. [http://hpji.lib.hawaii.edu] The Hawaiian Pacific Collection at Hamilton Library will have holdings for all publications found in this index.

GOOGLE SCHOLAR:

Google Scholar is a useful tool. Before you use this resource you will want to log-in to Pipeline, click on the library tab, and click on databases to open the database screen. Doing this will tell the computer that you are a HPU student. Now when you search Google Scholar you will get some links to full text available only through HPU Libraries. Keep in mind that some hyperlinks will take you directly to the database where you can directly view the article, other hyperlinks will give you other options including paying for additional access to scholarly material. Search Google Scholar with some caution. Quite often the results of a search via this tool will be links to good scholarly resources and may or may not be available for a fee -- the publishers want payment for access to their books or journals. Please remember that because HPU subscribes to a particular database or journal, the library may have purchased only limited access as some of the titles maybe available in print.

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