

Awareness Watch™ Newsletter

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Welcome to the V2N9 September 2004 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 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 will highlight two extremely important resources of current information: 1) **Internet Alerts**, and 2) **Internet Anti-Virus, AntiHoax, AntiMyth, AntiFraud, AntiChain Letter and Anti-Spam**. With the advent of cyber terrorism and constant attacks on the personal computer, these resources are a must read and bookmark to stay current in today's ever changing internet environment. These resources are constantly updated with Subject Tracer™ bots at the following URLs:

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

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



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INTERNET ALERTS

Current Advisories, Alerts and Warnings

Alerts for Journalists

http://powerreporting.com/category/Alerts_for_journalists

AVERT Alerts

<http://vil.nai.com/vil/content/alert.htm>

Attack Registry Intelligence Service

<http://aris.securityfocus.com/>

CDC Current Health-Related Hoaxes and Rumors

http://www.cdc.gov/hoax_rumors.htm

CDC Emergency Preparedness & Response Site

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

Clinical Alerts and Advisories

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/alerts/clinical_alerts.html

CodeAmber.org - The Web's Amber Alert System

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

Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center (CERT/CC) Current Activity

http://www.cert.org/current/current_activity.html

Current Internet Threat Level - ISS Security Center

<https://gtoc.iss.net/issEn/delivery/gtoc/index.jsp>

Current Space Weather

<http://sohowww.nascom.nasa.gov/spaceweather/>

Current Yahoo Full Coverage News

http://fullcoverage.yahoo.com/fc/Tech/Computer_Viruses/

DHS - Department of Homeland Security

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

Internet Hoaxes

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

FBI's Most Wanted - Crime Alert

<http://www.fbi.gov/mostwant/alert/alert.htm>



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Food Safety Alerts

<http://www.foodsafety.gov/~fsg/fsgnews.html>

National Infrastructure Protection Center (NIPC) Info Bulletins

<http://www.nipc.gov/index.html>

News Alerts via eMail

<http://www.journalismnet.com/choose/newsalerts.htm>

Recalls

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

Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/7alerts.html>

SANS Global Incident Analysis Center

<http://isc.incidents.org/>

Safety Alerts

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

Secunia Security Advisories and Alerts

<http://www.secunia.com/advisories/>

Spoof eMail Hoax Scams and Web Pages Alerts

<http://www.millersmiles.co.uk/>

Travel Warnings & Consular Information Sheets

http://travel.state.gov/travel_warnings.html

US-CERT - National Computer Emergency Response Team

<http://www.us-cert.gov/>

Worm Radar

<http://wormradar.com/>

xForce - World's #1 Resource for Computer Threats and Vulnerability

<http://xforce.iss.net/>



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<http://aris.securityfocus.com/>

CDC Current Health-Related Hoaxes and Rumors

http://www.cdc.gov/hoax_rumors.htm

CDC Emergency Preparedness & Response Site

<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/>

Computer Emergency Response Team Coordination Center (CERT/CC) Current Activity

http://www.cert.org/current/current_activity.html

Current Yahoo Full Coverage News

http://fullcoverage.yahoo.com/fc/Tech/Computer_Viruses/

Internet Alerts

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

SANS Global Incident Analysis Center

<http://isc.incidents.org/>

Secunia Security Advisories and Alerts

<http://www.secunia.com/advisories/>

US-CERT - National Computer Emergency Response Team

<http://www.us-cert.gov/>

Worm Radar

<http://wormradar.com/>

xForce - World's #1 Resource for Computer Threats and Vulnerability

<http://xforce.iss.net/>

AntiHoax and AntiVirus Sites

About.com Antivirus Resources

<http://antivirus.about.com/compute/antivirus/>AntiVirus



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Anti-Virus and Hoax Warnings Page from Data Fellows

<http://www.datafellows.com/news/hoax.htm>

AntiVirus Research and Scientific Papers from IBM Research

<http://www.research.ibm.com/antivirus/SciPapers.htm>

Anti-Virus.com Information

<http://www.anti-virus.com/>

Doug Muth's Anti-Virus Help Page

<http://www.claws-and-paws.com/virus/>

Eddy Willems Free Anti-Virus Consultancy Comprehensive List

<http://users.pandora.be/wavci/>

Handling Internet Hoaxes from the Institute for the Investigation of Irregular Internet Phenomena

<http://www.setileague.org/otherweb/hoaxes.htm>

Hoaxbusters

<http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/HoaxBustersHome.html>

Hoax du Jour

<http://www.korova.com/virus/hoax.htm>

Hoax Encyclopedia

<http://antivirus.about.com/library/blenhoax.htm>

HoaxKill

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

Hoax Viruses

<http://vil.mcafee.com/hoax.asp>

Hoax Warnings from DataFellows

<http://www.datafellows.com/news/hoax/>

Hoax Warnings from F-Secure

<http://www.f-secure.com/virus-info/hoax/>

Hoaxes and Scares

<http://www.sophos.com/virusinfo/hoaxes/>

Hoaxes Archives from the Electronic Frontier Foundation

http://www.eff.org/Net_culture/Folklore/Hoaxes/



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Hype or Hot

<http://www.trusecure.com/knowledge/hypeorhot/>

Identifying Hoaxes

<http://www.philb.com/hoaxes.htm>

Indiana University Knowledge Base Virus Hoaxes

<http://kb.indiana.edu/data/afjv.html>

Internet Hoax Watch

<http://www.healthcentral.com/Centers/OneCenter.cfm?Center=Internet%5FHoax%5FWatch>

Library of Spoof, Forged, Bogus and Hoax eMail Scams and Web Pages or Sites

<http://www.millersmiles.co.uk/identitytheft/spoof-email-and-spoof-web-page-library.htm>

Lies, Damn Lies and ICQ Messages

<http://diamond-back.com/icqlies.html>

McAfee Hoaxes

<http://vil.nai.com/VIL/hoaxes.asp>

Purportal.com - The Bunk Stops Here

<http://purportal.com/index.php>

Symantec Security Response Hoax Page

<http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/hoax.html>

Stiller Research Virus Hoax News

<http://www.stiller.com/hoaxes.htm>

Spyware Warrior

<http://netrn.net/spywareblog>

The Antivirus Defense-in-Depth Guide

http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/guidance/avdind_0.msp

The Real Truth

<http://home.cfl.rr.com/realtruth/>

Trend Micro Hoax Encyclopedia

<http://www.trendmicro.com/vinfo/hoaxes/hoax.asp>

Truth or Fiction

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



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US-CERT Computer Virus Resources

http://www.us-cert.gov/other_sources/viruses.html

Virus Bulletin - Hoaxes

<http://www.virusbtn.com/resources/hoaxes/>

Virus Busters

<http://www.itd.umich.edu/virusbusters/>

Virus Encyclopedia AVP

<http://www.avp.ch/avpve/>

Virus Hoax Busters

<http://www.stockhelp.net/virus.html>

Virus-L comp.virus Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.faqs.org/faqs/computer-virus/faq/>

vMyths.com

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

AntiMyth Sites

Computer Virus Myths Home Page

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

The AFU and Urban Legends Archive

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

Urban Legend Combat Kit

<http://netsquirrel.com/combatkit/>

Urban Legends and Folklore from About.com

<http://urbanlegends.about.com/>

Urban Legends Reference Pages

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

AntiFraud Sites

Anti-Phishing Working Group

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



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Better Business Bureau

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

Consumer Action Website

<http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/crh/respref.htm>

Crimes of Persuasion: Telemarketing and Investment Frauds

<http://www.crimes-of-persuasion.com/>

CyberCrime

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

Cyber Criminals Most Wanted

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

CyberFraud and Internet Fraud

<http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/cyberfraud.htm>

Direct Fraud

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

Fair Credit Billing

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/credit/fcb.htm>

Federal Trade Commission - eCommerce and the Internet

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menu-internet.htm>

Fraud Bureau

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

Identity Theft

<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>

Identity Theft Resources Center

<http://www.idtheftcenter.org/local.shtml>

Internet Detective

<http://sosig.ac.uk/desire/internet-detective.html>

Internet Fraud

<http://www.internetfraud.usdoj.gov/>

Internet Fraud Complaint Center

<http://www1.ifccfbi.gov/index.asp>



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Internet Fraud: How to Avoid Internet Investment Scams

<http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/cyberfraud.htm>

Internet ScamBusters

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

Internet Scams

<http://www.internet scams.info/>

Jerkz.com Public Awareness Project

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

Links to Consumer Information Resources

<http://consumer.net/linkscon.asp>

National Fraud Information Center

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

NetScalped.com

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

Quack Watch

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

RipOffs.org - Complaints

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

ScamHound

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

SEC Investor Fraud Warnings

<http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/cyberfraud.htm>

Spoof eMail Hoax Scams and Web Pages

<http://www.millersmiles.co.uk/>

U.S. Consumer Gateway: Your Money

<http://www.consumer.gov/yourmoney.htm>

Virtual Feedback

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

Where to Complain About Frauds and Scams

<http://www.elsop.com/wrc/complain.htm>



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WebAssured.com

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

WiredSafety

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

WorldWide Scam Network

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

Zone Patrol

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

AntiChain Letter Sites

Chain Letters on the Internet

<http://athos.rutgers.edu/~watrous/chain-letters.html>

Internet Chain Letters from Computer Incident Advisory Capability

<http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/>

Anti-SPAM Sites

alt.spam FAQ

<http://www.cs.uu.nl/wais/html/na-dir/net-abuse-faq/spam-faq.html>

Anti-Spam Solutions and Security, Part 2 by Dr. Neal Krawetz

<http://securityfocus.com/infocus/1766>

Ban Spam

<http://banspam.javawoman.com/index.html>

BrightMail

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

Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email (CAUCE)

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

Consumer Information Organization's ConsumerNet

<http://consumer.net/>

Council for Responsible E-mail (CRE) - Association for Interactive Marketing (AIM)

<http://www.interactivehq.org/councils/CRE/>



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E-Mail Spamming Countermeasures
<http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/bulletins/i-005c.shtml>

Fight Spam on the Internet
<http://spam.abuse.net/>

Junk eMail Resource Page
<http://www.junkemail.org/>

Mail Abuse Prevention System
<http://www.mail-abuse.org/>

SamSpade
<http://www.samspade.org/>

SpamArchive
<http://www.spamarchive.org/>

SpamBot Beware
<http://www.turnstep.com/Spambot/>

SpamBully
<http://www.spambully.com/>

SpamButcher
<http://www.spambutcher.com/>

SpamCop
<http://spamcop.net/>

Spam Laws
<http://www.spamlaws.com/>

SPAMfighter
<http://www.spamfighter.com/>

SpamFighter
<http://www.spamfighter.org/>

Spam Laws
<http://www.spamlaws.com/>

spamNEWS
<http://petemoss.com/spam/>



StopSpam.org

<http://www.stopspam.org/suespammers.org>

UXN Spam Combat

<http://combat.uxn.com/index.html>

Zero Spam Network

<http://www.0spam.net/>

Anti-Vandal, Computer and Network Security Resources

BigFix

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

BugNet The World's Leading Supplier of PC Bug Fixes

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

Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Security

<http://www.cerias.purdue.edu/>

Computer Cops

<http://www.computercops.biz/>

CyberNotes

<http://www.nipc.gov/cybernotes/cybernotes.htm>

The Security Assurance Company

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

UK Information Security

<http://www.uk-information-security.co.uk/>

Articles and Papers

Fraud and Deception on the Internet

<http://marylaine.com/lies.html>

FYI 28 Netiquette Guidelines

<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/fyi/fyi28.html>

FYI35 - Don't Spew

<http://www.faqs.org/rfcs/fyi/fyi35.html>



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Internet Web Hosting Scams and "Free" Hosting Ripoffs by Lori Eldridge
<http://www.loriswebs.com/internethostingscams.html>

Netiquette Home Page
<http://www.fau.edu/netiquette/net/netiquette.html>

Mailing List Manners 101
<http://db.tidbits.com/getbits.acgi?tbart=05386>

Netiquette Home Page from Albion.com
<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/>

Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT®) Alerts

CERT® - Coordination Center Alerts
<http://www.cert.org/nav/alerts.html>

CERT®/CC - Incident Notes
http://www.cert.org/incident_notes/

US-CERT - National Computer Emergency Response Team
<http://www.us-cert.gov/>

Government and Non-for-Profit Resources

Computer Crime Research Center
<http://www.crime-research.org/>

Computer Incident Advisory Capability
<http://ciac.llnl.gov/ciac/>

Federal Computer Incident Response Capability
<http://www.fedcirc.gov/>

Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams
<http://www.first.org/>

National Infrastructure Protection Center
<http://www.nipc.gov/>

The Wildlist Organization
<http://www.wildlist.org/>



WiredSafety

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

Libraries

Comprehensive Virus Resources

<http://www.edi-information.com/html/virus2.html>

eCommerce Criminology

http://www.edi-information.com/html/ec_criminology.html

eCommerce Fraud

http://www.edi-information.com/html/ec_fraud.html

eCommerce Law

http://www.edi-information.com/html/ec_law.html

Think Tank Organizations

http://www.edi-information.com/html/think_tanks.html

Awareness Watch™ Spotters

The Privacy Place

<http://theprivacyplace.org/>

The Privacy Place is committed to disseminating information in the form of research results and relevant technical privacy developments in an effort to aid policy makers, software developers and American citizens. The Privacy Place is staffed by a interdisciplinary team of researchers at North Carolina State University's Computer Science and Business Management departments as well as the Georgia Tech College of Computing, the Purdue University Computer Science Department and the University of Lugano Communication Sciences department. This has been added to [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

BlinkX

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

BlinkX changes the way you find and access all kinds of information, from anywhere in the world, without having to search endlessly. blinkx rapidly links you with the information you need from the web, from online news sources and files on your own PC. And you have to do nothing! Whenever you browse a website, read a news story, check your e-mail or write a document, blinkx automatically delivers suggestions from the



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Web, news or your local files; which you can view by simply clicking the links or rolling over to get a summary of the information found. If you want to search, blinkx understands your question and presents you with links as you search. This will be added to the search engines section of all the [Internet MiniGuides](#).

Spurl

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

Spurl is a free online bookmark service with many additional benefits ... Save it With one click Spurl saves the interesting things you find on the web, storing not only the link, but the entire page contents for later re-viewing ... Search it Spurl allows you to easily search through the entire content of all the pages you've ever "spurled" ... Share it By tapping into the user community, Spurl can recommend pages that you are likely to be interested in, and the New and Hot spurls give a unique and up to date view into what is happening on the Internet. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

DateDex - The Calendar Directory of Days, Dates and Events Worldwide

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

DateDex lists the event calendars of many of the worlds most influential organisations, countries, religions, sports, etc. ... where you can upload any 'event' to your Personal Information Manager (PIM) ... and then synchronise with your Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) if you have the necessary 'kit'. This has been added to [Reference Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [eCurrent Awareness Resources 2004-05](#).

NewsTrove

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

NewsTrove scours nearly 200,000 sites looking for news-worthy information and generates the RSS newsfeeds, which are read by a newsreader. NewsTrove has partnered with Pluck, a free RSS newsreader that plugs into your Internet Explorer browser to enable you to read the newsfeeds. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. It's the most popular way of syndicating news and information. Businesspeople, researchers, students, journalists, or anybody with an interest use RSS to receive up-to-the-minute news on their favorite subjects. This will be added to [eCurrent Awareness Resources 2004-05](#).

PartFinder Service

<http://www.techbriefs.com/partfinder>

[NTB's](#) PartFinder service -- powered by Digi-Key -- features over 400,000 electronic components from more than 280 leading manufacturers, complete with stock status and real-time pricing. This has been added to [ShoppingBots](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



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International Open Source Network (IOSN)

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

The International Open Source Network (IOSN) is a Center of Excellence for FOSS in the Asia-Pacific Region. It shapes its activities around Free/Open Source Software (FOSS) technologies and applications. Via a small secretariat, the IOSN is tasked specifically to facilitate and network FOSS advocates and human resources in the region. The vision is that developing countries in the Asia-Pacific Region can achieve rapid and sustained economic and social development by using affordable yet effective FOSS ICT solutions to bridge the digital divide.

Waypath Topic Streams - Search

<http://www.waypath.com/topic/search.html>

Waypath Topic Streams mine millions of weblogs for new posts on specific topics. This topic stream covers search engines, technologies and user experiences. This has been added to my [Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators Presentation](#) white paper.

PolicyBot

<http://www.heartland.org/policybot.cfm>

PolicyBot is the Internet's most extensive clearinghouse for the work of free-market think tanks, with more than 13,000 studies, commentaries and public policy documents from over 350 think tanks and advocacy groups. This has been added to [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Academic Resources 2004-05](#) Internet MiniGuide.

Intelligent Enterprise Research Library

<http://intelligententerprise.bitpipe.com/>

Looking for timely technical information to help you plan, deploy, and manage your strategic applications? Look no further than the Intelligent Enterprise Research Library. Here you can search and browse on all the latest vendor and analyst information. Then, sign up for the KnowledgeAlert e-mail service to automatically stay informed on the topics that interest you most. This has been added to [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Academic Resources 2004-05](#) Internet MiniGuide.

Search Engine Comparison Chart

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

Diana Botluk has updated her popular guide to search engine features and results display features. [[LLRX.com](http://www.llrx.com) for July 26, 2004]

Tek-Tips Forums

<http://www.tek-tips.com/>



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With 817,000 helpful members it's no wonder Tek-Tips is the largest IT community on the Internet today! Members contribute over 116,000 technical posts per month making Tek-Tips Forums the best source of peer-reviewed technical information on the Internet. This has been added to [Internet Experts](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. [[Net-Gold](#)]

CyberFiber

<http://www.cyberfiber.com>

CyberFiber is a unique tool that presents the thousands of newsgroups on the Internet in a directory format. Although the directory lists a broad range of topics, the subjects that may interest competitive intelligence professionals include: Business and Marketplace; Computers; Government; and Science & Technology. Once a user locates a category, CyberFiber provides access to a large collection of links to specific newsgroups. Each link prompts the user's browser to open the news reader application to peruse the countless number of postings that have been made since the group was created. This has been added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Competitive Intelligence Resources 2004-05](#) Internet MiniGuide.

NetNews Tracker

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

NetNews Tracker is a clipping service for Usenet newsgroups. It will search newsgroups twice daily for any phrases that you choose, then delivers any hits to you via e-mail. You can use it to monitor newsgroups for your name, company, product, URL, or any other topic of interest, and never miss any discussions on that subject. This has been added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer Information Blog. This will be added to [eCurrentAwareness Resources 2004-05](#).

Gizmodo - The Gadgets Weblog

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

Gizmodo is an online review dedicated to gadgets, gizmos, and cutting-edge consumer electronics. I jsut could not pass this one up for all the gadget lovers out there!!!

Understanding Metadata

<http://www.niso.org/standards/resources/UnderstandingMetadata.pdf>

NISO's newest publication is Understanding Metadata: a general introduction to metadata, that includes an overview of leading metadata contenders and examples of practical applications. You are invited to download Understanding Metadata as a free pdf. This has been added to the articles section of [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.



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The Antivirus Defense-in-Depth Guide

http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/guidance/avdind_0.msp

Although many organizations have deployed antivirus software, malicious software such as computer viruses, worms, and Trojan horses continue to infect computer systems around the world. There is no single reason for this apparent contradiction, but the current situation indicates that the standard approach of deploying antivirus software on each computer in your environment may not be sufficient.

The Antivirus Defense-in-Depth Guide provides an easy to understand overview of different types of malware, or malicious software, including information about the risks they pose, malware characteristics, means of replication, and payloads. The guide details considerations for planning and implementing a comprehensive antivirus defense for your organization, and provides information on defense-in-depth planning and related tools that you can use to help reduce your risk of infection. The final chapter of the guide provides a comprehensive methodology to help you quickly and effectively respond to and recover from malware outbreaks or incidents. This has been added to the anti-virus section of [Internet Hoaxes](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Genome Gateway

<http://www.nature.com/genomics>

The Genome Gateway provides access to the latest genome information -Genome Research and genetics news. This site has been "created to mark the publication of the initial sequencing and analysis of the human genome." Provides access to research articles which are arranged by organism for easy reference. Includes a "set of links to the most useful and informative genomics sites on the web". This has been added to [Biological Informatics](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Free Public Record Sites- BRB Publications

<http://www.brbpub.com/pubrecsites.asp>

At this web page, [BRB](#) provides a core group of links to FREE government searchable public records sites along with some important non-government sites. You will not find superfluous sites or multiple listings of the same link. We have indicated if a site is not searchable by name. The links list is updated weekly. This has been added to [Finding People](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This has also been added to [Business Intelligence Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Business Resources 2004-05](#) Internet MiniGuides.

BrainBoost™ - Question Answering Search Engine

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

BrainBoost is a Question Answering search engine. It was specifically designed to answer questions, asked in plain English. BrainBoost is 100% automated. Unlike other Question Answering engines, BrainBoost does not rely on human editors to locate



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answers. Instead, BrainBoost employs cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence technology to understand your question and match it with relevant answers it locates on the web. BrainBoost outputs actual sentences extracted from web pages. The BrainBoost engine determines that these sentences are potential answers to the original question. This has been added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer Information Blog. This will be added to the search engines section of all [Internet MiniGuides 2004-05](#).

ActivShopper - Comparative Shopping Tool

[Note: This is a beta site subject to change and fluctuations.]

<http://activshopper.com/>

ActivShopper is a browser add-on that automatically scans, locates and compares prices for an item you've selected at an e-commerce site. ActivShopper brings you the best price from thousands of web sites for any item you choose. If it is less expensive elsewhere, ActivShopper will find it. No more browsing of comparative shopping sites and trying to understand complex comparison tables. No more jumping from site to site in order to find the best prices. You get the best prices on your browser instantly. This has been added to [ShoppingBots](#) Subject Tracer Information Blog

The Free Haven Project

<http://www.freehaven.net/index.html>

The Free Haven Project aims to deploy a system for distributed, anonymous, persistent data storage which is robust against attempts by powerful adversaries to find and destroy any stored data. This model of decentralized system has been classified as peer-to-peer by recent popular media. The Free Haven project began in December 1999 as a research project initially comprised of several MIT students to design, implement, and deploy a functional data haven. This has been added to the [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog and the [Privacy Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to [Security Resources 2004-05](#) Internet MiniGuide.

Near-Time Flow

<http://www.near-time.com/>

Near-Time Flow is the first integrated peer to peer collaborative content and knowledge manager for individuals, groups, organizations, and enterprises using Mac OS X Panther. Flow's interface is intuitive and engaging, allowing you to begin creating, collecting, and integrating digital content immediately. With a powerful, standards-based peer-to-peer collaboration engine, Flow takes content sharing well beyond traditional publishing, email messaging, and shared folders. Flow affords real interaction through collective editing and context-driven discussion, keeping teams on the same page...literally. This has been added to the tools section of [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Virtual Data Center

<http://thedata.org/>



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The Virtual Data Center Project: An Operational Social Science Digital Data Library. An operational, open-source, digital library to enable the sharing of quantitative research data, and the development of distributed virtual collections of data and documentation. A joint project of the Harvard-MIT Data Center and the Harvard University Library Harvard. The Virtual Data Center (VDC) software is now in "Release Candidate" stage, and available for [download](#) as easy-to-install RPM's. This has been added to [Research Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Searching Using eMail

I can easily remember a number of years ago when using eMail to return your searches was one way around the slow modem speed. With the advent of DSL and cable we do not hear to much about searches being returned via eMail. The other day I was reading [ResearchBuzz](#) and noticed a posting by Tara on a search engine offering the results via eMail and I decided to check on other search engines that I had bookmarked in the years past. Here are the search engines that you can use that will return results via eMail and some will even allow you to email your search query and then respond with the search answer via eMail:

GoogleMail

<http://www.capescience.com/google/index.shtml>

IceRocket Search

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

ILIAD - An Offline Search Engine

<http://prime.jsc.nasa.gov/iliad/index.html>

Interesting how technology seems to return If anyone knows of other email based search engines please [email](#) me and I will add to this posting.

MindSwap

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

MindSwap is the website for a research group within the University of Maryland Information and Network Dynamics Laboratory (MIND LAB). They claim to be "the first site on the Semantic web." They explain that they are first because: a) their website builds on an older website that used a toolkit based on a web ontology language called SHOE, developed at the University of Maryland; b) they hope you will start here for all your semantic web needs, since this site "harnesses many Web technologies (HTML, XHTML, XML, PHP, CSS, etc.) and couples them with Semantic Web languages (RDF, RDFS, DAML+OIL, OWL)" as well as other tools; and, c) it is the first "Owl-compliant" website to date. From this website, visitors can learn more about the Semantic Web and projects of MindSwap. Various papers, photos, demos and downloads are available. Links from many of the pages will let you either let you see the Semantic Web markup or take you to pages describing how the pages are created and the



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tools that were used. It's a great way to learn about "many of the ways Semantic Web technology can be used to provide new capabilities on the Web. This has been added to the semantic web research section of [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Ask a Librarian - An Online Reference Service from the Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/>

The primary mission of the Library of Congress is to serve Members of the Congress and thereafter, the needs of the government, other libraries, and members of the public. The Library's staff will respond to reference and information requests in accordance with this mission. Correspondents are encouraged to use local and online resources. For those seeking further assistance from the Library of Congress, the staff will respond to their reference and information needs to the extent possible. Because the Library participates in a global network of librarians working electronically to answer questions, your online reference question may be submitted to this global network for reply. Please note that the scope of the services does not include: compilation of extensive bibliographies, requests for information connected with contests, completion of school or work assignments, translations or research in heraldry or family history. This has been added to [Reference Resources](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog. This will be added to the reference section of all the [2004-05 Internet MiniGuides](#).

StepUp - The Internet's Local Marketplace ShoppingBot

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

Our mission is to localize web shopping to help consumers instantly find products and book services near their current location, or if it is not available locally, to help the shopper purchase from a respectable business that will ship it promptly. We will make it easy for all businesses to leverage the web so they can prosper in localized commerce. StepUp.com is the Internet's local marketplace for the 30 million web shoppers in the U.S. that want to purchase locally. StepUp.com will offer the best web commerce services to businesses with physical stores, so that they can sell online and also drive shoppers to their physical locations. This will enable StepUp.com to help shoppers find all their web store and physical store shopping options. This has been added to [ShoppingBots](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

Biological and Chemical Terrorism Information for Healthcare Professionals by Rachelle Ramsey

<http://www.istl.org/04-winter/internet.html>

Healthcare providers need up-to-date, reliable information on the types of agents and diseases they could be faced with during any type of chemical or biological event. This webliography provides links to information on biological and chemical agents as well as current news of importance to the medical community. Included are resources for treatment of diseases caused by these weapons and links to information on the make-up of these agents. While bioterrorism has been the topic of recent webliographies ([Perkins](#)



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[2002](#), and [Hinegardner and May 2003](#)), those articles have concentrated on general resources. This weblibliography provides access to information about specific biological and chemical agents, and a more comprehensive list of general resources than the other publications." This has been added to [Biological Informatics](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

A Web Hub for Developing Administrative Metadata for Electronic Resource Management

<http://www.library.cornell.edu/cts/elicensestudy/>

A comprehensive resource covering reports, drafts, deliverables, projects and related initiatives for developing administrative metadata for electronic resource management. This has been added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer Information Blog.

Search Engines: Weblog Search Engines by Phil Bradley

<http://www.ariadne.ac.uk/issue36/search-engines/intro.html>

Another nice column by Phil listing some of the latest search engines for searching the rapidly expanding blogosphere. I posted an article a few days ago from the UK that stated there were over ten million blogs and growing at a rapid rate! Even if the number is less it still requires a good search engine to find out what you are looking for both on the web and on a blog! I also list a number of other searching entities for finding blogs in my latest white paper Bots, Blogs and News Aggregators by clicking [here](#).

The Flamenco Search Interface Project

<http://bailando.sims.berkeley.edu/flamenco.html>

The Flamenco search interface framework has the primary design goal of allowing users to move through large information spaces in a flexible manner without feeling lost. A key property of the interface is the explicit exposure of category metadata, guide the user toward possible choices, and to organize the results of keyword searches. The interface uses metadata in a manner that allows users to both refine and expand the current query, while maintaining a consistent representation of the collection's structure. This use of metadata is integrated with free-text search, allowing the user to follow links, then add search terms, then follow more links, without interrupting the interaction flow. This has been added to [Deep Web Research](#) Subject Tracer™ Information Blog.

September 2004 Zillman Column - Grid and Distributed Computing Resources on the Internet

<http://virtualprivatelibrary.blogspot.com/Grid>

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

The September 2004 Zillman Column is now available and is titled **Grid and Distributed Computing Resources on the Internet**. This September 2004 Zillman Column is a comprehensive listing of online grid resources, distributed computing resources, clusters, and parallel computing sites on the Internet. Download this excellent



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Awareness Watch™ Book Review

The Digital Dilemma: Intellectual Property in the Information Age

<http://www.nap.edu/catalog/9601.html>

Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in the Emerging Information Infrastructure,
National Research Council

Imagine sending a magazine article to 10 friends-making photocopies, putting them in envelopes, adding postage, and mailing them. Now consider how much easier it is to send that article to those 10 friends as an attachment to e-mail. Or to post the article on your own site on the World Wide Web.

The ease of modifying or copying digitized material and the proliferation of computer networking have raised fundamental questions about copyright and patent--intellectual property protections rooted in the U.S. Constitution. Hailed for quick and convenient access to a world of material, the Internet also poses serious economic issues for those who create and market that material. If people can so easily send music on the Internet for free, for example, who will pay for music?

This book presents the multiple facets of digitized intellectual property, defining terms, identifying key issues, and exploring alternatives. It follows the complex threads of law, business, incentives to creators, the American tradition of access to information, the international context, and the nature of human behavior. Technology is explored for its ability to transfer content and its potential to protect intellectual property rights. The book proposes research and policy recommendations as well as principles for policymaking. Published in 2000 this book still offers an excellent foundation for IP.



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

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

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

Information Futures Markets
<http://www.InformationFutureMarkets.com/>

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

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

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

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

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



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

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