

Jargon Busting

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Term used	Definition
ASSIA	Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts on the Web is an indexing and abstracting tool covering health, social services, psychology, sociology etc
BNI	British Nursing Index
Boolean Logic	A set of conventions to assist with putting together a successful search strategy when using the Internet. For a copy of the paper circulated at the course see: http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/Boolean.pdf
Cached image	A cache is a block of memory for temporary storage of data likely to be used again. When a web browser wishes to access data, it first checks the cache. If an entry can be found with a tag matching that of the desired data, the data in the entry is used instead. This often speeds up retrieval but can lead to the information not being as up to date as possible. Clicking the "refresh" button reloads the contents of a web page with the most current data.
Cinahl	Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature
Crawled website	A Web crawler is a computer program that browses the World Wide Web in a methodical, automated manner. Web crawlers are mainly used to create a copy of all the visited pages for later processing by a search engine that will index the downloaded pages to provide fast searches.
Ethos	Electronic Thesis Online Service from the BL See http://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do for more info
Fuzzy logic	A mathematical technique for dealing with imprecise data and problems that have many solutions rather than one. Although it is implemented in digital computers which ultimately make only yes-no decisions, fuzzy logic works with ranges of values, solving problems in a way that more resembles human logic. (A bit like predictive text!)
Grey Literature	Usually refers to material that is not formally published, such as institutional or technical reports, working papers, business documents, conference proceedings etc
IFM	The Integrated Fee Management (IFM) service, used by UnityUK, will enable credits and debits to be managed through OCLC invoicing. This will offer borrowing and lending

	libraries considerable time savings as service managers will no longer have to spend time collating their British Library claim report or checking their invoices.
OS maps- copyright	For further information see the OS website, in particular see: http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/business/copyright/library_terms.html
PubMed	PubMed is a service of the US National Library of Medicine that includes over 18 million citations from MEDLINE and other life science journals.
UnityUK	UnityUK is the UK's first and only national network for resource sharing. UnityUK brings together the union catalogues previously known as UnityWeb, LinkUK and RevealWeb into one single union catalogue. It can only be accessed by subscribers but the SW public libraries are moving towards adding their UnityUK data onto WorldCat which is publicly available.