

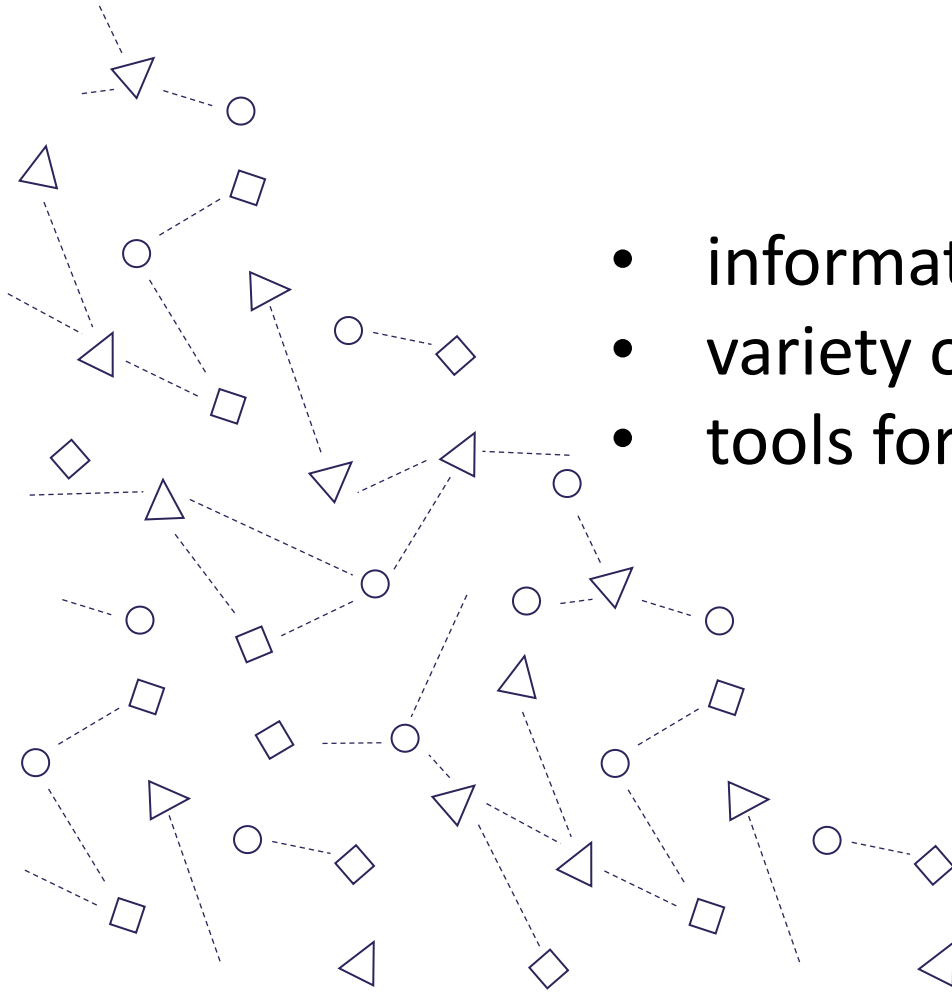


How to find resources for course paper/ final thesis?

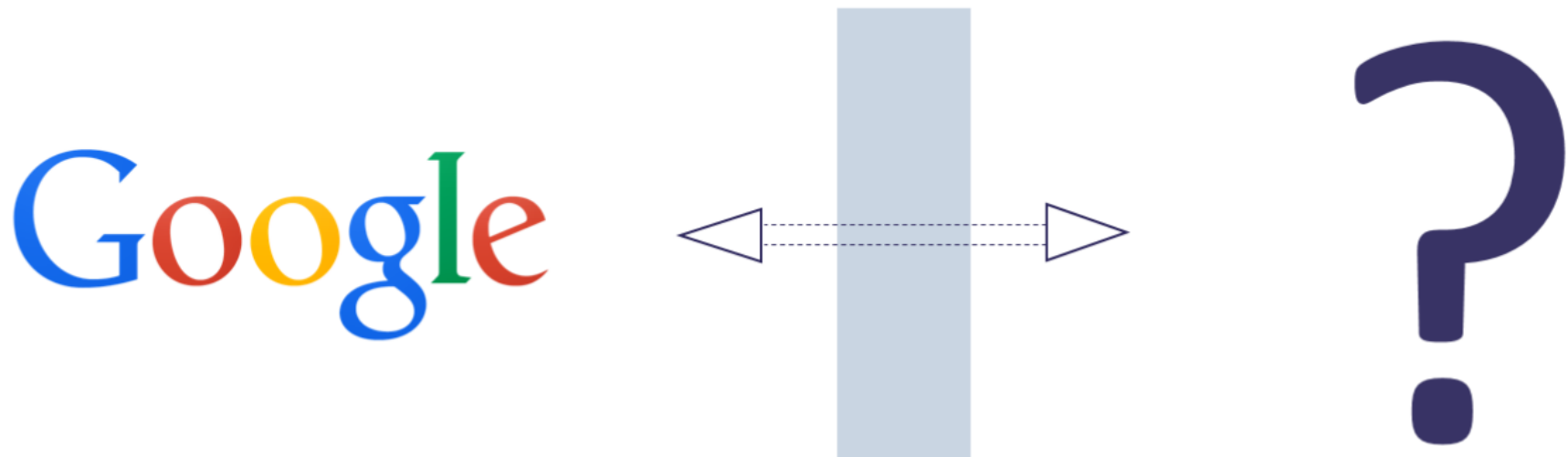


Outline:

- information search strategy;
- variety of information resources;
- tools for information search.



You have chosen your theme
topic.
Where should you start?



Information search plan

Evaluate the relevance of your search results:

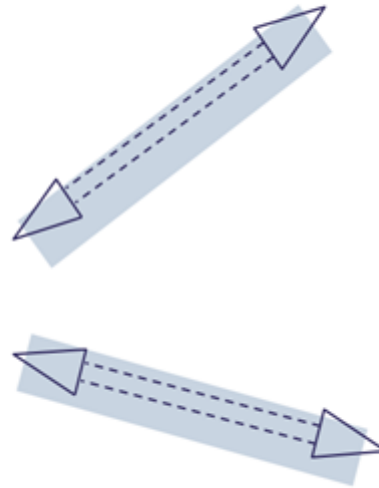
- if you are satisfied with quantity and variety of resources –use it;
- if you have not found enough information – change strategy and repeat search.

Think about your theme:

- the main information about the theme;
- information novelty;
- the most relevant information resources.

Create search strategy:

- key words, synonyms;
- think about the most appropriate search tools.



Identification of information needs

How recent should information be?

What type and what kind of information do you need?

What format of information do you need?

What languages will you use in your search?

How much information do you need?

How much time do you have for information search?

Keywords

- Identification of keywords is based on the topic and aspects related with the topic.
- Alternative terms, synonyms.
- Context is relevant while searching for information.

Subject thesaurus:

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[Thesaurus.com](#)

[UNESCO Thesaurus](#)

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[LiDA](#)

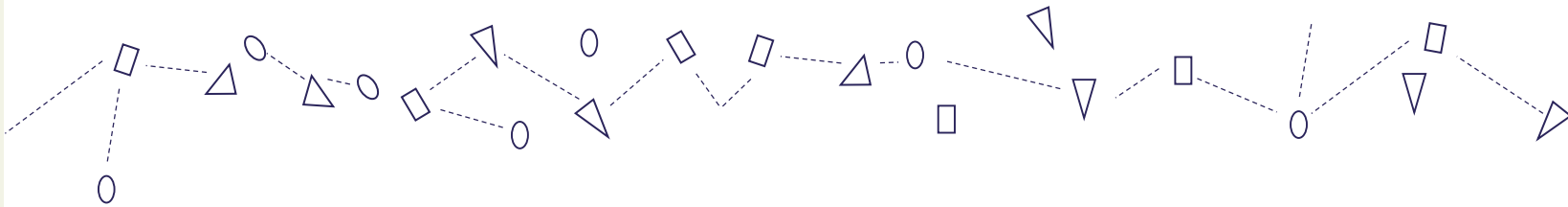
[Dictionary, Encyclopedia and Thesauru](#)



Boolean operators

When results are not enough : **AND** or **OR** when there are

too many results: **NOT**

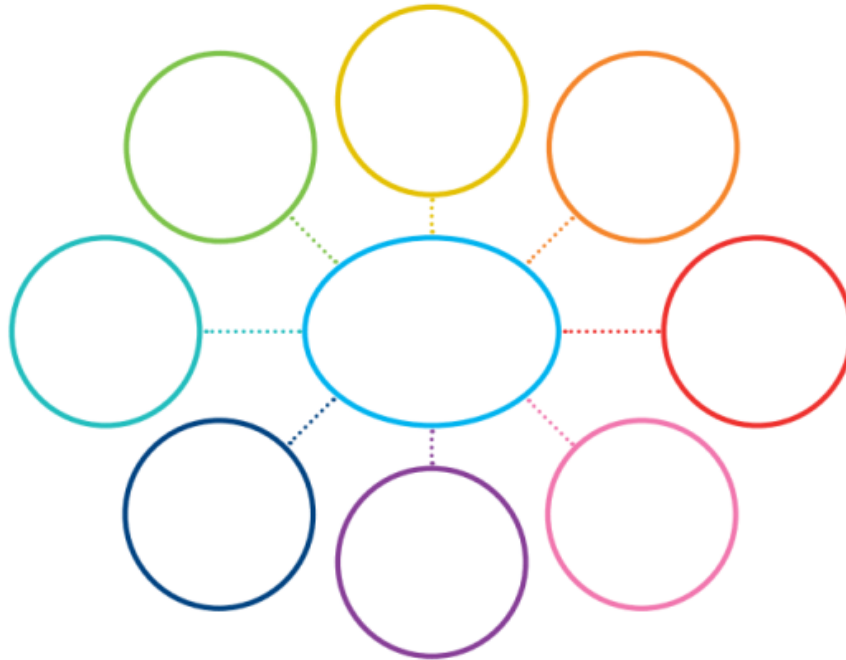


To specify search results „“ Instead of inflection use * or ?

Tips

- It is impossible to find **all** relevant information resources. It is very important to keep **balance** between quantity and quality.
- There is no right solution, best search tool or the only keyword. You can **change** your search strategy.
- Write down selected keywords, search tools, etc. **Save** the relevant documents and information about them and make notes.
- You can always **ask** a librarian for advice.

Mind map

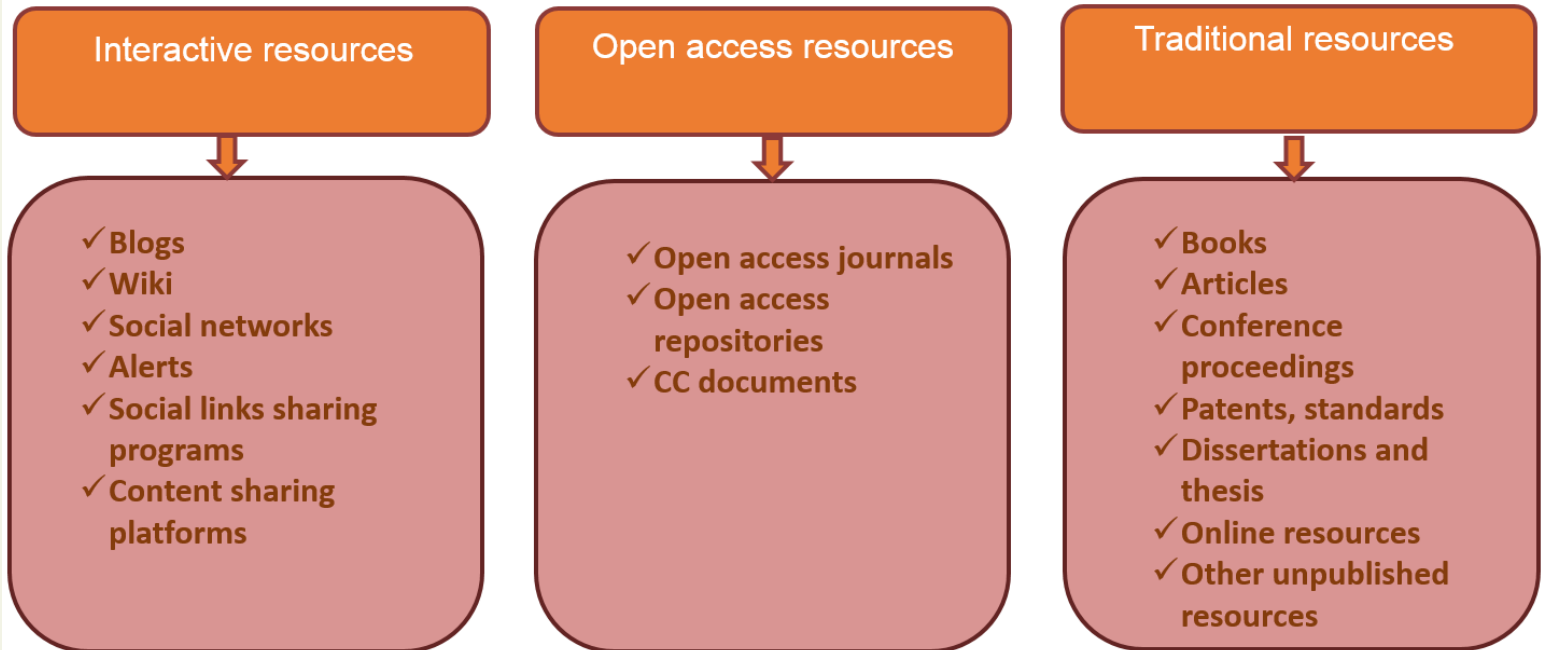


Mind mapping software tools:

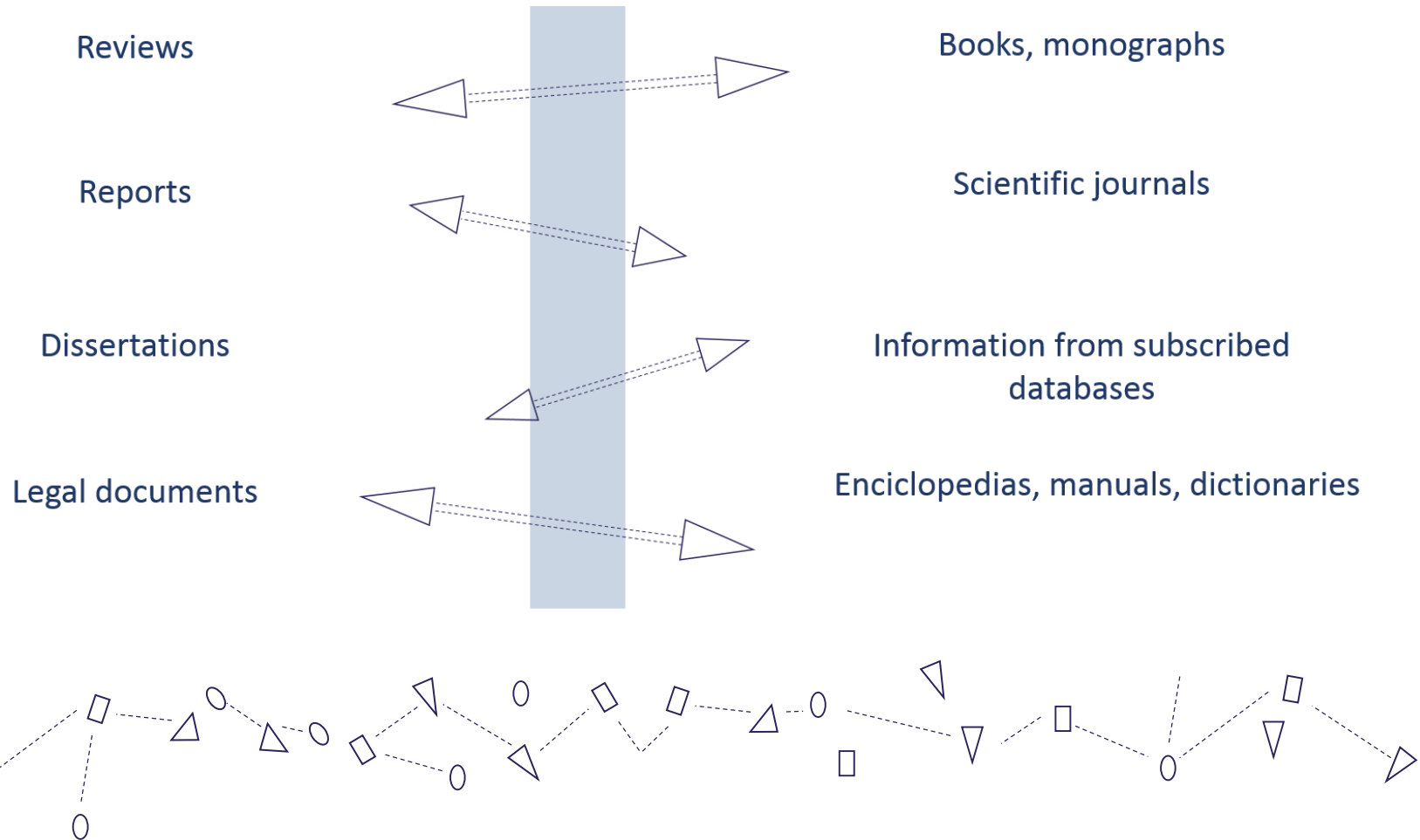
- [Coggle](#)
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Mind map helps to understand content, see connections among different objects, develop idea, theme, identify possible main concepts / search terms.

Variety of information resources



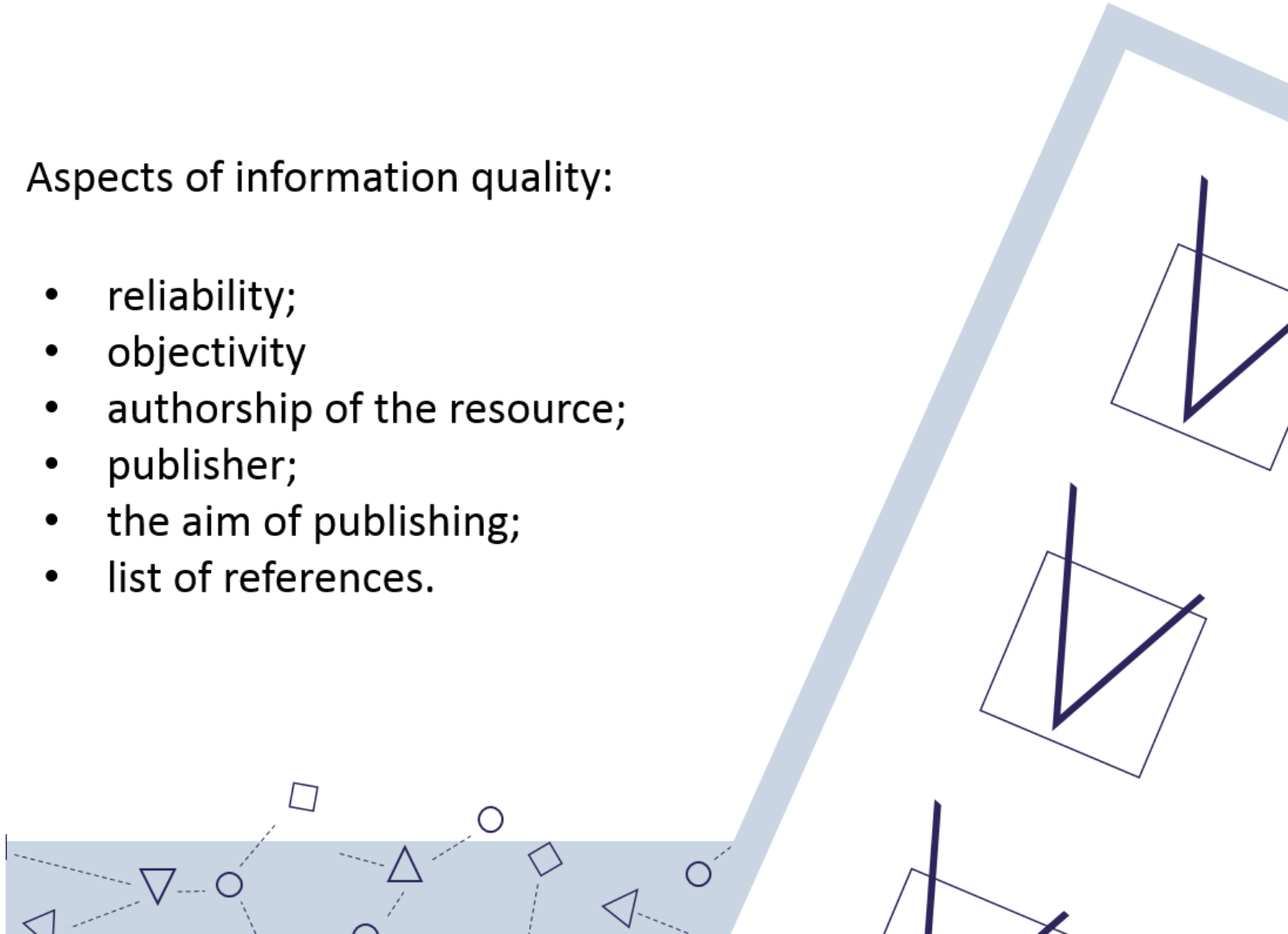
Which resources can be used?



Evaluation of search results

Aspects of information quality:

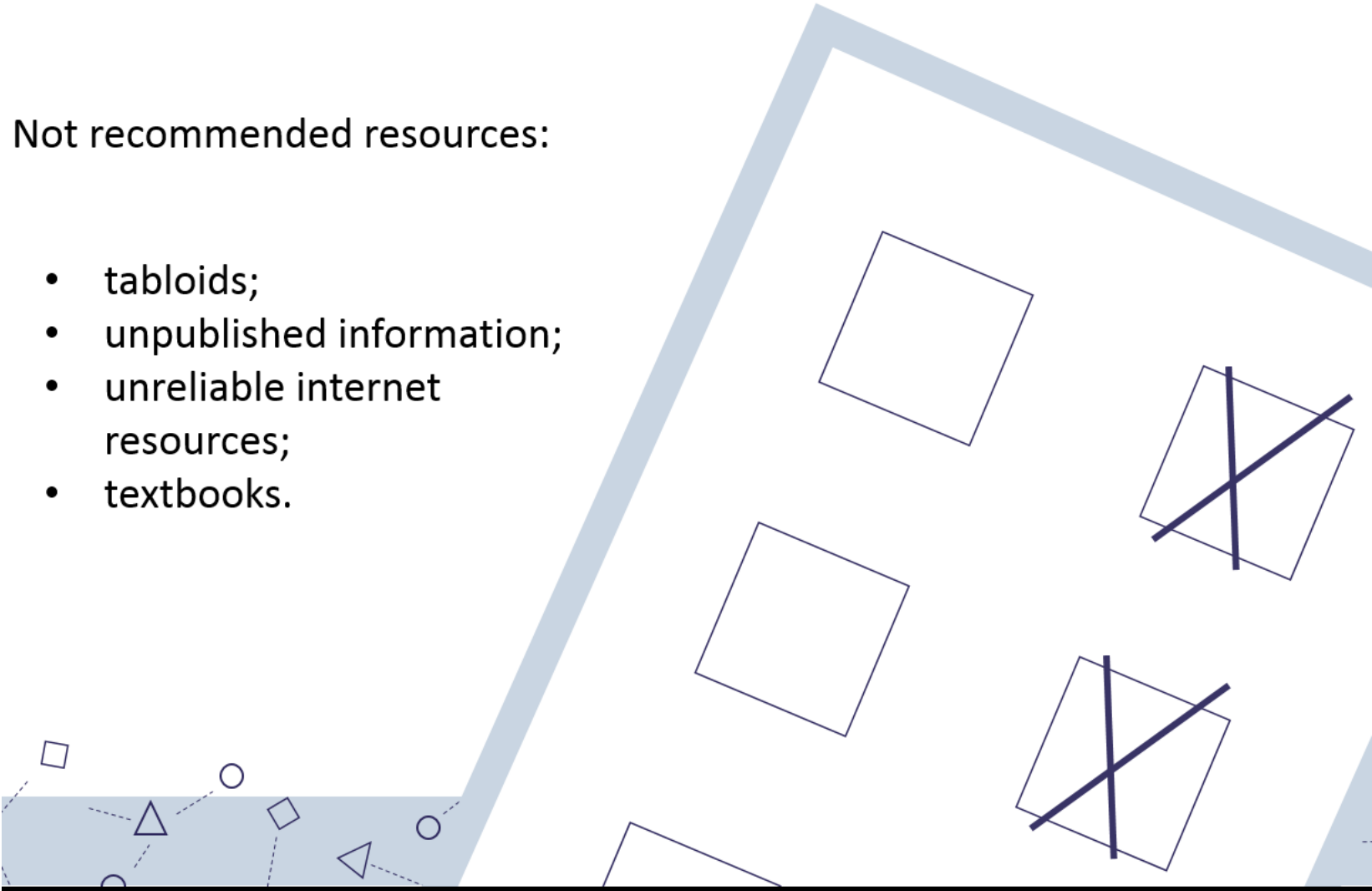
- reliability;
- objectivity
- authorship of the resource;
- publisher;
- the aim of publishing;
- list of references.



Evaluation of search results


Not recommended resources:


- tabloids;
- unpublished information;
- unreliable internet resources;
- textbooks.



Final thesis written by other students

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- Lietuvos mokslo ir studijų institucijų dėstytojų, mokslo darbuotojų ir studentų paskelbtų publikacijų;
- Lietuvos mokslo ir studijų institucijų tvirtinamų studijų baigiamųjų darbų, daktaro disertacijų ir jų santraukų, meno projektų tiriamųjų darbų (taip pat habilitacijos procedūrai teiktų mokslo darbų apžvalgų);
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- Mokslinių tyrimų pagrindų parengtas ir paskelbtas mokslo publikacijas ([publikacijų klasifikatorius](#));
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Ieškokite tik Jūsų institucijos ar bibliotekos informacijos išteklių:

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- Pasirinkite Jūsų [institucijos mokslo ir studijų dokumentų institucinę talpyklą](#).

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- [Search for documents](#)
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How to start information search?

Library suggests:



The diagram illustrates the process of starting an information search. At the top center, the text 'Library suggests:' is written. Three dashed arrows originate from this text and point to three separate light blue rectangular boxes arranged horizontally below it. The leftmost box contains the text 'KTU Library e-catalogue' in blue, underlined. The middle box contains the text 'Electronic resources (Subscribed databases)' in blue, underlined. The rightmost box contains the text 'KTU virtual library' in purple, underlined.

KTU Library e-catalogue

Electronic resources
(Subscribed databases)

KTU virtual library

SEARCH

Empty search string

Basic Search

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Type word or phrase

Field to search

Words adjacent? ☒ No ☐ Yes

Base to search

Limit search to:

Language Year from Year to

Document type Location


Any word
Any word
Title/serial
Author (person or corporate)
Name (author or other contributor)
Corporate (author or other contributor)
Place of publication
Publisher
Year of publishing
Subject (lit)
UDC
ISBN, ISSN, ISMN
Holdings cypher
System No
Barcode

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To add KTU VL address to your Favorites, use the short link vb.ktu.edu/en.

To search – sign in

Users who signed at KTU VB will be able:

- to book library items;
- assign a mark on the search results;
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- add search results to e-shelf;
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AIP: American Institute of Physics – Access provided to 6 subscribed peer-reviewed journals published by American Institute of Physics. [Journal list is here \(links to PDF files\)](#)

ACCESS TO DATABASES

The access to the subscribed databases is available through KTU computer networks. If you want to use the databases at home, you can choose among the following:



[VPN network](#) (Virtual Private Network) is a network service that allows KTU employees and students to log into University's computers. You can find information on how to install VPN [here](#). [Remote Access \(Ezproxy\)](#). Using remote access KTU members can log in using KTU user name and password. [KTU Virtual library](#).

INFORMATION FOR DATABASE USERS

Users are allowed

- Use electronic resources for studies or research without infringing on copyright laws.
- Use electronic resources (download/print/copy to an external hard drive) only for personal usage and in small quantities. In one session you can download no more than:
 - 2 articles from one issue of an electronic journal
 - 20 % of an electronic book.

Users are not allowed

- Use software that allows to download and save information on the computer.
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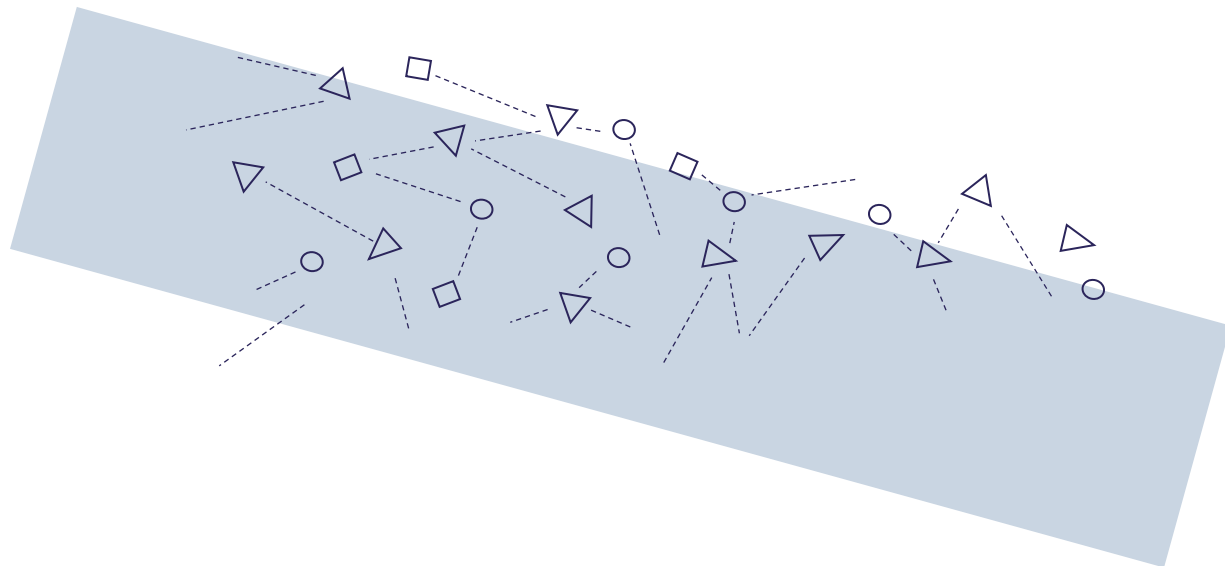
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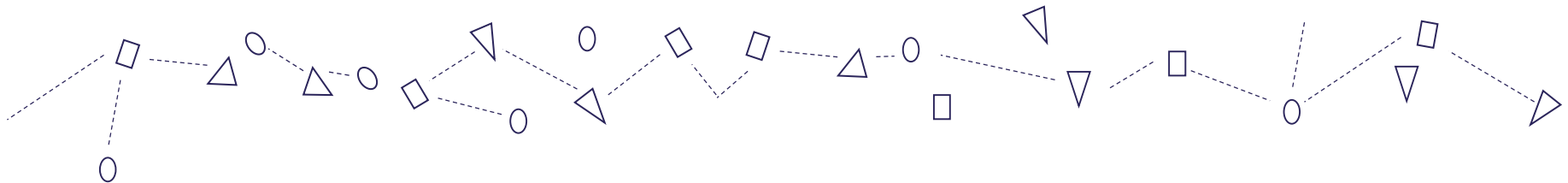
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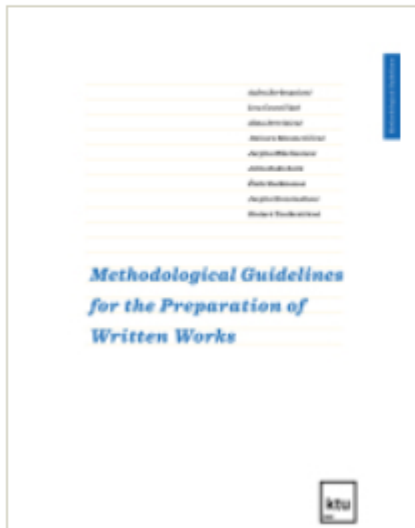
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