

## Print view of 'Free online resource survey'

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Thank you for taking our survey. It should take about 15 minutes to complete.

### What is this survey for?

The research team would like to learn about how UW students use free online resources to supplement their official UW resources when they are taking classes or performing research at the University of Washington.

### How will my data be used?

(TODO: Explanation of data sharing policy for this survey; IRB approval goes here.)

### Informed consent

By taking this survey, you agree that you are at least 18 years old and are currently enrolled at an accredited college or university.

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| <input type="radio"/> I am at least 18 and enrolled at a university              | <i>Logic destinations</i><br>➔ Don't skip (default) |
| <input type="radio"/> I am under 18, or not a current student (exits the survey) | ➔ End of Survey                                     |
| <i>No response</i>   | ➔ Don't skip (default)                              |
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### Definitions

#### What do we mean by 'Free Online Resources'?

By Free Online Resources we mean sources of information that...

are available for free, to anyone, on the internet (for example, through websites, apps, or downloads)

do not require a subscription or a fee to access

are not published by or supported by the University of Washington

contain information that can be used by students for to learn (for example, to help with homework, to study for tests, to write papers, or to support research projects)

#### What does NOT count as a Free Online Resource?

any search engine (like Google)

any resource that requires a paid subscription, enrollment, membership, or one-time access fee (for example, LexisNexis, University of Phoenix)

any online resource created by, supported by the University of Washington, or available only to UW students (for example, the UW Libraries research databases, Catalyst tools)

any resource provided by instructors as part of a course syllabus (for example, textbooks, handouts, PDF documents posted to course website)

any resource related to UW admissions, enrollment, or student life (for example, UW academic calendar, UW student services portal)

### Rows

Got it? Check the box at right to start the survey!

I have read this

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### Part I. About you


Please provide some information below about your course of study, your language background,

and your computer use.

**Question 1.1**

Which of the options below best describes your current enrollment status at UW?

*select one*

- Undergraduate - Freshman
- Undergraduate - Sophomore
- Undergraduate - Junior
- Undergraduate - Senior
- Graduate - Masters
- Graduate - PhD
- Graduate - JD
- Graduate - MD
- Graduate - Certificate/Professional program
-  Other (please specify):


**Question 1.2**

What is your major or intended major?

**Question 1.3**

Which of the options below best describes your area of study?

*select one*

- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Built Environment
- Foster School of Business
- School of Dentistry
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of the Environment
- The Information School
- School of Law
- School of Medicine
- School of Nursing
- School of Pharmacy
- Evans School of Public Policy
- School of Public Health
- School of Social Work
-  Other (please specify):

**Question 1.4**

What is your first (native) language?

**Question 1.5**


What other languages do you read and write fluently?

*For example: 'English', or 'Mandarin'*

**Question 1.6**

Which of the following types of devices do you regularly use to access the internet?

*check all that apply*

- laptop computer
  - desktop computer
  - tablet
  - smartphone
  - internet-enabled TV or video game console
  -   Other device (please specify):
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## Part II. The Free Online Resources you use


Remember: "*Free Online Resource*" = *free to use; accessed through the internet; not provided by UW; not a search engine*

(If you need a reminder, you can skip back to re-read the definition.)

### Question 2.1

In the past 3 months, which of the following **types of free online resources** have you used to find information or learn skills that are relevant to your coursework or academic research?

*check all that apply*

- government/institutional websites (other than UW)
  - news websites or blogs
  - online encyclopedias
  - online dictionary or thesaurus
  - free online courses
  - tutorials or how-to guides
  - question and answer websites
  - streaming video or video downloads
  - streaming audio or audio downloads (e.g. podcasts)
  - downloadable books or articles
  - online image repositories
  - online forums or message boards
  - social media
  -   Other type of resource (please describe)
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### The Free Online Resource you use most

*"Free Online Resource" = free to use; accessed through the internet; not provided by UW; not a search engine*

The following questions are about the Free Online Resource that you have used most within the past three months. Please provide as much information as you can about the way you use this resource.

### Question 2.2

*In the past 3 months, which free online resource have you used most frequently to find information or learn skills that are relevant to your coursework or academic research?*

*For example, 'www.example.com'*

### Question 2.3

Why do you use this resource?

*In the box below, please describe why this resource is valuable for the work you do in a sentence or two.*

### Question 2.4


What language is this resource presented in?

*For example, 'English'*

**Question 2.5**

What type of device do you generally use to access this resource?

*select one*

- laptop computer
  - desktop computer
  - tablet
  - smartphone
  - internet-enabled TV or video game console
  -  Other device (please specify):
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**Other Free Online Resources you use frequently**

*"Free Online Resource" = free to use; accessed through the internet; not provided by UW; not a search engine*

The following questions are about *additional* Free Online Resource that you have used within the past three months.

Please provide as much information as you can about the way you use these resource. If you have not used *any* additional free online resources in the past three months, skip to the next page.

**Additional Resource #1****Question 2.6**

*In the past 3 months*, have you used an additional free online resource to find information or learn skills that are relevant to your coursework or academic research?

**Question 2.7**

Why do you use this resource?

*In the box below, please describe why this resource is valuable for the work you do in a sentence or two.*


**Question 2.8**

What language is this resource presented in?

**Question 2.9**

What type of device do you generally use to access this resource?

*select one*

- laptop computer
- desktop computer
- tablet
- smartphone
- internet-enabled TV or video game console
-  Other device (please specify):

**Additional Resource #2****Question 2.10**

*In the past 3 months*, have you used an additional free online resource to find information or learn skills that are relevant to your coursework or academic research?

**Question 2.11**

Why do you use this resource?

*In the box below, please describe why this resource is valuable for the work you do in a sentence or two.*


**Question 2.12**

What language is this resource presented in?

**Question 2.13**

What type of device do you generally use to access this resource?

*select one*

- laptop computer
- desktop computer
- tablet
- smartphone
- internet-enabled TV or video game console
-   Other device (please specify):

**Resources used for non-school work****Question 2.14**

In the past 3 months, are there any additional Free Online Resources that you have used to find information related to your *hobbies, personal interests, or professional work* outside of school?

If so, please use the space below to describe those resources and why you use them.

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**Part III. The way you use Free Online Resources**

*"Free Online Resource" = free for everyone; accessed through the internet; not provided by UW; not a search engine*

**Question 3.1**

How frequently do you typically use each of the following methods to locate *new free online resources*?

**Rows**

Use a search engine

Use free resources listed in a textbook or other official course resource

Use free resources recommended by classmates/peers

Use free resources recommended by instructor or mentor

Use free resources linked from free resources you already use

- Very frequently
- Frequently
- Occasionally
- Rarely
- Never

**Question 3.2**

How frequently do you consume information from free online resource in each of the following ways?

**Rows**

Reading books, articles, or other longform texts

Reading short posts, abstracts, or summaries

Watching videos

Listening to audio recordings

Using interactive tutorials

Browsing image galleries

- Very frequently
  - Frequently
  - Occasionally
  - Rarely
  - Never
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**Question 3.3**

How important are the following factors related to **quality of information** to you when deciding whether to use a free online resource ?

**Rows**

the information is up-to-date

the information is accurate

the information is presented in a way that is enjoyable or engaging

the information is presented in a way that is easy to understand

- Very important
- Important
- Moderately Important
- Slightly important
- Not important

**Question 3.4**

How important are the following factors related to **availability on mobile devices** to you when deciding whether to use a free online resource ?

**Rows**

I can download content from the resource to my mobile device

I can stream multimedia content from the resource on my mobile device

I can access the resource through a web browser on my mobile device

I can use a free app to access the resource from my mobile device

- Very important
  - Important
  - Moderately Important
  - Slightly important
  - Not important
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**Part IV. Thank you for participating in our research study!**

**Question 4.1**

If you would like to be entered in a raffle to win one of ten \$25 Amazon Gift Cards, please *enter your university email address* below.