

Unit 5B Assignment: Database Presentation

This assignment is worth 10% of your grade

Presentations: September 22 and 24, 2008

You (and your teammates) will give a **7 – 10 minute presentation** on your assigned database (to be assigned on September 3, 2008). Topics you should cover include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Name of database (Is this an acronym? What does the name mean?)
- How to access your database (How do you get to this database from the library website?)
- Subject(s) your database covers. Talk about **specific** subjects that are covered.
- Information about the database vendor such as: Who produces this database? Does the vendor supply other databases? (Hint: once you determine the vendor, you can search 'Databases by Vendor'.)
- Explain a basic search in this database. Is there an automatic Boolean operator inserted between adjacent words or are adjacent words treated as a phrase? How are results ranked (i.e. relevance, date, etc.)?
- Explain the advantages of an advanced search.
- Can you use truncation or stemming? Is this automatic? What are the characters used for this?
- During your presentation perform a sample search and talk about the search results:
 - Citations only?
 - Abstracts?
 - Links to the catalog (i.e. SULinks)?
 - Is full text available (i.e. .pdf or html)?
- What can you do with your search results?
 - Email?
 - Print?
 - Save?
- Will you use this database in the future? Why or why not?

In addition to the presentation you must **create a 1 page handout for your classmates** about your database. This must be emailed to me before 12:00AM (midnight) the day before your presentation so I can make copies for the class. If you do not do this, the 20+ copies are your responsibility. Note: you **cannot** print multiple copies of a document from a printing station on campus.

Unit 5B Assignment: Database Presentation Grading Information

This assignment is worth 10% (10 points) of your grade. The grade is based on my assessment of your group project and peer grading.

Peer Grading:

Grade yourself and your teammates based on a 0-5 point scale.

5= awesome job, worked hard and was easy to work with

0= did not participate/help at all

Peer Grading Enter names below	5	4	3	2	1	0
You:						

Instructor Grading:

I will grade you based on the criteria described on the previous page.

5= great job, covered/presented material thoroughly and accurately

0= inadequate effort, material poorly presented and/or inaccurate

Instructor Grading Group #	5	4	3	2	1	0
Presentation Content						
Presentation Style						
Handout						
Average Peer Grade						
Overall Grade						