

INT 103 Database Evaluation (40 points)

Explore all the nooks and crannies of your database. Practice doing some searches; read the help information; play with all the tools or tabs. Be prepared to present a 5-8 minute evaluation and demonstration of your database to the entire class. Make sure you answer the following questions about your database; feel free to include additional information in your presentation.

Database Name

Content of the Database

For what classes or subjects would this database be useful? (Why would you use this database?)

What kind of information is indexed in this database (books, web pages, newspapers, primary sources, popular sources ...)?

Does the database include full text?

What years are covered by the database?

Searching the Database

What types of searches can you do (alphabetical, subject, keyword...)?

Can you use Boolean operators (and, or, not)?

Can you use truncation and, if so, what symbol do you use?

What limits can you set on your search and why might you want to use them (date, full text...)?

Results

Can you create a marked list of selected titles? Is it called by a different name (folder, marked documents...)?

Can you email, print, and/or save your results?

Comments (what you liked/didn't like about the database, what you found easy/difficult ...)