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**Not all sources are created equal: student research, source equivalence, and the net.**

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With the emergence of the browser searchable Internet in the early 1990s, accessing the World Wide Web has become commonplace. In regards to its impact on student research, current undergraduates have become savvy searchers when it comes to accessing and integrating Internet documents into their research papers. However, this ease of use has come at a price. The overall quality of research being submitted by our students has suffered. Many incoming undergraduates don't make the distinction between documents located via a typical Internet search engine and full-text information generated from academic proprietary databases housed on the library's home page.

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