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What are electronic databases?

An **electronic database** is a searchable collection of resources, including articles from academic journals, magazines, and other materials.

Think of it as a searchable collection of reliable articles.

OK, but what are Academic Journals?

"Academic journals" are also called peer-reviewed, scholarly, or professional journals.

Academic journals are usually focused on one particular field of study: medical journals, science journals, etc.

Collections of articles: **Research articles written for academic journals are heavily reviewed and revised by subject experts before being accepted for publication.**

Articles, like ones you probably read or hear about on the news, routinely cite studies published in academic journals.

Internet Search Engine 😠

The Internet is a vast sea of information (and misinformation) with **no organization**.

While there are exceptions, information on the Internet is generally **not evaluated for accuracy** and may be incorrect, misleading, or biased.

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Having become an integral part of life by the late twentieth century, many people used plastic with little consideration for its impacts on society and the...

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"WITHOUT CHANGE," warns a bipartisan group of senators, "there will be more plastic by weight than fish in the oceans by 2050." Some of the signs of this growing crisis are visible: sea turtles caught in discarded fishing nets; piles of trash floating in the ocean; birds and fish stranded in plastic six-pack rings.

But much of the trash in the ocean is not so obvious. National Geographic reports that the iconic Great Pacific Garbage Patch -- also known as the Pacific trash vortex -- is really more of a soup of small plastic particles the sun has broken down, punctuated by larger items such as fishing nets and shoes. Much of the trash is dumped into the sea from ships. But most comes from land: bottles, cups, bags. The sun breaks down these items, but they do not really biodegrade. Instead, they enter animals' bodies, killing the animals immediately or entering marine food chains. These "microplastics" also block sunlight from supporting plankton and other backbone ecosystem species.

Ocean currents transport trash from shore to the middle of the ocean, but the problem is by no means distant and isolated. Researchers announced in June that they had found microplastic particles off California's idyllic Monterey Bay. And not just on the surface; the researchers found microplastics in

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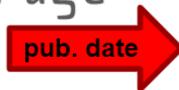
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