



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN CENTER

Worksheet for Evaluating Online Sources

Activity Links: <http://www.niu.edu/facdev/technology/handouts/html/webevallinks.htm>

Site URL:	
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1. *Who* is responsible for the site?

Is there an author? What are his/her credentials? Is the "author" an organization or association?

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2. *What* type of site is it?

.edu = educational; .org = organizational; .gov = government; .net = network/utilities; .mil = military; .com = commercial

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3. *When* was the site created or updated?

An automated date does not indicated when the information was updated.

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4. *Where* can you find more information?

Is there contact information other than an email address? Is there documentation for factual statements, assertions, and second-hand information? Are there links to other viewpoints, if applicable?

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5. *Why* was this site created?

Is the goal to sell? To persuade? To advocate an agenda? To inform? What are advertisements (if any) there? Do they relate to the site?

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