

## **List of Sources that review Online Databases and other E-resources**

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I was asked to share my list of sources that review online databases/e-resources. Here is that list and my notes:

### **Sources that Review Online Databases and E-Products**

#### [Charleston Advisor-print and online journal](#)

(Subscription based journal, but does provide free reviews in every issue as well). Reviews are based on a scale of 1-5 stars. Can purchase an individual review for \$35 Reviews are peer-reviewed by librarians Rating system: content (audience), searchability, price and contract options/ features. A Composite Score averaging these elements provides an "at a glance" rating which is prominently displayed near the top of each review. Doesn't review just online databases, it does other products-360 search (Serials Solutions federated search)  
Some recent reviews: Children's Lit. Comprehensive Database January 2007 Teen Health and Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers-April 2007, pg 47-49

#### [Choice Magazine](#) (subscription required)

Reviews Academic databases. August issue is devoted to reviews. Buying Guide -includes short description of the product. This year they included the type of training and learning the vendor provides. They also include information about obtaining a trial and what they base their pricing on-FTE, Flat fee, concurrent users.

Some of the reviews in the August issue are Bowker, BioOne, Project Muse, ReferenceUSA, Taylor and Francis

#### [Databases-Peter's Picks and Pans](#)

Peter Jasco-Library and Information Sciences Program Professor, University of Hawaii  
Primarily scholarly databases, but does review some public library products such as the Gale Virtual Reference library.

#### [Econtent Magazine](#)

A good place to track industry news. Do a search on "database reviews." Research, reporting, news, and analysis in the commercial and enterprise realms. Some DB Reviews-Thomson Gale, Euromonitor, HW Wilson Children's Catalog,

#### [Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship](#)

Reviews of scientific databases. Each issues has an "electronic resources reviews' section.

#### [Journal of the Medical Library Association](#)

See: Electronic Resource Reviews. Medical Reviews-reviews include major sections such as: Purpose and General Description, Contents, Intended Audience, Accessibility, Searching, Working with Results, Getting Help, Bottom Line and References

#### [Library Journal](#)

Lots of reviews and RSS feeds. Categories of reviews include books, computer/media, reference, magazines and Xpress Reviews. Easiest to find the reviews by searching for "database reviews." Cheryl LaGuardia provides lots of reviews of e-resources.

#### [Library Media Connection](#) (LMC) Subscription required

Reviews include some online database products. Focus is on K-12 products.

#### [Lista-Library Information Science and Technology Abstracts](#)

Indexes nearly 600 periodicals, plus books, research reports, and proceedings

#### [LJ NetConnect](#)

Another source for technology and online database reviews.

### [LJ MarketPlace Database](#)

Provides an industry overview and future trends in online databases

### [Reference Reviews](#)

(Emerald Press)-subscription required In depth reviews of reference works in topical areas such as philosophy & religion, social sciences, business, language and literature, area studies, arts and more. Does review some e-resources, but mainly reviews reference monographs.

### [Savvy Searching Column](#)

by Peter Jasco

Searching strategies; how search results are counted; relevancy ranking and order of results; in depth information on issues related to searching.

### [How Big is a Database Versus How a Database is Big.](#)

Great paper on understanding the difference between physical size, content, and accessibility of content.

### [School Library Journal](#)

Columnist Shonda Brisco provides reviews of online products. Reviews include cost and grade level.

### [Teacher Reference Center](#)

Indexes over 260 titles including trade journals, periodicals, and books. Also includes reviews of e-resources.

### [Wilson-Library Literature Index](#)

Provides indexing for over 400 journals, Coverage is from 1980-current. There is also a full-text version which provides full text coverage from over 150 journals.

## **Other Resources**

### [Online Database Evaluation Check List](#)

### [Open Access Digital Library](#)

A portal of free full text journals, is a great way to supplement your collection