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Searching for the Right Search Engine
(part 3 of 5)

A genie is an unusual mascot for an Internet search engine, but then, KartOO is not your standard search engine.

While most search engines deliver results in a list, KartOO has a visual display interface. When you type your search and click on OK, KartOO launches the query to a set of search engines, gathers the results, compiles them and represents them in a series of interactive maps through a proprietary algorithm.

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FAQs explain that what is significant about KartOO is that its technology provides a map that summarizes all various and possible topics, so that retrieved sites are in fact grouped into a form of topical "family." The visual display can represent all the applications connected to a word, and can show links existing between the applications.

Usually, search engines only cover a small part of the web. KartOO technology is a metacrawler, that is, a search tool which summarizes the results of various search engines. Therefore, it covers the exact proportion corresponding to the combination of the engine indexes, as stated on their web site, www.KartOO.com.

When results are displayed in a map, placing your cursor over a portion of the pictured results show's sub-results in that area. KartOO is especially helpful when you have a word or phrase and you want to narrow the possibilities.

A flash player is used to draw the interactive maps. The site offers help in locating and downloading a flash player if your computer does not have one. It also offers the option to view results in an html list.

Try the search engine at www.kartoo.com or http://www.njstatelib.org/Research_Guides/Web_Guides/Search_Engines.php#meta.

For assistance with Internet searching, contact the reference librarians at refdesk@njstatelib.org.

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Finding New Jersey Primary Law on the Internet

While the laws of New Jersey are available on the Internet, it is helpful when searching for law to be familiar with the types of legal authority. Laws are either primary or secondary authority. Primary authorities are binding or mandatory and consist of constitutions, statutes, court decisions, administrative regulations, and decisions.

Secondary authorities are merely persuasive. They explain, comment on, and interpret the law. Examples of secondary authorities are treatises, law review articles, and commentaries.

Each of the three branches of government—the Legislative, the Executive (the Governor and administrative agencies) and the Judicial—makes a different kind of primary law. Legislatures create statutory law by passing bills that become law when signed by the Governor. The Governor issues executive orders while the administrative agencies issue rules and decisions collectively known as administrative law. Finally, the judiciary makes common law, informally referred to as judge-made law, which is found in court decisions.

- **Legislative** – New Jersey statutory law, i.e., statutes, session or chapter laws, and bills from 1996 forward, are freely available on the Internet at www.njleg.state.nj.us. The full text of the New Jersey state constitution is also on this web site.

- **Executive** - Administrative agency decisions from 1996 forward are available at http://lawlibrary.rutgers.edu/oal/search.html. This web site is maintained by the Rutgers School of Law in Camden. The first series of the New Jersey Administrative Reports (NJAR) is at http://njlegallib.rutgers.edu/njar/njarhome.htm . This web site, known as the New Jersey Digital Legal Library, is maintained by Rutgers Law School, Newark.

- The full text of the New Jersey Administrative Code (NJAC) and the New Jersey Register (NJR) are on the Internet at www.lexis.com/njoal.

- **Judiciary** - Full text opinions of the New Jersey Supreme Court, from 1994, and the Superior Court Appellate Division and the Tax Court, from 1995, are on the Internet at http://lawlibrary.rutgers.edu/search.shtml.

The following web sites have links to New Jersey primary law: www.findlaw.com , www.washlaw.edu and www.law.cornell.edu.

For more information, email the State Library law Section at reflaw@njstatelib.org .

Environmental Questions? Get answers !

For more than 20 years the Information Resource Center has been the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) library and information center for environmental science and technology. A branch of the New Jersey State Library, the Center is supported by the Division of Science, Research and Technology See all that it has to offer at www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/lrc.

Among the items and topics covered by the collection are books, journals, government documents and regulatory information related to environmental health, site remediation, toxicology, water resources, and waste management. The Center also has a unique collection of NJDEP reports and a virtual library with key links to environmental sites, www.njstatelib.org/Research_Guides/Environmental_Resources/index.php.

Services of the Center are:
- Available to all NJDEP personnel;
- Provided to state employees who are registered borrowers with the State Library.. Search the State Library catalog of holdings at www.njstatelib.org/cyberdesk. Click on Library Catalog.
- Offered to the general public by appointment. Contact Center staff at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dsr/irc/Contacts.htm.

Two reference librarians staff the Center, which is located at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 432 East State Street, 1st floor. Please remember to schedule an appointment to visit the library in person. A photo ID is required when you enter the building.

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