Internet Lab  (Note, does not use MyItLab)

This lab will give you some experience in searching the Internet for various items and using different search engines and techniques.

First open up a blank Word document and save it as “Internet Lab2” to your personal storage location, then open up Microsoft Internet Explorer, as you did last time.

We are going to use one search engine, “Google”. At the address line type in:

www.google.com

The “Google” home page should come up, if it does not please let me know. Before you do any more, please read the handout “Making searches more effective”.

Now we will go through a couple of examples. Let’s look up some information on bears, eventually we will concentrate on panda bears. On the search line type in the following, each one will be a different search; don’t type in the number, just what is in bold. Also notice how the number of matches decreases as the search parameters become more specific: (note: the numbers at right may not be exactly what your screen shows.)

1) bears possible matches is about 352,000,000
2) bears –NFL –Chicago possible matches is about 87,300,000
3) bears –NFL –Chicago +panda possible matches is about 2,200,000
4) bears –NFL –Chicago +panda +China possible matches is about 3,940,000

Now lets start over, but this time looking for panda bears:

1) panda bears possible matches is about 4,540,000
2) “panda bears” possible matches is about 324,000
3) “panda bears” +China possible matches is about 113,000

You can see that in both cases as the search criteria became more specific the possible number of matches became a lot less. By using some of the advanced search features of most search engines you could narrow the search down even more.
Now let’s begin some searches. The answers you need to record on your Word document called “Internet Lab” and label them starting with number 1. All of these must be using the “Google” search engine.

1) First we are going to find information on people who have swum the English Channel. So in the search box enter **English Channel swimmers**, and then record on your word document the number of possible matches.

2) Next search using **“English Channel” swimmers**, then record the number of matches.

3) Next search using **“English Channel” +swimmers**, then record results. Note this number is probably the same as in number 2 above.

4) Now search with **“English Channel” +swimmers –marathon**, and record results.

5) Next still modify the search to find out who was the first woman to swim the channel. Then copy her name along with some information about here on your word document.

Find the following information on the web using any search engine or technique you want to.

6) What is the tallest mountain in the Eastern United States, and how high?

7) What movie won John Wayne an Oscar and what year did it come out?

8) What country and city hosted the summer Olympics in 1900?

9) What movie won the Oscar for best picture in 1950?

10) How long does it take Neptune to orbit the sun, expressed in earth years.

11) Who and what is the importance of P.H. Vazak?

12) Who are the only two actors to have refused an Academy award and for what picture?

13) Finally open up a website that contains the Doppler weather map for this area and look at what the weather is doing, and copy the forecast to your document to turn in. You can copy either the map or the forecast.

When all done, save your word document and get a print out to turn in, make sure it is formatted nicely and your name is one it.