

# Searching or surfing, there's an Internet tool for you



**GAY ONLINE**  
How can you find things on the Internet? Simply put, Surf & Search.

Surfing is random and recreational. Searching is methodical and purposeful. You surf for the unknowns, but search for the known. You search when time is scarce and surf when time is plentiful. Results are the outcome of a search; discoveries are the outcome of a surf.

Most of us have surfed and still do for enjoyment when surprise is more important than success. Surfing is hopping from one site to another, looking to see what's offered and then hopping to another. It's the same as channel surfing with the TV remote control, only with a mouse.

Sometimes we can surf with a little bit of purpose. In Gopher, for instance, we can choose to go to a Gopher Jewish site, which is a collection of someone else's "discoveries" while surfing, and jump from site to site until finding something of personal interest. Or you could gopher to Yanoff's List at Stanford University and scan down in search for an interesting

item. If you scan Yanoff's without looking for a specific subject than you still are on the surf board.

You also can surf on the World Wide Web (WWW) by going to a "What's New" (<http://home.mcom.com/home/whatsnew.html>) or "What's Cool" site (<http://home.mcom.com/home/whatscool.html>) and then scanning the lists, hitting on a link, jumping to a site and jumping back, forward or sideways.

Surfing stops and searching begins when we have a specific topic or special body of knowledge we want to find. Then we use search tools and become deliberate. One of the oldest search tools around is Archie which is used to snoop around File Transfer Protocol (FTP) sites for a specific file. Remember that in searching FTP sites, Archie can locate text files as well as software. Usually, text files are longer documents, than you will find at Gopher sites and certainly longer than most WWW documents.

An Archie search is cumbersome in that you conduct the search first, write down the Uniform Resource Locator (URL), load that URL to retrieve the document or software file to transfer and then download.

(There are exceptions, such as using WinArchie). I also find Archie to be quite slow. But Archie will produce several Gopher sites that have the word "List" in their titles, such as Laundry List, Bunkie Submarine List, Liddy's Hit List, etc. There aren't many that Yanoff's out there so simply using the single word will be more effective. Knowing what search terms to use requires a little logic or a little trial and error, whichever comes easiest.

Searching for information on the Web is even easier. Among the better Web search tools are Lycos, Web Crawler, InfoSeek, Search, and Web Worm. These tools allow you to set the maximum number of answers you want — 15, 25, 50, 71, whatever. Some allow you to use "and" or "or" when entering search (boolean) terms other than "not".

Most of the time the searches are fairly fast. When completed, you are given a list of Web sites that contain the search terms you entered. Each listing provides the URL in hyperlink so that you can click on the URL, visit that site, and then return to your search results list.

For practice, type "Yanoff" and hit RETURN and Veronica will hand you a list of sites which contain Yanoff's List. In this case, don't enter "Yanoff List" because Veronica also will produce several Gopher sites that have the word

Yanoff's List in their titles.

to go to the Web Yellow Pages site and when arriving enter "Internet Learning Center." Or, for fun, enter "Emory Daniels" and see what happens. The fun thing about this search tool is that you can

also enter a URL and get information about what's available at that address. To try it, enter <http://cesonline.com/~tilde/mark/emoryd.html>. Now you can see why I like this search tool.



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### WIND CITY WOMAN

Very attractive DIVY, 38, 5'7", blonde, blue eyes, brown hair, 125 lbs, braids, loves cooking, dancing, travel, seeking very attractive, professional companion, who loves her, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, adult love children. 121-124

### JUST YOU!

Fond of sports, 45, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, 125 lbs, braids, outgoing, considerate boyfriend, who loves her, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, country music. Only seeking genuine, kind, caring.

### LOVING BOATING

Attractive DIVY, 45, 5'4", HW proportioned, blonde, brown hair, 125 lbs, 100-120 lbs, 16-21, good heart, considerate boyfriend, who loves her, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, no smoking.

### SEARCHING BOATMATE SPECIAL

Attractive DIVY, 45, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, 125 lbs, 100-120 lbs, 16-21, HW proportioned, blonde, brown hair, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, no smoking.

### LOVING BOATMATE

Tall, slim DIVY, 45, 5'8", HW proportioned, blonde, brown hair, 125 lbs, 100-120 lbs, 16-21, attractive, honest, good heart, considerate boyfriend, who loves her, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21

### LOVING BOATMATE

High IQ and pretty plus tall, slender, considerate, refined, hot, honest, considerate boyfriend, who loves her, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, very well-matched. 121-127

### HEALTHY GOLF

Well-built, 5'8", blonde, blue eyes, 125 lbs, 100-120 lbs, 16-21, HW proportioned, blonde, brown hair, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, no smoking.

### LOVING BOATMATE

Very attractive DIVY, 52, 5'8", blonde hair, blue eyes, 125 lbs, 100-120 lbs, 16-21, HW proportioned, blonde, brown hair, 125 lbs, 5'7", 100-120 lbs, 16-21, no smoking.

### SCENES SPECIAL

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