CTC 275: RESEARCHING TOPICS

FINDING MATERIAL
You should divide your research into two stages:
Stage 1: Use the library databases to identify a source, e.g., a journal article
Stage 2: Use various resources to obtain the source, including:
   360 Link / List of E-journals – a list of magazines & journals available via our databases
   List of Print Journals – a list of our print serials; the list is available in print & online
   Librarians – always feel free to ask a librarian to help you locate material
   Interlibrary Loan – fill out an online ILL form to obtain material we do not own

DATABASES/CATALOGS
Ebrary – ebooks available on many topics
Engineering Village – abstracts of articles, descriptions and links to websites, and patent information in engineering
IEEE Explore – abstracts and full text articles of IEEE journals, transactions, and magazines published since 1998
ScienceDirect – full text articles in science, technology, and medicine
SUNYIT Catalog – a catalog of items owned by Cayan Library
WorldCat – an international catalog of books, websites, etc.
The database(s) that you choose make a big difference in the results that you receive. If you are not sure which database to choose, look at the database descriptions to help you with your choice(s): http://www.sunyit.edu/library/descriptions

SCHOLARLY INTERNET SEARCHING
Scirus – scholarly search engine at: http://www.scirus.com
Google Scholar – one of the best parts of Google at: http://scholar.google.com

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