

## DATABASES

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Databases are an excellent source for research, for both the online and traditional classrooms. Journal articles, dissertations, and important articles on Educational Technology are usually found here, and can be obtained from nearly anywhere there is a computer and an internet connection. With the iPad and smart phone technology, resources are just a click away!

The following databases are just a sampling of some of the top collections available.

ERIC is the Education Resources Information Center, an online digital library of information on the subject of educational research. Supported by the U.S. Department of Education, ERIC has been a valuable resource for educators since the mid 1990s.

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

The Library of Congress (which was founded over 200 years ago by President John Adams) has also gone high-tech, providing educators, researchers, and other interested individuals with thousands of online resources.

<http://www.loc.gov/library/libarch-digital.html>

The Internet Time Group has been in existence since 1998. Founded by Jay Cross (the man who designed the University of Phoenix's first business degree program,) Cross and company built a site dedicated to the utilization of technology for the purpose of adult learning. Many links to other eLearning sites are included in the database.

<http://www.internettime.com/e.htm>

The Educator's Reference Desk boasts that it contains "over 2000+ lesson plans, 3000+ links to online education information, and 200+ question archive responses." They really tried to make this database a one-stop-shop for the education community.

<http://www.eduref.org/>

The National Education Association backs the "Gateway to Educational Materials," a site that draws information from NASA, the Smithsonian Institute, and other top American museums. The "Best Practices" area is worth a look.

<http://www.learningcommons.org/educators/library/gem.php>

Look for Part 2 for more interesting and useful databases!

