



Ferris Library for Information, Technology and Education
Guide to PILOT, the library tutorial

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Knowledge or information literacy, very simply, means that one knows the answer or knows where to find the answer. In today's world, information literacy may also mean that one knows **who** to ask about locating the answer.

A student who is information literate knows how to use resources made available through both the library and the World Wide Web to locate needed information. They understand the purposes, strengths, differences, and similarities of each provider and how they complement each other. An information literate student is able to use information resources effectively at each stage of a project, from defining a topic to critically evaluating the information found.

FLITE's **new** online tutorial **PILOT (Project Information Literacy Online Tutorial)** introduces students to the basic concepts of information literacy and how they apply to some typical freshman-level assignments. As students progress through the tutorial, they will learn how these basic concepts can be applied to more complex research needs. Students can complete the tutorial on their own via the Internet, and pick up where they left off from a previous session.

The three main modules of the online tutorial cover selecting sources, searching for information, and evaluating sources, and are delivered through a variety of fun and interesting ways to learn, such as quizzes, and games. Upon the completion of each module, students are given a short evaluation to determine how well they understood the concepts covered, and will be able to print a copy of their results to submit as proof of completion.

After successfully completing this three module tutorial, students should be able to:

- locate and use major Library facilities and services;
- select information sources appropriate for a particular need;
- use standard research techniques to search electronic databases;
- use the library catalog to find items owned by the library;
- use a general periodical index, such as InfoTrac OneFile, to identify articles;
- locate copies of articles;
- find resources on the World Wide Web;
- begin learning to critically evaluate resources

PILOT can be found at the URL:(<http://libun1.ferris.edu>), or by choosing
Reference>Library Instruction> PILOT
from the library's webpage.
