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Librarians and users need criteria for the evaluation of Internet information resources. This article reviews criteria published in the print literature and on the Internet. An extensive "toolbox" of criteria which can be used by librarians and others to evaluate Internet information resources is presented. These criteria are in turn compared to criteria stated by selected evaluation and review sites. It is noted that many of the criteria considered important by librarians are not used by some popular evaluative sites.

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