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The World of Information: Content, Content, Content.

Content reigns in our "Information World View," but it is meaningless without Accessibility and Currentness.

These three factors determine the kind, amount, and ease with which we can get our hands on open source information (or for that matter, any kind of) information. This brief look at those factors will take the Internet, as it exists on 6 May 2002 as a model, metaphor and example of the information world in which we find ourselves. Availability of content has been increasing, with more providers providing more things (with exceptions of course). More material is now in the "archives" category and filetypes that weren't retrievable last year are retrievable this year. New or enhanced tools to get to new content are now there and the ranking algorithms and easy integration of resources continues to improve. Currentness, particularly of news sources, has increased rather dramatically. Thousands of news sources are available quickly through a single tool. There are still, however, many downsides and weaknesses. More free information is available, but some information that was free a year ago is not free today. Web search engines still often fall far short of what can be done using commercial services and software. In the end, none of this will necessarily have much meaning unless users are prepared to take advantage of it -- to have the knowledge of resources, and the tools, and the skills required to put it all together. Through the other speakers today, we will see even more clearly that the right skills, techniques and tools can help get the right content to the right person at the right time.

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