

The Open-Ness of the Open Internet

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To fully utilize the Internet's resources, it is essential to have a full recognition of how "open" the Internet really is. This presentation will address the relationship between availability and accessibility of open sources on the Internet and identify three factors that are determinate with regard to whether a specific document or other item is likely to be found on the Internet. For each of the three factors (policy, economics, and technology), examples will be given and critical considerations will be identified. The presentation will end with recommendations as to what Internet users can do to make sure they are fully accessing Internet open sources.

OUTLINE *

I. Availability vis-à-vis accessibility

II. A brief historical perspective on availability of online resources.

- A. Online resources as but a portion of open sources
- B. Online Resources Pre-Web
- C. Today

III. The Factors that determine Availability and Accessibility

- A. Policy/Politics
 - Good vs. the bad
 - The post-911 removal issue
 - Management policy issues
- B. Economics
 - Fee vs. fee
 - Management economies
- C. Technology
 - What is possible
 - The visible Web and the invisible Web
 - Invisible Web categories and implications

IV. Solutions – Or at Least Optimizations

- A. Awareness
- B. Skills

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