Harnessing Databases - An online database exercise
http://homepage.mac.com/cohora/computer/db/db2.html

Directions: First: write the kind of information you can obtain in each of these online databases. Next: use the database to answer the supplementary question(s).

1. EDGAR - _____

List 2 people or activities that would use EDGAR's information.

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2. PatFT - _____

Enter your last name. How many hits did your search yield? _____

Give an example of when you might need information From the PatFT database.

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What entity maintains the PatFT database? _____

3. IMDb - _____

The site search has a popup menu. It offers choices like: All, Titles, Names, etc. These are examples of **records or keywords** (underline the appropriate database term) that helps you narrow a search.

4. PLANTS - _____

Click on the PLANT of the week. You will see info offered on Symbol, Group, Family, Growth

Habit. They are examples of _____ (enter the appropriate database term)

5. U.S. Gazetteer - _____

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Enter the appropriate data and write your query results: _____

Now enter Washington in the name field. Search. Look at the number of records.

How is the use of the keyword - state important in your search?

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6. Registry Whois -_____

Enter si.edu - what organization owns that domain name?

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7. Bartleby.com - _____

How would the resources, that are available in this database, be useful to you when you are preparing a speech?

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8. OneLook - _____

How many resources can be accessed through this database search engine? _____

Look up "phat". How many resources list it? _____

TAI (Think About It) - Look up "phat" in a print dictionary. I bet it is not listed.
What are two advantages that a digital dictionary database has over a printed dictionary database?

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9. dmoz - Open Directory Project - _____

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Assess - Is your school listed in the directory? _____

10. Calorie Counter Database _____

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Does this database actually count calories? _____

Name several professionals would find it useful in their work. _____

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11. CharityNavigator _____

Look up an organization you know. _____

In 2007, the median income of a family in the USA was $50,700.

How much does the CEO of the charity earn? _____

How does the information impact your decision to contribute? _____

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12. GNIS _____

Look up your community's name or school name. What information is provided?

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Who might use this information? _____

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13. Watch this web video from the New York Times - Delicious Library - a program that helps you track your book and music collections.

What kind of software is this? _____

How do you currently organize this data? _____

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Name the database it utilizes. _____

The most dangerous phrase in the language is,
"We've always done it this way." Admiral Grace Hopper USN