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GATHERING INFORMATION

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HOW AND WHERE TO FIND IT

- As a professional, you are expected to have your own technical resources. This includes textbooks, software and technical journals and magazines.
- To have current awareness of your technical field, you should take a three pronged approach:
 - Read the core journals in your chief area of interest
 - Utilize current awareness services
 - Participate in selective dissemination programs

COPYRIGHT AND COPYING

- Four factors of fair use of copying a copyrighted materials:
 1. The purpose and character of the use-- is it of a commercial nature or for nonprofit education?
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Public sources
- Private sources
- Information from the internet
- Web Search Engines: Google, Yahoo, etc.