Using the Library Resources
How do you Search?

- What is your strategy?
- Techniques of building search?
So…
Getting the best out of your resources

How I would approach research is …
Not

Dive straight in and hope for the best!
BUT

Plan, Identify Key words and
Boolean it!
What is a database
Resources
Excavation of resources

If you compare ways of finding information on the web with tools you need for an archaeological excavation ...

Google = a heavy duty excavator shovelling away landfill

Google Scholar and Primo = a cute little excavator, with a driver who’s trying very hard to be sensitive whilst digging

Bibliographic databases (and other similar resources provided by your library) = small shovels, trowels etc

(based on an idea by Peter Jacso (Jacso, 2005 [unpaginated]) as cited in Grix, J. & Watkins G ‘Information Skills: finding and using the right resources: Palgrave 2010)
Right tools for the job
Lets have a closer look at Primo and the databases.

- Business Source Complete
- ArtsBibliographics Modern
- Design and applied art Index
- Art Full text
- Project Muse
- Jstor
Critical thinking

What is the resource?
Why was the resource created?
When was the resource created?
How was the resource created?
Where was the resource created?
Who created the resource?
Next week:

Bring to session next week: Based on your Mindmap this week

2 journal articles either in a print journal or magazine and/or print outs of an E-journal/magazine

And

A Book generally on the topic