

# Cyber Ethics Series:

## Topic: Evaluating Web Sites

**Read the Student Handout first!** All the terms and explanations are in this part. Due: 10-17-08

### Starting the Project:

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1. Create a Word document. Save it as "your name – Evaluating Web Sites.doc" in your folder on the ComputerLab drive. (Reminder: your folder is located inside the Choplin folder on the ComputerLab drive).

### Understanding Some Definitions:

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2. In your document, define the following terms. You may find the definitions in the handout or you may look them up on the Internet:
  - valid
  - validity
  - verification
  - evaluate
  - top-level domain

### Evaluating 3 Web Sites:

[www.wral.com](http://www.wral.com) ◆ [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) ◆ [www.wikipedia.com](http://www.wikipedia.com)

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3. Underneath your definitions, you will create 3 tables. For each one, type the name of the website you are evaluating, then create a table under the name similar to the one below. Use this type of table to evaluate all 3 web sites (see example). When you have completed your evaluation, format your tables and add your name and date in the header. It is okay if you have more than one page.

### Example of 1 evaluation

Evaluation of [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Evaluation Criteria	Answers
Top-level domain	.org – it is a non-profit organization
Web Author info?	No – I could not find a specific person, but there was a copyright date of 2008 for the American National Red Cross.
About the Author link?	Yes – it tells me about the governing documents and the history.
Contact Us link?	Yes – it has many telephone, email, and mailing addresses so visitors can contact someone there.
Last Updated date?	Yes – on the home page it tells you today's date
Site Map or Site Directory link?	Yes – this site has a very detailed site directory that allows a visitor to see everything on the site on one page.
Verification links (references)	This site is not an online article – I didn't find any verification links.
Is this a valid site?	Yes, I think it is because it meets almost all of these checklist items.