



Information Hacks: the Use of Free On-line Tools to Make Life Easier for an Information Specialist (Workshop)

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Abstract:

As information specialist we live a busy life. Among the many tasks we have is helping people find their way through huge amounts of available information, instructing them how to search, find and manage information or explain how some information systems or databases work. So why don't we try to make our lives a little bit easier? There are plenty of on-line tools available, and the most of them are free! So why don't take the advantages offered to us through these Open Acces channels. Are all those tool unknown to us or don't we take the time to teach ourselves how to get familiar to them?

In this workshop you will be presented with 3 – 5 free tools that will help you to improve the output of your work and make your life easier. We will have a closer look at a tool that gives you an effective video-instruction in just a few minutes, a tool that will improve interaction during instruction or workshops and stores valuable input on the knowledge and opinion of your audience, a tool that helps you collect and structure information on specified topics from several sources and maybe a few more.

After this workshop your professional life will never be the same!