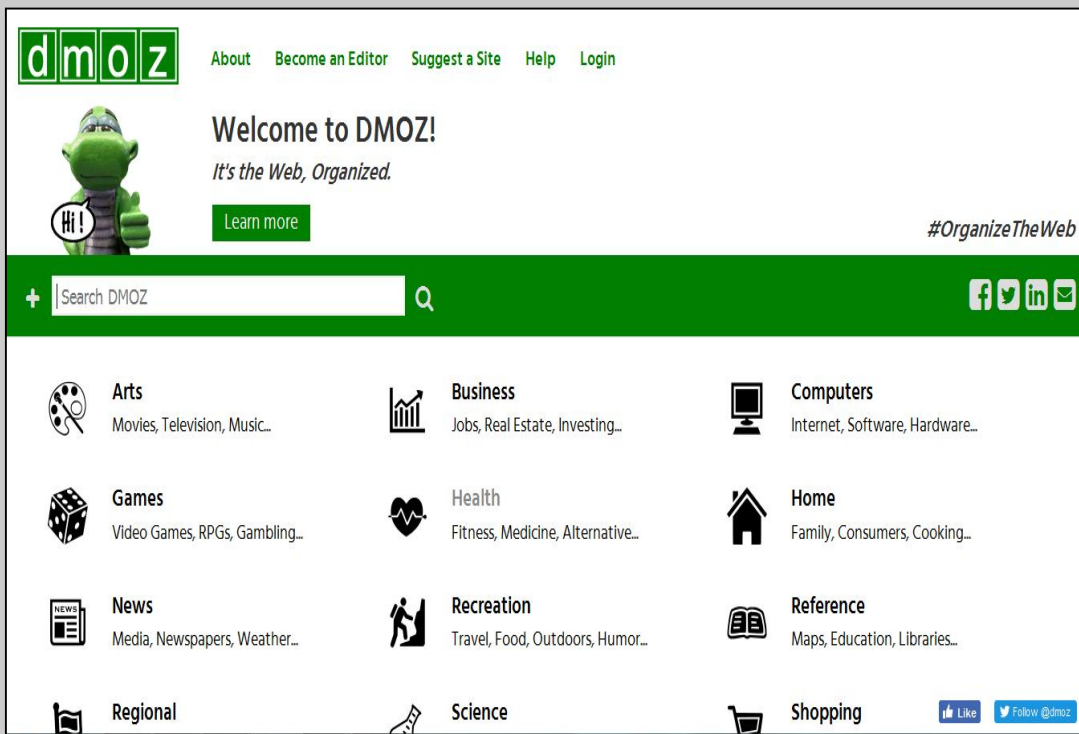


Home Page



Logo



URL

<http://www.dmoz.org/>

Subject

World Wide Web – Directories
Internet - Directories

Accessibility

Free

Language

Multilingual
Such as:
In English : The Republic of the Web
In French : La république du Web
In Italiano : La Repubblica del Web
In Spanish : La República del Web

Publisher

AOL Inc.

Brief History

DMOZ was founded in the United States as Gnuhoo by Rich Skrenta and Bob Truel in 1998 while they were both working as engineers for Sun Microsystems. The original category structure of the Gnuhoo directory was based loosely on the structure of Usenet newsgroups then in existence. The Gnuhoo directory went live on June 5, 1998.

After a Slashdot article suggested that Gnuhoo had nothing in common with the spirit of free software, for which the GNU project was known, Richard Stallman and the Free Software Foundation objected to the use of [the name] "Gnu". So Gnuhoo was changed to NewHoo. Then it became ZURL. However, before the switch to ZURL, NewHoo was acquired by Netscape Communications Corporation in October 1998 and became the Open Directory Project. Netscape released Open Directory data under the Open Directory License. Netscape was acquired by AOL shortly thereafter and DMOZ was one of the assets included in the acquisition. DMOZ was founded in the spirit of the Open Source movement.

Scope and Coverage

It covers many subjects in detail with the reference of relevant websites. It also provides multilingual support, thus any one can access its content easily.


Kind of Information

There are so many categories which are represented by their particular symbols. Such as:

	Games Video Games, RPGs, Gambling...		Health Fitness, Medicine, Alternative...
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After clicking on a particular category, its subcategories are discussed in detail. As for example, after clicking on "Health", different subcategories like "Aerobics", "Yoga", "Child Health" etc. can be seen.

In each case, related categories can be seen. "Health" category shows the related categories like :

▼ **Related categories** 4 

- [Business](#) > [Business Services](#) > [Consulting](#) > [Medical and Life Sciences](#)
- [Kids and Teens](#) > [Health](#)
- [Recreation](#) > [Humor](#) > [Medical](#)
- [Science](#) > [Social Sciences](#) > [Communication](#) > [Health Communication](#)

After clicking on a particular micro topic of any category, respective related categories and websites can be seen. Simultaneously, source of that micro topic i.e. path from macro to micro level can be seen also. Such as, “**pharmacogenomics**” is the micro topic of health which shows the following result:

The screenshot shows a breadcrumb trail: **Health > Medicine > Pharmacology > Pharmacogenomics**. Below this, there are two expandable sections:

- Related categories 1**: Science > Biology > Genetics
- Sites 19**:
 - American Medical Association: Pharmacogenomics** (Provides examples, scenarios, implications, definitions, and the economics of pharmacogenetics.)
 - Cepmed**

Hyperlinks of related sites are also provided with the micro topics. Such as in case of “Health”, following related sites can be seen:

WebMD



This website also provides information on DMOZ Data – RDF, how to suggest a site, how to submit a site, how to edit guidelines and editor resources etc.

Special Features

- In some cases this website provides directories and links of online databases for some keywords, .e.g. **medicine** (link of **Medline** is given).
- It provides log in & mailing facility for visitors.
- It also provides searching facility.

Arrangement Pattern

Main topics or subjects are arranged here alphabetically. Such as:

Arts Movies, Television, Music...	Business Jobs, Real Estate, Investing...	Computers Internet, Software, Hardware...
Games Video Games, RPGs, Gambling...	Health Fitness, Medicine, Alternative...	Home Family, Consumers, Cooking...

Under each category, subcategories are also alphabetically arranged. As for example under “Health”, its subcategories are arranged in the following way-

Addictions
Aging
Beauty
Child Health
Conditions and Diseases
Conferences
Dentistry

Remarks

DMOZ is the largest, most comprehensive human-edited directory of the Web. It is constructed and maintained by a passionate, global community of volunteer editors. This major directory is 100% free. Regular updation makes this website more relevant to the users.

Comparable Tools

- Yahoo Web Directory (<https://www.seroundtable.com/category/yahoo-directory>)
- Directory World (<http://www.directoryworld.net/>)
- Pegasus Free Web Directory (<http://www.pegasusdirectory.com/>)
- 10 Directory (<http://www.10directory.com/>)

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