

Name of the Tool

Mindat

Home Page

The screenshot shows the Mindat.org homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Help, Log In, Register, Language (set to English), and a search bar. Below the header, there's a large banner for "MINFIND" with a "Get the Mobile App!" button. The main content area features several mineral-related advertisements:

- A logo for "BabseBam.com" featuring a blue mineral specimen.
- A logo for "EXCALIBUR MINERAL CORP." with a circular emblem containing a sword.
- A logo for "SHELTER ROCK MINERALS" with the tagline "QUALITY MINERALS AT FAIR PRICES".
- A logo for "CRYSTAL CLASSICS FINE MINERALS LIMITED" with images of various minerals.
- A logo for "Your mineral collection" with images of minerals.
- A logo for "THE Arkenstone www.itlocks.com" with the tagline "fine and rare specimens".

On the left side, there's a "Welcome to mindat.org" section with text about the site's history and its status as the world's largest public database of mineral information. Below this is a "The Elements and their Minerals" section with a link to "Explore the minerals behind the Periodic Table". There are also links for "The most common minerals on Earth" and "Mineral Photography".

In the center, there's a "Mindat News" section with a list of recent live reports:

- 14th February 2017 - LIVE REPORT Visit to Meteor Crater
- 14th February 2017 - LIVE REPORT Visit to Petrified Forest National Park
- 31st January 2017 - LIVE REPORT Tucson Show 2017 - Live Report
- 5th November 2016 - LIVE REPORT Mindat.org 4th International Conference - Myanmar
- 28th October 2016 - LIVE REPORT Munich 2016 - Live Report
- 27th September 2016 - LIVE REPORT GSA 2016 - Day 3

Below the news is a link to "Older News Articles" with the instruction "Click here to view all older mineral news articles".

On the right, there's a "Photo of the Day" section for March 6, 2017, featuring a close-up image of a mineral specimen labeled "Phosphoellenbergerite". Below the image, it says "Masueria, Gilba Valley, Brossasco, Varaita Valley, Cuneo Province, Piedmont, Italy" and "Posted by Bruno Marello".

Logo



URL

<https://www.mindat.org/>

Subject

Minerals - Directories

Accessibility

Free

Language

Bilingual (English & Chinese)

Publisher

mindat.org and The Hudson Institute of Mineralogy

Brief History

Mindat.org has been running since October 2000. 10th October 2010 was the 10th anniversary of the public launch of the mindat.org website. Although the mindat project was started in late 1993, but it was announced as a website on October 10 2000 that I first announced the website to the world. The first announcement was made on Usenet (which was the way things were done back in those days) in the group sci.geo.mineralogy.

Scope and Coverage

It helps to build and share information about minerals, their properties and where they are found. It covers information on different dealers with their featured products. It is the marketing place to promote the mineral websites.

Kind of Information

Mindat manual gives information on its introduction, how to display, how to search, how to see message boards, how to add localities, how to add photographs, navigation, tools etc. It also gives information about its members.

Latest members' articles are kept separately. Those articles include the name of author, no. of views, last updation date, place to comment and full description.

The new discussion column is very important also. Different opinions of different experts can be seen here including posting detail and photo.

Dealers' news gives information on the featured products with the photographs. Each of those dealers provides company information, website link and contact detail. One example is shown below:

Minservice.com - Rolando gallery update
17th February 2017

Dear Friends,

new minerals posted in Rolando gallery.

I do hope you enjoy these new minerals.



Ceuleite Fluorite Hemimorphite

Phone: 00390342511368
Website: [Click Here](#)
Company Information: [Click Here](#)

Mindat message board covers information on a variety of topics. There are several types of forums which show the total no. of topics, total no. of posts and last updated post in each forum.

Examples are shown below:

Forums	Topics	Posts	Last Post
General For general comments about the site	11,004	106,675	March 06, 2017 12:20AM
RSS			

Fluorescent Minerals

Discussion about all types of fluorescence in minerals and related properties.

36 342 March 06, 2017 02:43AM

RSS

Generally, message board also provides information on following topics:

[Recent Messages](#) [General](#) [How To](#) [Talk Pages](#) [Maintenance](#) [Other Languages](#) [Best Minerals](#)

There is a page, where donation can be given through debit or credit card. The sponsor page gives information on different types of minerals including its color, formula, hardness, group, full name, other names, classification etc. An example is shown below:



Adamite

Hilarion Mine, Hilarion area, Kamariza Mines, Agios Konstantinos [St Constantine], Lavrion District Mines, Lavrion District, Attiki Prefecture, Greece

Cuprian Adamite

Tsumeb Mine, Tsumeb, Ojikoto Region, Namibia

Adamite

Ojuela Mine, Mapimí, Mexico

Formula: $Zn_2AsO_4(OH)$

System: Orthorhombic

Colour: Ideally white, ...

Lustre: Vitreous, Sub-Vitreous, Waxy, Greasy

Hardness: 3½

Member of: Olivenite Group

Name: Named by Charles Friedel in 1866 for Gilbert Joseph Adam (April 7, 1795 Seine-et-Marne, Fontainbleau, France – 1881 Paris, France), Inspector (Auditor) of Finance for the French Government, who supplied the first specimens of his mineral. Adam was a wealthy mineral collector and his mineral collection was described in *Annales des Mines* in 1869 and later in a published catalog (1869). Adam was also the discoverer of aerugite, chenevixite, corkite, cuprotungstate, scacchite, and xanthiosite. Adam's mineral collection was acquired by the École des Mines, Paris, France. Adam was a member of Société géologique de France and received the honor of Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur.

Dimorph of: Paradamite

The mindat directory contains information on different categories with the respective links and photos of home pages. Such as, Indian minerals gives the following result:

 <p>Over 10,000 specimens! new daily minfind.com</p>	<p>Minfind.com United Kingdom http://www.minfind.com</p> <p>Online search engine of mineral dealers - compare specimens from many different dealers.</p>
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Both premium and other banner advertisers are given here with their links. In photo gallery, the photos are given with their locations and date.

Mineral shows and events are displayed with the maps and information about the venue, host and date. Such as :

Event / Type	Venue	Host	Date(s)
2017			
HKTDC Hong Kong International Diamond, Gem & Pearl Show Show	AsiaWorld – Expo, Hong Kong International Airport, Lantau, Hong Kong	HKTDC (Hong Kong Trade Development Council)	Tue 7th – Sat 11th Mar 2017

Special Features

- Hyperlinks of elated websites are available. Those are weinrich minerals, mineralogical research company etc.
- Visitors can search the mindat directory including advance search facility.
- RSS Feed can be seen.
- Minfind mobile app can be downloaded from this website.

Arrangement Pattern

Mindat news are displayed chronologically in descending order as shown below:

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Names of minerals are arranged alphabetically as follows:

Almandine
Coesite
Dravite
Enstatite
Goethite

Remarks

Mindat.org is an outreach project of the Hudson Institute of Mineralogy. It is now the world's largest public database of mineral information with an army of worldwide volunteers adding and verifying new information regularly. It helps to promote, support, protect and expand the collection of mineral specimens and to further the recognition of the scientific, economic and aesthetic value of minerals and collecting mineral specimens.

Comparable Tools

➤ Webminerals (<http://www.webmineralshop.com/>)

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6th March' 2017.