

Using My Resources

Weekly Report 9/11/17 to 9/17/17

During this previous week of ISM, we continued to work on assessments and research our topics and fields of study. During last week Ms. Lambert also came to us with a presentation on the various sources and databases available on MackinVia and how we could utilize them in our assignments. She also taught us how to use the less-commonly used EBSCOhost as it was more complicated than other sources. With this new-found knowledge, I immediately went to EBSCO and found a myriad of sources which were much more closely related to my topic of mechanical engineering than I had previously found on the Gale database. Many of these sources were much more recent, much more accurate, and provided much more useful insight on the more current developments and trends of mechanical engineering rather than the more outdated info. The EBSCOhost database was also more specific than the Gale database; providing sources which elaborated on single or a handful of developments like 3D printing, CNC machining, and CAD modeling rather than providing a broad viewpoint of engineering as a whole as the Gale database had done. By using more than one database, I can now also corroborate articles from two separate databases as a way to ensure that the data presented in the articles is factual and not conflicting. From the EBSCOhost database, I learned much more about the recent developments in manufacturing processes, the prototyping process, and the product design process than the Gale database had provided. In the future, I will be sure to use EBSCOhost more often, but still utilize the Gale database as well as the rest of my resources on MackinVia.