

Facts about Science.gov

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[Science.gov](#) contains reliable resources selected by [12 science agencies](#) as their best science information. Two major types of information are included — scientific databases (specific content varies by database) and selected authoritative science Web sites.

An interagency working group of 16 scientific and technical information organizations within the 12 major science agencies govern Science.gov. Together these agencies make up the [Science.gov Alliance](#), a voluntary coalition of U.S. federal agencies and programs dedicated to providing the science attentive citizen with access to scientific and technical information and services.

Science.gov 1.0 was launched in December 2002, and for the first time allowed wide access and cross-search of the government's vast stores of scientific information. Version 2.0 was launched by former Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham in May 2004, and introduced relevancy ranking to government science search. Science.gov, currently in its 5th generation, offers new and innovative features, including result clustering and the ability to email selected results to colleagues.

Science.gov provides:

- Web access to more than 200 million pages of government science information One-click search capability to over 50 selected databases and Web sites from 16 organizations within 12 U.S. government science agencies
- Authoritative information on today's science and technology
- Basic and Advanced search options
- Real-time results, with progress bar to indicate search status
- Results ranked by relevance
- Result clustering by topic, year and author
- Parallel results from [Wikipedia](#) and [EurekAlerts](#)
- Ability to email selected results to colleagues
- Alert feature that notifies patrons weekly of new information related to their topic
- Expanded exploration of Web sites by topic
- Image search
- Science in the News feature
- Science.gov widget for your site

Science.gov is widely considered:

- A unique collaborative initiative across federal government science agencies
- The "go-to" Web portal for government science information
- The [USA.gov](#) for Science
- A gateway to government science information
- An E-gov success story

Science.gov is supported by:

- A unique, voluntary coalition called the Science.gov Alliance, with principals from the contributing agencies
- [CENDI](#), an interagency working group of senior Scientific and Technical information (STI) Managers from 12 U.S. federal agencies

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