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Note: The material discussed in this article is obsolete. It is retained only for historical purposes. <Editor>

While the UF/Gartner Group alliance has provided a wealth of technology training materials to the UF community, the Gartner Group is, perhaps, better known for its research services. These services combine the research and expertise of the Gartner Group's extensive staff of consultants, distilling the results into timely reports of interest to anyone with questions about computing and information technologies.

While these Research Services have been available to UF users since the early days of the UF/Gartner alliance, locating specific information of interest has been difficult due to our lack of a "search engine" for the research databases. That problem has been solved, and UF faculty, students, and staff are now able to search the Gartner Research for the latest analyses on a wide range of information technology topics.

To access the Gartner Research Services, go to the UF/Gartner Alliance home page at http://gartner.ufl.edu/gartner.html, and select "Research". This will take you to the Gartner Research main page. You will see that the Gartner Research is separated into 3 categories:

- Gartner's Datapro library provides extensive technology and product insight to support tactical IT management decisions. Available reports cover current technologies, products, and vendors.

- Gartner's IntraWeb provides access to Gartner Research and Research reports. These reports combine bottom-line business-oriented analysis with in-depth knowledge of technology trends and developments.

- Gartner's DataQuest provides mission-critical market intelligence for information technology manufacturers, service providers, and high-technology investors. Reports include market data, statistical market analysis, competitive information, and growth and trend projections supported by independent, objective advice. Gartner's worldwide network of research analysts collects and interprets the critical IT business information that clients need to identify market opportunities, plan products, and produce winning marketing strategies.

The "search" link is displayed as the single word "Search" under the "Options" category of the navigation links in the left-hand frame of both the "IntraWeb" and "DataQuest" pages.

Only the "IntraWeb" and "DataQuest" sections have links to the new search engine; however, by default, the search engine searches all three databases simultaneously, so any query you enter will retrieve results from all three groups. If you wish to limit your search to only one of the databases, you can do so by adding an ampersand ("&") and the name of the database to your query; e.g., "macintosh & datapro". The "Search Form" page has a link to a "Tips for searching" page which briefly describes some of the logical operators available for expressing your search criteria. The "Tips for searching" page also has a link to a "Query language page"
which gives extensive and detailed information to assist users in formulating complex search queries.

If you have questions or need assistance in using the Gartner Research Services, please select the "Facilitators" link from the UF/Gartner home page, and locate the appropriate contact person for your department.

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