

## The Editors' WebWatch

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### OSH links

[www.jniosh.go.jp](http://www.jniosh.go.jp)

The Japan International Center for Occupational Safety and Health (OSH), <http://www.jniosh.go.jp/icpro/jicosh-old/english/>, has an excellent website in its own right. It has a link to a map of the world – <http://www.jniosh.go.jp/icpro/jicosh-old/english/links/> – where you can click on the different regions and then the countries, to link up with the OSH bodies in the respective countries.

### Open data repository

[www.osti.gov/dataexplorer](http://www.osti.gov/dataexplorer)

The US Department of Energy has launched a tool to find scientific data generated in the course of research sponsored by the department in various science disciplines. The data include computer simulations, numerical files, figures and plots, interactive maps, multimedia, and scientific images. The site is intended to be useful to students, the public, and researchers who are new to a discipline or looking for experimental or observational data outside their area of expertise. The search interfaces allow the user to understand, analyse, and use the data in the context of a user's own research.

### From the lab

[www.lablit.com](http://www.lablit.com)

LabLit.com is dedicated to real laboratory culture and to the portrayal and perceptions of that culture – science, scientists and labs – in fiction, the media and across

popular culture. The site is intended for non-scientists as well as scientists, and the goal is to inform, entertain, and surprise.

### New search engines



[www.searchme.com](http://www.searchme.com)

Searchme.com is an unusual search engine. It's written in Flash and has an iPhone-like interface with pixellated previews of the websites. Is it too unwieldy and graphical to catch on? It does provide OpenSearch (a collection of simple formats for the sharing of search results; <http://www.opensearch.org/>), so you can use it to search straight from your browser.

[www.cuil.com/info/](http://www.cuil.com/info/)

Another new search engine is Cuil, pronounced "cool". This "interesting alternative to Google" has been out since the end of July (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuil>). The blog reports 50 million searches

on the first day (<http://www.cuil.com/info/blog/>)

### Corrupt Word files?

[www.openoffice.org](http://www.openoffice.org)

[www.repairmyword.com](http://www.repairmyword.com)

Most of us have had the experience where Word refuses to load a file, "Open and Repair" doesn't work either, and all you can get in a text editor is stray chunks of the original text separated by reams of nonsense.

I understand that OpenOffice often does the trick for Word 2003 files – it has a different way of parsing them, so it can extract things

Another option is "Repair My Word", which claims to recover text from damaged or corrupt Word files that won't open normally. It says it will repair Microsoft Word 6.0, Word 95, 97, 2000, XP, and 2003 for Windows. GetData, who supply this free, also supply tools for repairing Excel files, zip files and other formats.

### New words

[www.wordspy.com](http://www.wordspy.com)

Word Spy is a website and mailing list for keeping up with neologisms. Some of them, like "pedestrian scramble", I've actually seen in the wild. And I did laugh at "social networking".

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