

Research tips for 2012

We are all researchers at some time during the day. Over the last few years, it has been a pleasure to share some ideas with readers around the world on practical ways to help you with your everyday research.

In 2011 [research tips](#) has covered the four basic elements of research that help you to find what you are looking for and connect the dots.

Mastering the basics

This year, there were some tips on [mastering the basics](#) & [connecting the dots](#).

Having good network of contacts

Like all social networking, [Linkedin](#) gets better and better as the population of LinkedIn members rapidly expands. It's become a very helpful everyday source for staying in touch with developments in industry conversations.

Knowing your information sources

We all know [it isn't all on google](#), but it's a vital gateway source. We also know that [good content often comes with a price tag](#).

We also have [tried and tested favourites](#) for good reason, although, like good cooks, researchers are always looking to expand their list of favourites.

Mary Ellen Bates' tip to go to [who cares about the information](#) is always a helpful prompt when you are stumped on where to start looking.

Staying up to date

2011 saw incredible change in the uptake on devices that readers prefer to use to read their information. [Matching the device your reader](#) will continue to be important for researchers. Twitter has become invaluable.

In 2012, these steps will still be important, but the tools will change, the choice of sources will continue to expand and media outlets will continue to tinker with their paywall model. A good network of contacts will always be vital. Twitter addiction may be cured.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Carine Research will be taking a short Christmas break until 5 January. Thank you for your support in 2011, and wishing you all a wonderful new year.

In 2012, look out for a new look [carineresearch.com.au](#) and research tips.