



# **DOCUMENTARY SOURCES**

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# INTRODUCTION

## **Information sources**

Traditionally speaking ,information sources would include primarily books , periodicals, and newspapers. However , the number and forms of sources are continuously increasing. In addition, unpublished sources are becoming increasingly important to scholars.

## **Reference sources**

To obtain specific types of information. compiled specifically and designed to Provide information in a most convenient form.

# DOCUMENTARY

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graph TD; A[DOCUMENTARY] --> B[PRIMARY SOURCES]; A --> C[SECONDARY SOURCES]; A --> D[TERTIARY SOURCES]; B --> B1[● Periodicals]; B --> B2[● Research Reports]; B --> B3[● Conference Proceedings]; B --> B4[● Patents]; B --> B5[● Monographs]; B --> B6[● Standards]; C --> C1[● Abstracting periodicals]; C --> C2[● Indexing]; C --> C3[● Citation index]; C --> C4[● Encyclopaedia]; C --> C5[● Bibliography]; C --> C6[● Hand Book]; D --> D1[● Guide to Literature]; D --> D2[● Directory]; D --> D3[● Year Book]; D --> D4[● List of Research in Progress]; D --> D5[● Bibliography of Bibliographies];
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## PRIMARY SOURCES

- Periodicals
- Research Reports
- Conference Proceedings
- Patents
- Monographs
- Standards

## SECONDARY SOURCES

- Abstracting periodicals
- Indexing
- Citation index
- Encyclopaedia
- Bibliography
- Hand Book

## TERTIARY SOURCES

- Guide to Literature
- Directory
- Year Book
- List of Research in Progress
- Bibliography of Bibliographies

# NON DOCUMENTARY SOURCES

## Formal sources

- Research organizations
- Societies
- Industries
- Government departments
- Universities

## Informal sources

- conversation or discussion,
- visitors
- attendance at professional meetings
- Informal sources are live sources

# Documentary

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Conventional Documents

Books  
Periodicals  
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Neo-Conventional Documents

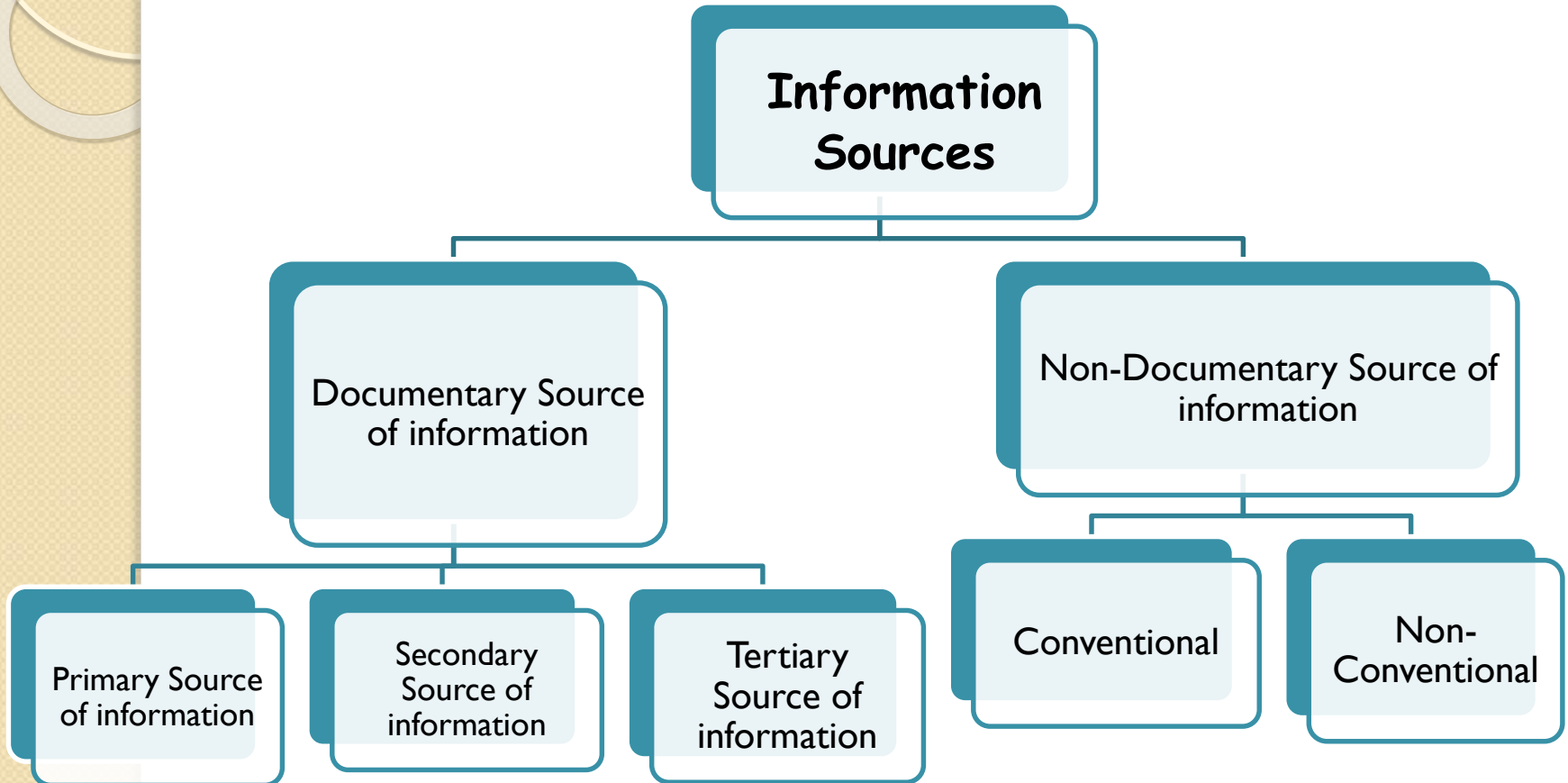
Standard  
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Patent  
Data

Non-Conventional Documents

Micro  
Audio  
Visual  
Audio-Visual

Meta Document

# kinds of information sources



# Documentary sources –Primary Sources

- Primary sources of information are the first published or description of new application or new interpretation of an old theme or idea. These are original document representing unfiltered original ideas. These constitute the latest available information . A researcher producing new information can make it available to the particular community throughy the primary sources.

# Secondary Sources.

- Compiled from primary sources of information .
- These contain information regarding primary or original information. The original information having been usually modified, selected or reorganized so as to serve a definite purpose or group of users.



# Tertiary Sources

- Information distilled and collected from primary and secondary sources.
- Aid the searcher in the use of primary and secondary sources of information.

# Documentary Sources of information

## Primary Sources of information

- Newspaper
- Journals
- Research reports
- Dissertation
- Patents
- Standards
- Conference proceedings
- Unpublished sources

## Secondary Sources of information

- Bibliographies
- Textbooks
- Encyclopaedias
- Dictionary
- Handbook
- Yearbook

## Tertiary Sources of information

- Bibliography of bibliography
- Directories
- Guides to literature

# Primary Sources of Information

## **Newspaper**

Times of India,1838- . Lucknow: Bennett. coleman & Co.,Daily

Dainik Jagran. issue 343,1979- .Lucknow: Jagran Prakashan,Daily

## **Journals**

Economic affairs.vol 36,1993- .India: Asia Publishing house.Quarterly

Hishorical journal,1958- .New York:Cambridge University Press.Quarterly

## **Research Reports**

Government report. announcements and indexes(GRA & I)

Scientific and technological aerospace report. National aeronautics and space administration(NASA).

## **Patents**

Physics abstravts: Science abstracts series A.London.Institution of electrical engineers,1898- .Fortnightly.

## **Standard**

British standards Institution.Microfiche.BS 4187,1976.

# Secondary Sources of Information

## Encyclopaedias

Encyclopaedia Americana. New York: Grolier, 1984. 30 vols.

Encyclopaedia of Library & Information Science, New York. Dekker, 1968-  
.volume 42.

## Bibliographies

India Who's Who, 1969- . New Delhi. INFA publication, 1969- . annual.

International who's who. London: Europa, 1953- . annual.

## Dictionaries

Oxford English Dictionary. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1933. 12 volumes and  
supplements.

Random House Dictionary of the English Language. edited by Jess  
Stein. Unbridged edition. New York: Random House, 1966.

## Maps

The Times Atlas of The World. 6<sup>th</sup> comprehensive edition. London: Times  
newspaper, 1990.

# Tertiary Sources of Information

## Guides to literature

Guides to Historical Literature.by American Historical Association.New York:MacMillan,1961.iterature

## Bibliography of Bibliographies

Bibliographic Index. Cumulative Bibliography of Bibliographies,1937-.New York,Wilson ,1938- .

## Directory of Directories

Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory.1994-95.33rd edition.New Providence.New jersey.Bowker,1994.5vols.

World of Learning.1947- .London:Europa publication.1947-.annual.1volume

# Conclusion

Categorization of documentary sources of information is useful. Primary sources are more current than secondary & tertiary. Different kinds of documentary sources are helpful for the user to get their information as per their requirement.



*Thank you*