Accuracy of information

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In today digital world, the internet is a valuable source of information for millions of people. They can get any information related to any topic. However, they must be careful while using this information as anyone can publish anything on the internet. Thus, information must be checked for its credibility as it is a public electronic network of information. This paper will discuss different strategies that can be used to check the accuracy of information while searching online.

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