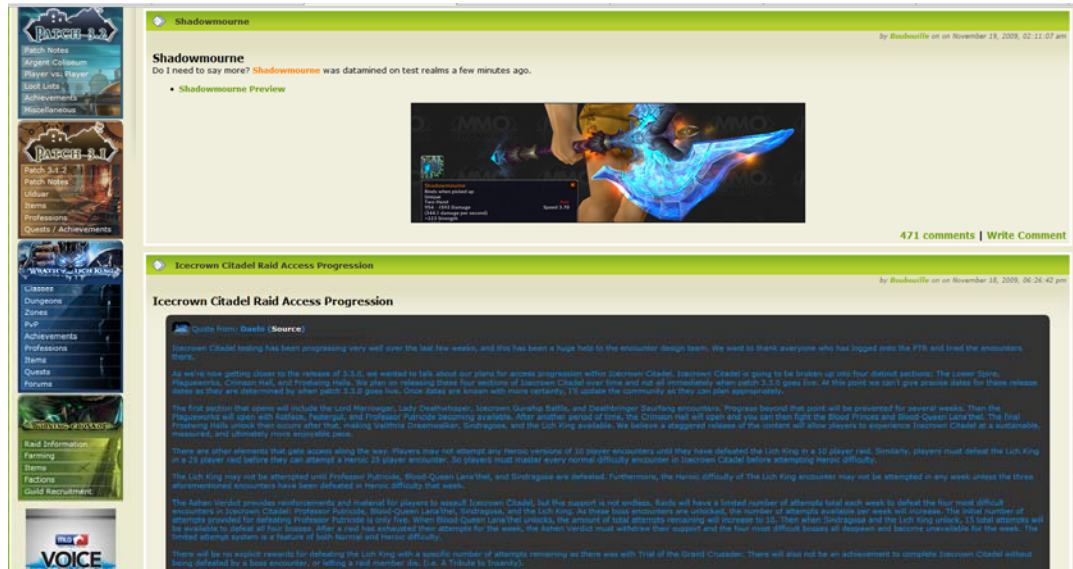


Mmo-champion.com

Mmo-champion.com is a World of Warcraft blog site upon which the owner uploads the latest information and official forum posts to create a single place for users to find all the important or interesting (according to the author) information about the game.



The site is clearly laid out with posts in the order of addition to the site. On the left are links to different information on the game's patches.

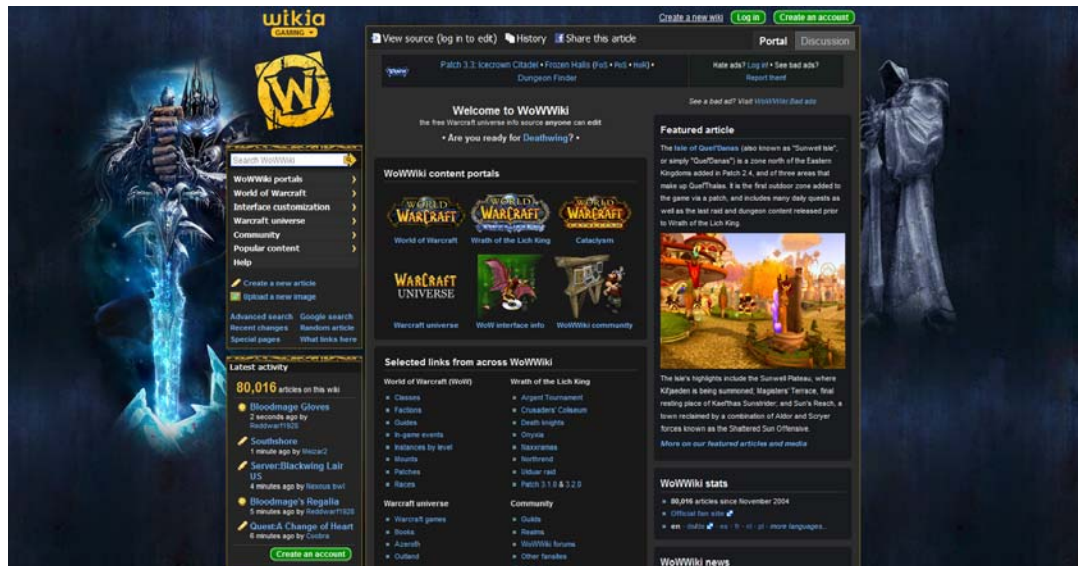
The user need only visit the main page to gain any information there is to be had (with exception to external links.) Making this site very easy to use and not cluttered with links you have to search through.

I give Thottbot.com a: 4/5



Wowwiki.com

Wowwiki.com is a section of wikia dedicated to World of Warcraft. This site has information on every aspect of the game, from NPCs, armour, class and even lore (the massive story information behind the game.) The site is easy enough to use; hot topics are displayed on the right, popular links in the middle and finally the search bar and main navigation to the left.



The site is easy to navigate (most people just head right for the search bar) and is not cluttered with links and images. This site could pass for official with its theme and images. The majority of information can be edited by anyone so its reliability is questionable but so far I have yet to read something that has later been found to be incorrect.

For me the strongest factor that makes me come back to this site is the massive amount of lore and character information, I often just click on link after link as I get more and more into the information available. The lore is often accurate as it is found in the novels and other official sources.

I give wowwiki.com a 5/5



Thottbot.com

"Thottbot is an unofficial World of Warcraft plug-in and database website. The plug-in collects information while a person is playing the game. It records statistics such as the drop rates of items, locations of specific mobs, and quest information. Users can then upload the information to the website's database". Wikipedia

The fact that Thottbot.com uses code to extract data as someone plays the game means that the information this site provides should, in theory, be absolutely accurate.

At first you are presented with a minimalist front page with only a banner and a search bar. Only after pressing a button do you see the menu seen below.



The information provided by the website is laid out in sections so you can jump to the section you think your information is most likely to be in. For example I searched for Troll in the hope of finding an item called Trollwoven Girdle as it is something I wish to acquire. The first place I would look is the items section.

Factions					
Name	Items				
Darkspine Trolls	1				
PLAYER_Troll					
Revanthul Trolls					
Shatterspear Trolls					
Troll_Amaly					
Troll_Bloodscale					
Troll_Crystal					
Troll_Forest					
Troll_Frostmane					
Troll_Skullsplitter					
Troll_Viebranch					
Troll_Witherback					

Items					
Name	Score	Level	Skill	Type	Source
Trollwoven Girdle	176	200	Leather	Waist	Recipe
Trollwoven Spaulders	179	200	Leather	Shoulder	Recipe
Cowl of the Dire Troll	275	200	Cloth	Head	Drop
Talisman of Troll Divinity	73.0	200		Trinket	Drop
Trollwoven Breastplate	270	200	Leather	Chest	
Shoulderguards of the Ice Troll	164	179	Leather	Shoulder	Drop
Trollkickers	148	175	Plate	Feet	Quest
Troll Butcherer	911	171	Sword	Two-Hand	Drop

When I click on something I am presented with plenty of information on the item, such as its stats, what it looks like, where it comes from and what I need to make it.

The screenshot shows the Thottbot.com website interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like 'Search Database', 'News', 'Forums', 'Find', 'Browse', 'Classes', 'Professions', and 'Secondary Skills'. The main content area is titled 'Trollwoven Girdle' and includes a search bar, navigation links (Back, Tags, Screenshots, Linking, Taught by, Recipes, Comments), and item class information (Armor > Leather > Trollwoven Girdle). The item details are as follows:

- Trollwoven Girdle**
- Leather
- 317 Armor
- +66 Agility
- +72 Stamina
- Durability 40 / 40
- Requires Level 80
- Equip: Increases your expertise rating by 38 (4.6% at 80)
- Enchant: Increases attack power by 132
- Item Level 200
- Cost to make: 65 Gold 1 Silver
- Auction: 329 Gold 95 Silver
- Vendor value: 5 Gold 10 Silver 41 Copper
- Source: Recipe
- Score: 176 [Outsnipe](#)

Below the item details is a 'Screenshots' section with a thumbnail image of the girdle in-game. At the bottom of the page is a 'Linking' section.

Thottbot.com is fantastic when you are trying to find a specific location, especially because if the information the site provides is incorrect, user comments and screenshots correct this and point you in the right direction. While the information is not as in-depth as far as the game lore is concerned it is ideal for people trying to find just a single item or NPC.

I give Thottbot.com a 3/5



Wow.allakhazam.com

Wow.allakhazam.com is a part of the Zam network which provides forums and a wiki lookup for multiple mmorpgs. It uses a simple layout and isn't overly cluttered. The main page container is used as a headline area and the right has recent searches, featured, forum tracker and news.



The information provided is only as accurate as the wowwiki.com information as that is where it is extracted from. This is a good website as information from multiple databases is available here so users can use one site rather than to search the web.

The site isn't as fancy or official looking as the wiki sites it takes its information from, which may put people off as stories of sites with keyloggers intended to steal game accounts spread about, causing people to be suspicious of non-official sites.

I give wow.allakhazam.com a 3/5



Wow.com

Wow.com is similar to mmo-champion.com in that it is trying to post the most up-to-date relevant information but looks much better. Personally I don't think they provide information to the same quality as mmo-champion.com.



Like wow.allakhazam.com they have links across the top, main articles in the main container and hot topics etc on the right. Using the links at the top of the site, I don't think this site is particularly easy to navigate. Clicking on just one of the buttons just causes the page to reload rather than take you to a different page with further links on it. In order to get somewhere you must click on a link from the dropdown list.

When you do get to a page, rather than information you are presented with articles that people have written, so you are forced to read through each one to find something interesting and the chances of finding something useful are random.

This official looking site, for me at least, lacks the certainty that you have with almost any other website. I prefer to be able to get to information easily without having to read through 5 articles only to find it isn't there.

I give Wow.com a 2/5

