

Profession-specific corpora: New language resources to assist writers and speakers in professional contexts



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This seminar explains the rationale for compiling English profession-specific corpora (corpora are large collections of texts representing authentic language use) aimed at providing a resource not only for students and teachers but also for those working in business and/or professional contexts. Examples of online corpora are described, including the Hong Kong Financial Services Corpus based at PolyU <http://langbank.engl.polyu.edu.hk/HKFSC/>. These online corpora are accessed via tailor-made user-friendly software which helps the user to search for examples of language use that can then be used to inform the user's own writing or speaking. A demonstration of how to access the corpora is given, along with examples of how the corpora can be used as a resource to help writers and speakers in business and/or professional contexts.