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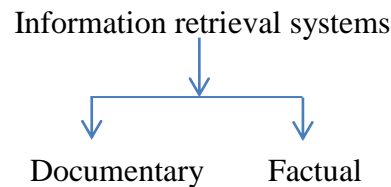
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## **Information Retrieval System**

Information Retrieval System (IRS) is differ from the Information retrieval devices (IRD), which are special machines or specific methods for organizing a combination of technological facilities designed for the practical accomplishment of information retrieval.



The indexes in a book and a library catalog or stacks are examples of specific **documentary** information retrieval systems, whereas a telephone book, an address book, and a catalog of goods are examples of **factual** information retrieval systems.

A factual information retrieval system, in contrast to a logical information processing system, does not provide for the extraction of new information from that contained in it but only helps in quickly **locating** the facts or information that were put into it.

A variant of a documentary information retrieval system is a bibliographic information system designed to retrieve only bibliographic descriptions of texts (documents) containing the essential information and not the texts themselves.