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## **Knowledge society - concept and perspectives**

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*The article provides differences in the concepts "information" and "knowledge", gives examples of information types and knowledge classification. It reveals the mechanism of knowledge gaining. It is explored the concept of "knowledge societies" and shows prospects for its further development. The author emphasizes that the production and dissemination of educational and scientific information, quality of training and education have become the most important priorities in the development of "knowledge societies". The article concludes that this type of society begins to get its implementation in the developed countries of the world. This phenomenon is going to evolve and be specified while spreading and rooting in the modern civilization.*

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