ScienceDirect

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ScienceDirect Training Deck

We’re here to help you make the most of your access to ScienceDirect.

ScienceDirect offers researchers the latest in discovery technology to ensure that you can quickly and easily find the information you need, as well as stay up to date on the latest developments in, and related, to your field.

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ScienceDirect

Elsevier’s leading platform of peer-reviewed scholarly literature.

ScienceDirect combines authoritative, full-text scientific, technical and health publications with smart, intuitive functionality so that users can stay informed in their fields and can work more effectively and efficiently.
1. Create a user account

Your account unlocks a range of customization and research alert features that have been designed to support your research goals (and its easy and free!)

With a few personal details, an account provides you with the ability to:

- Set up alerts for topics, journals and book-series alerts
- Receive recommendations that are personal to your search history
- Access ScienceDirect remotely outside of your institutions IP range

Create an account now
2. Search

Search ScienceDirect with precision and ease

ScienceDirect offers researchers 2 different search techniques:

1. Search broadly and then filter

2. Use Advanced Search to launch a narrow, pre-selective query

Use our Search bar or “Quick Search” to search broadly

Search for peer-reviewed journals, articles, book chapters and open access content.

Keywords Author name Journal/book title Volume Issue Pages

Advanced search
2. Search

And subsequently filter down the results

By year
By Article type
By Publication title
By Access type
2. Search

Our (new and improved) Advanced Search helps you narrow your focus from the start

Our Advanced Search supports:

- Boolean operators including: AND, OR, AND NOT, NOT (-),

- Nested clauses using parenthesis, for example:

  (((“heart attack” OR “myocardial infarction” OR cardiac) AND diabetes) OR ischemia)
2. Search

You can combine terms using up to 8 Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT. Grouping terms using parentheses is also possible, as well as creating multi-level nested clauses. For example: ("black hole" OR radiation) AND gravity

Our new Advanced Search offers you the possibility to exclude terms by using the minus-hyphen operator. For example, to find articles related to depression but not economic depression, search for: depression-economics

To find all articles authored by Heisenberg but not by Sommerfeld, enter the following in the ‘Authors’ search box: Heisenberg-Sommerfeld
3. Get Recommendations

Set up alerts for the latest research – by topic, journal or book series

ScienceDirect Recommendations is a new service that sends registered, signed in visitors a weekly list of recommended research content based on your previous search history.

All you need is a registered account and to remember to stay signed in when you search on ScienceDirect. Our recommender engine does the rest by connecting you to other research (new and existing) that ScienceDirect has determined is relevant to your interests.
4. Set up Alerts

Set up alerts for the latest research – by topic, journal or book series

Alerts differ from personal recommendations in that you are only alerted when NEW research that meets YOUR criteria becomes available.

Recommendations, by contrast, include all research – regardless of publication date, that met the relevancy criteria determined by our recommender engine.
4. Set up Alerts

Saving alerts by topics
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Saving alerts by book or journal series

For more info on how to set up and manage alerts, visit our tutorial here.
5. Key features

ScienceDirect Topics helps researchers uncover critical and contextual information within their workflow

• Each topic page provides authoritative introductory overviews to help researchers, academics and students understand and interpret scientific literature

• ScienceDirect Topics enables quick onboarding to novel subject areas during interdisciplinary research and offers an easy, interactive tool for students learning a new concept or understanding a journal article

*When a short definition is not available, the longer definition can be found in Book excerpts
5. Key features

ScienceDirect Topics uniquely applies cutting-edge technologies to content within the research workflow

Topic pages link narrow, specialized knowledge of journal content, which can be difficult to understand for researchers new to the specialized field, with both the quick overview of the journal content’s topic and with the more general Book content.

Data Science Technologies

- Data-mining
- Taxonomy building
- Algorithmic information extraction
- Relevancy ranking
- Quality confirmation
5. Key features

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5. Key features

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1. Click on "Remote access" in the upper right-hand corner on any ScienceDirect page.
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3. We’ll send you an email; click on the "Activate my remote access now" link and your remote access is all set.
5. Key features

New Journal Homepage features make browsing through your favorite journals easier.
5. Key features

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