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Subject Guide

THE LIBRARY
www.salford.ac.uk/library

Information Systems information sources

As a member of The University of Salford you have access to a wide range of resources including books, journals, electronic journals and websites. This guide outlines some ways in which information relating to your subject area can be found using Library resources.

Books & Journals

To find both paper and electronic books and journals you need to search using **Library Search** via the **Student Channel** at http://www.salford.ac.uk/students
Each site has dedicated Quick Search PCs located on each floor, where you can search using **Library Search**. You can perform various kinds of searches to find the items you need.

Databases

If you want to search for journals relating to a particular topic you might find it easier to search within a database. We also have databases which give you access to abstracts of articles, company financials, marketing information and full text newspaper articles.

To access the databases within **Library Search:**

- Select the **Sign in** link in the top right of the **Library Search** screen and you will be prompted to enter your network username and password.
- Click on the **Databases** link from the menu bar at the top of the screen.

If you are not sure where to start looking, choose a **Subject or Type**, to locate your subject area. Alternatively, you can use the **A-Z** list to look for an individual database title.

- There are help pages on most databases that you can access for more information. You can also ask at the Enquiry Desk in the library for help.

Some useful databases for information systems are:

- **ACM Digital Library** – Contains bibliographic information, abstracts, reviews and the full text for articles published ACM journals, magazines and conference proceedings, together with works published by affiliated organisations.
- **Business Source Premier (EBSCO)** – Provides full text articles from over 1,100 peer reviewed journals. It covers all aspects of Business, full text for some titles is available from 1886 and the database is updated daily
- **Emerald Insight** – Emerald is a collection of about 200 academic and professional journals, including many in various fields of management. Full text coverage is often from volume one onwards.
- **IEEE Xplore** – Provides full text access to the All Society Periodicals Package published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers from 1988 to date.
- **Science Direct** – Provides access to over 3000 peer-reviewed journals in a wide range of subject areas, most of which have full text articles from volume one onwards.

Newspapers

- **Nexis Business and News** – This database contains full text articles from national and international newspapers: there is a twenty year archive but individual publications do vary.

Theses

- **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses**– This searches two ProQuest database products:
  - o **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses: UK and Ireland -** This database is the most comprehensive available record of doctoral theses from the United Kingdom and Ireland. The collection offers the most comprehensive available listing of theses, with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by universities in the United Kingdom and Ireland, since 1716.
  - o **ProQuest Dissertations and Theses A&I -** This database is the world's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses from around the world, spanning from 1743 to the present day. The database includes almost 4 million abstracts, and over 30,000 full text dissertations.
- **EThOS** – Provides access to UK doctoral theses with some links to full text.
- **DART Europe E-theses portal** – provides access to over 151 000 full-text research theses from 269 Universities sourced from 17 European countries. As well as being able to browse the database by country, year or University, there is also an advanced search facility. By clicking on any title, the full display shows all details collected by DART-Europe, including links to publicly accessible copies of the thesis.

Can't find what you need?

The Library may not stock everything you require throughout your course. However, we can often obtain or borrow material from other libraries or the British Library. Details are available at: http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/use/document-delivery
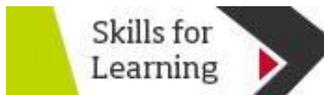
As a member of the University of Salford you also have access to a number of local and national libraries:

- **NoWAL** (North West Academic Libraries) – allows access to all NoWAL members' University library catalogues.
  www.nowal.ac.uk/resources_for_nowal_members.php?page_id=14

- **British Library Catalogue** – lists over 13 million items in the British Library collection http://catalogue.bl.uk

- **COPAC** – provides access to the online catalogues of some of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland. http://copac.ac.uk/

- **SCONUL** - you can sign up to use the free Sconul Access scheme which allows students from one member institution to use the library of another of the 175 member institutions. Further information, and a list of the institutions involved, is here: http://www.sconul.ac.uk/.

Off campus access

You can gain access to many databases off campus (outside the University) by signing in to **Library Search** with your network username & password.

Further help

 If you need further help, visit the **Skills for Learning** website (http://www.salford.ac.uk/skills-for-learning). You can find resources to help you with all aspects of studying, for example, how to use the library, carry out research, write to an academic standard and reference the Salford way.

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