

Getting started with Scopus

- Scopus contains references within natural sciences, medicine, technical sciences and partly arts and humanities.
- Refers to peer-reviewed periodicals and other publications e.g., book chapters and conference proceedings
- Covers from 1970 to present.
- Includes Embase and Medline references, but it is not possible to limit to these

Access

You can get access to Scopus by: <https://sdu-dk-en.libguides.com/databases>

Searching in Scopus

A keyword search will by default include searching for article titles, abstracts, and keywords. You can search a topic containing two or more words e.g., “mass spectrometry” OR {mass spectrometry}. The first option allows some variation while the second option will search for the precise phrase only. Use * to search for different endings of a term (e.g., depress* will also search depression, depressing, depressed etc.).

Scopus allows searching by author name and affiliation, and you may combine search for author name with subject heading search.

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(TITLE-ABS-KEY ("mass spectrometry") AND AUTHOR-NAME ( smith ))
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7,582 results

Combine searches with Boolean operators AND, OR, or AND NOT. More search terms in one search field without the use of operators will default be combined as AND. Always use parentheses when using OR.

“**Search history**” provides an overview of recent searches and makes it possible to combine searches. To combine searches, enter search numbers (e.g., #1 AND #2) as illustrated. Use parentheses when combining with AND and OR. Click on the icon (magnifying glass).

Limits

Using “Refine results” will limit your search according to year of publication, author, subject areas etc. From here it is possible to search further from your results list.

Display and save search results

References will be displayed in order of publication date with the most recent publications first. For other display options select “Sort on”. The **SDU-link**-button provides direct access to the full-text article or to an order form.

Check out “Related documents” under each individual reference in the results list. Related documents are articles which share references with the original article. You can save references temporarily in a separate list “Add to List”. The list will be erased when closing Scopus.

To **export** your search results to a reference management program, select references, and export them in the RIS-format. Your computer saves the file temporarily in “Downloads” as Scopus.ris. If your Endnote library is already open, then click “Open file” in “downloads”, and the references will automatically be imported to your Endnote library.

Personal account and alerts

In “**Search History**” you can get an overview of your recent searches.

You can create a personal account and save your searches permanently, and you can add alerts to your searches and receive notifications by E-mail with new references matching your search query.

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