



HOW TO FIND INFORMATION FOR YOUR PAPERS?

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The aim

To get familiar with the search of information in the main MRU, Lithuanian and foreign scientific e-resources.



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Keywords

- The **title** of your paper gives you the **main keywords**
- Think of **synonyms** and **related terms** (e.g. *teenager OR young adult OR adolescent, etc.*)
- Whole title or **abbreviation** (e.g. *European Union OR EU*)
- Common name or **scientific term** (e.g. *flu OR influenza*)
- **Singular** or **plural** (e.g. *child OR children*)



Keywords

Searching for keywords in Thesaurus

Thezaurus – a type of dictionary that lists words in groups of synonyms and related concepts.

Thezauruses:

LiDA http://www.lidata.eu/en/index_tez.php (*with translation to Lithuanian*)

UNESCO thesaurus <http://databases.unesco.org/thesaurus/>

HASSET <https://hasset.ukdataservice.ac.uk/thesaurus-search>

European Education Thesaurus (EET) <http://vocabularyserver.com/tee/en/>

MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) <https://meshb.nlm.nih.gov/search>

and many more



Formulating a search query

Boolean Operators

- **AND** – the operator narrows the search by instructing the search engine to show only those records that contain **both** words or phrases. If you do not insert AND between your search terms, it will be inserted automatically in most of the search systems.

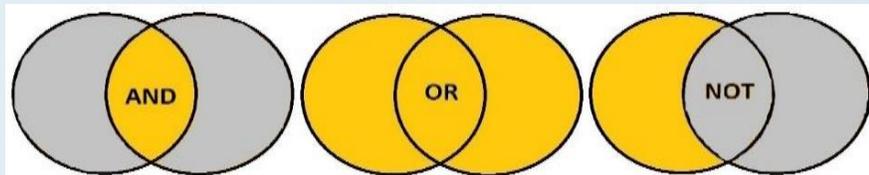
Example: renaissance Italy is searched as **renaissance AND Italy**

- **OR** – the operator OR broadens the search to include records containing either one keyword or the other. The OR search is particularly useful when there are several common synonyms for a concept or several variants to write a word.

Example: adolescent OR teenager
computerized OR computerised

- **NOT** – the operator narrows the search by excluding unwanted words. You want to find books that are about architecture, but EXCLUDE those that discuss landscape.

Example: architecture NOT landscape



Formulating a search query

Using special search symbols

- To search exact phrases, enclose the phrase in quotes.

Example: "artificial intelligence", "global warming"

- To group terms together, use parentheses.

Example: (divorce OR separation) AND (teens OR adolescents)

- To find a term with different endings, use a mark * .

Example: child* - finds child, children, childhood, etc.



Searching for information sources

Field to search:

1. Any word

2. Title

3. Author

4. ISBN, ISSN, ISMN, DOI

5. Publisher

6. Place of publication

7. Serial

8. Years of publication

9. etc.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Navigation links: [Basic Search](#) | [Multi-field Search](#) | [Advanced Search](#) | [Multi-base Search](#) | [C](#)
- Search input: "Type word or phrase" with an empty text box.
- Field to search: A dropdown menu is open, showing options: "Any word" (selected), "Title", "Author", "Place of publication", "Publisher", "Year of publishing", "Subject (lit)", "Serial", "ISBN, ISSN, ISMN", "Holdings cypher", "System No", and "Barcode".
- Words adjacent?: A dropdown menu showing "Any word".
- Base to search: A dropdown menu showing "Title".
- Search button: An orange "Search" button.
- Limit search to: A section with "Language" and "Document type" both set to "all".
- Search hints: A list of tips including "If you choose Yes for 'programming'", "Lowercase letters will f", "You may use the Boole", "word surgery", and "Use the ? or * characte".
- Additional fields: "Year to" with an empty input box.



Searching for information sources

Simple search/ Basic search/ Easy search

- Keywords are searched in the whole document, bibliographical information, in keywords field and etc.
- It is easy to use – one search box to enter the keyword(s).
- Lots of results are provided – usually you have to narrow the results by using the Boolean operators or special searching system criteria.

Searching: **Academic Search Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

Enter any words to find books, journals and more

[?](#)

[Search Options](#) ▶ [Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)



Searching for information sources

Advanced search

- Several search boxes provided for the search.
- Allows to narrow the search and get more relevant results.
- Ability to choose where to search for every keyword.

Searching: **Academic Search Complete** | [Choose Databases](#)

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| AND ▾ <input type="text"/> | Select a Field (optional) ▾ | | Clear ? |
| AND ▾ <input type="text"/> | Select a Field (optional) ▾ | | + - |

[Basic Search](#) [Advanced Search](#) [Search History](#)



Searching for information sources

Browse

- You can review document lists by subject, alphabet, journal title and other criteria.
- Browsing from broad subjects to narrower results, for example, particular journal or article.
- Useful when you are not sure what you are looking for and want to get familiar with a subject.

| Browse publications by subject | | | | Browse publications by title | | | | | | |
|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|---|-----|---|
| Physical Sciences and Engineering | Life Sciences | Health Sciences | Social Sciences and Humanities | A | B | C | D | E | F | G |
| Chemical Engineering | Agricultural and Biological Sciences | Medicine and Dentistry | Arts and Humanities | H | I | J | K | L | M | N |
| Chemistry | Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology | Nursing and Health Professions | Business, Management and Accounting | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U |
| Computer Science | Environmental Science | Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmaceutical Science | Decision Sciences | V | W | X | Y | Z | 0-9 | |
| Earth and Planetary Sciences | Immunology and Microbiology | Veterinary Science and Veterinary Medicine | Economics, Econometrics and Finance | Browse all titles | | | | | | |
| Energy | Neuroscience | | Psychology | | | | | | | |
| Engineering | | | Social Sciences | | | | | | | |
| Materials Science | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mathematics | | | | | | | | | | |
| Physics and Astronomy | | | | | | | | | | |

Scientific resources for MRU community

MRU Library Electronic Catalogue

1. Enter the search term(s).
2. Note the Location of a book(s) (*Reading Room, Lending Department, etc.*).
3. Write down the Call Number.
4. Find a book on the shelves by the Call Number.

Where to find Library Catalogue?

<https://www.mruni.eu/en/library/resources/>



Scientific resources for MRU community

Subscribed Databases

MRU Library subscribes to lots of fulltext and bibliographical databases, most of them are in English. Scientific journals, articles, e-books, legal acts, statistical information and etc. are available in the subscribed databases.

Remote access (outside the University Campus) for MRU community to the Subscribed Databases is available by [EZproxy](#) system.

Where to find Subscribed Databases?

<https://www.mruni.eu/databases/>



Scientific resources for MRU community

Subscribed Databases

Important:

- You are able to download, print or e-mail articles from the databases.
- E-books can be read online, there is a possibility to download them for some period (reading conditions differs in various DB).
- Not all the documents will be available in full-text – it depends on subscription conditions in various databases.



Scientific resources for MRU community

Subscribed Databases



And many others:
<https://www.mruni.eu/databases/>



Scientific resources for MRU community

MRU Institutional Repository



- 6500 documents
- Books, scientific articles, conference proceedings, doctoral theses and other materials
- Choose a proper collection
- Search by: title, author, subject, etc.

Where to find MRU Institutional Repository?

<https://repository.mruni.eu/?locale-attribute=en>



eLABa – Lithuanian Academic Electronic Library

www.lvb.lt/en



Search engine for:

- **Lithuanian academic libraries electronic catalogues:** books, scientific journals, doctoral theses, CD and other materials at MRU and other libraries of higher education institutions. Choose the relevant resource before searching.
- **Lithuanian academic electronic libraries in eLABa:**
 - ✓ Scientific publications of MRU and other higher education institutions in Lithuania.
 - ✓ Defended theses of higher education institutions in Lithuania: Bachelor, Master, Doctoral theses and their abstracts (*access to them differs*).
- **Other Lithuanian and foreign Open Access resources.**





Open Access Publishing

Open Access Journals

Open Access to scientific articles



DOAJ <http://www.doaj.org/>



HighWire Press <http://highwire.stanford.edu/lists/allsites.dtl>



PLOS <https://plos.org/>



PubMedCentral <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/>



Hindawi <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/>

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Open access to articles, books, conference materials, Bachelor and Master theses, Doctoral dissertations and unpublished papers



DOAB (angl. Directory of Open Access Books)

<https://www.doabooks.org/>



OpenDOAR

<http://www.opendoar.org>



ROAR

<http://roar.eprints.org>



OAster (angl. Union catalog of digital resources)

<http://oaister.worldcat.org/advancedsearch>





Open Access Publishing

Open Access Repositories

Several repositories of theses defended at universities in various countries:



Open Access
Theses and Dissertations



Scientific Information Search Systems

Google

Search “*history of law*” – about **154 000 000** results



Google Scholar

Search “*history of law*” – about **34 600** results



Scientific Information Search Systems

You will find LOTS of information, but ONLY A PART of it will be freely available



Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/>



Google Books <http://books.google.com>



Google Patents <https://patents.google.com/>



Worldwidescience <http://worldwidescience.org/>



ScienceResearch.com <http://www.scienceresearch.com/>



CrossRef Metadata Search <http://search.crossref.org/>



BASE <http://www.base-search.net/>



Biznar <https://biznar.com/biznar/desktop/en/search.html>



Mednar <http://mednar.com/mednar/desktop/en/green/search.html>



Where can I get HELP?

- MRU Library [webpage](#)
- Information Desk at the Library
 - phone: +370 5 271 4599
 - e-mail: biblioteka@mruni.eu
- “Personal” Librarian – [Subject Librarian](#)
- You can ask and suggest using the forms at the Library [webpage](#)

MRU Subject Librarians

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Individual consultations

Other services

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Training



You are welcome to participate in Library [trainings](#):

- ✓ How to find information for your papers?
- ✓ Academic Literacy
- ✓ Reference management tools: Zotero and Mendeley
- ✓ How to prepare a good presentation for thesis defence?
- ✓ And others by demand

You can book

- Individual consultation:
 - ✓ Contact the [Subject Librarian](#) of your faculty
 - ✓ Remote individual consultation via *Skype* (*Skype name: [MRUbiblioskype](#)*) or *MS Teams*. Contact your [Subject Librarian](#).
- Information [Search Strategy](#)
- Bibliographical [References List](#) (*paid service*)

Citation Management Programs *ZOTERO* and *Mendeley*

zotero

<http://www.zotero.org>



<https://www.mendeley.com/>

- ✓ Free
- ✓ Helps to organize your references
- ✓ Helps to cite and automatically generate bibliographies
- ✓ Variety of citation styles (APA, Chicago, etc.)



How to cite and generate a reference list?

Follow the instructions of your Faculty Bachelor/
Master theses methodical requirements.

At MRU **APA** (American Psychological Association) citation style or **Chicago** citation style is used for all academic and research papers.

Examples:

APA

Chicago



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