

Research Guide for the Library of the FHWN

Thematic Search

1. Search on <http://wn.worldcat.org>

- Enter the search term(s) either in the simple search field or the respective fields in the advanced search.
- Select the appropriate categories from the filter navigation, e.g. media type, location, year of publication, etc.
- Your results will show hard copies that you can request for collection, as well as e-journals, e-books, articles and chapters which you can download via the full text link. For EBSCO and ProQuest e-books, there is no full DRM-free download. However, individual chapters can be downloaded as watermarked DRM-free PDF files using the "Save Pages" option.
- Included in this search are the EBSCO, Emerald, IEEE, ScienceDirect & SpringerLink databases.



2. Search via databases

- Databases not integrated as part of WorldCat must be interrogated separately. In some cases, it makes sense to search even the integrated databases individually, as native search options are more sophisticated than those of WorldCat.
- Visit <https://www.fhwn.ac.at/en/university/infrastructure/library/online-research/databases> to search these databases.
- Click on the database title and use your intranet-login to access a database.
- Similar to WorldCat, you can either do a simple search, or an advanced search and the list of results can be filtered afterwards.
- Many databases offer a Thematic Filter (Topic, Subject Heading, Subject) which can refine and complete a search.
- It is a good idea to look at each database for additional options, such as keyword search or help with search input.
- Many of the databases also offer the option of managing search queries and shopping lists via a free user account.
- Important: A thematic search can result in licensed full texts as well as literature references without full text linking. As a rule, the latter are marked and can in most cases be excluded from the search result. This does not mean that there is a technical problem with the database, but simply that this content is not included in the license.
- Both WorldCat and most databases have citation links that you can use to add results to your literature management programme, e.g. EndNote, Citavi, Zotero, etc.



3. Search in free sources

- Base Search: The Bielefeld Academic Search Engine (<https://de.base-search.net/>) provides access to freely available, mainly open access published articles.
- DOAJ: The Directory of Open Access Journals (<https://doaj.org/>) offers both, an overview of e-journals and a search in open access articles.



- Google Scholar: While you can search for scientific content on <https://scholar.google.com/>, the list of results returned will not be exhaustive.

Search for a specific journal or article

1. A search in the Electronic Journals Library may produce results in the form of licensed (and freely available as well as unlicensed) e-journals.

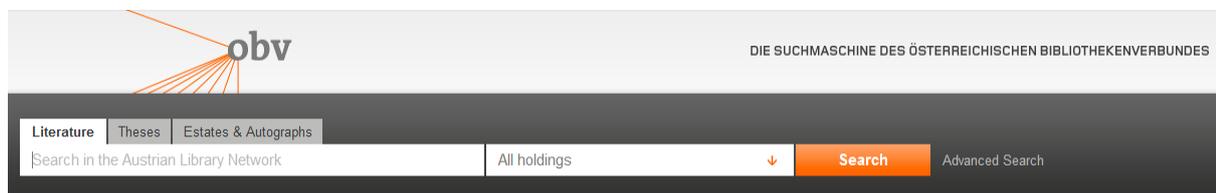
- If you are looking for a specific article, you can access it directly via the EZB: <https://rzblx1.uni-regensburg.de/ezeit/fl.phtml?bibid=FHWN&colors=7&lang=en>
- Thematic searches are limited and usually not effective, as you can only search for specific journals.
- It is best to search for the magazine title or ISSN.
- The search result will show whether the journal is freely available (green traffic light), licensed (yellow traffic light) or not licensed (red traffic light).
- By clicking on the link "to the full texts" you will be redirected to the magazine's homepage, and can browse through volumes and issues until you find the required article.



Didn't find what you were looking for?

1. Search in the Austrian Library Network

- Via http://search.obvsg.at/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=OBV you can search the inventory of (almost) all Austrian scientific libraries and borrow the book by means of inter-



library loan.

- The OBVSG Search also offers the option of finding free full texts (such as digitised university publications).
- ### 2. Search for licensees at the EZB
- Even if your result is published in an unlicensed e-journal (red traffic light), you may be able to find a library close by which can provide full text access via the "list of participating institutions that provide full text access".
 - When you visit this institution, you can usually sign up for Eduroam and access the full texts. Eduroam acts like a conventional Wi-Fi network when connecting. Your login is your intranet username followed by "@fhwn.ac.at" and your intranet password.

Not finding what you want?

Please send an e-mail with the description of your problem, the research or other concerns (possibly with screenshots) to library@fhwn.ac.at. We're here to help.