Using Discover for E-Journals, E-Books and other Scholarly Content

Whilst the Library subscribes or licenses a wide range of online collections or platforms, you can search a wide range of these subscriptions using multi source options such as Discover, Web of Knowledge, SCOPUS or Google Scholar.

We recommend that you begin your search for E-Journal articles, E-Books and related scholarly papers using our Discover multi source platform.

You should note that multi source platforms do not contain legal materials such as cases or legislation, statistics or market/company reports, theses or dissertations or reference resources such as dictionaries, International Standards, patents or newspapers. You should search for these other sources using search tools in the E-Resources page.

Accessing Discover in the Library for Online Programmes

You can access Discover from the main Library Web Site (also displaying physical shelf items in the University Libraries). If you wish to search for both electronic and print resources, such as hardcopy books or printed journals stored in the Library buildings, then you are advised to use this version of the Discover search box.

An extended Discover search box displaying only e-resources is accessible from the Library for Online Programmes.

You can refine your search from the above search box, including:

- **Search by Title** – you can enter an article title (if you wish to visit a specific article within an E-Journal issue), or enter the title of an E-Journal to browse.

- **Articles (only)** – only articles and similar scholarly papers will be shown.
• **E-Books (only)** – this option will limit your search to online Books, you should avoid this option if you are searching for E-Journal articles.

• **Unrestricted (items only)** – if you select this option you will only see results which can be printed or downloaded to your computer, excluding collections limiting downloading or printing. This option only affects E-Book results, as some E-Book providers use digital rights management (DRM) to limit downloading or printing E-Books.

• **Peer Review (only)** – if you select this option you will only see results from Peer Reviewed journals. You should avoid selecting this option if you are searching for E-Books as this option will only include peer reviewed E-Journal content and will not display E-Books (E-Books are not peer reviewed).

• **Direct Downloads (only)** – when you typically use Discover you will see a mix of direct links to open Full Text documents (usually a PDF icon), however you may also see ‘Is it @ Liverpool’ links or other links to items, these links will often direct you to the database or Web site containing the e-resource. If you prefer to avoid these kind of links you can select the ‘Direct Downloads’ option to display only direct links to Full Text in Discover results. You should note that this option will likely reduce your search results and may hide relevant results.

**The Discover Interface**

In the following screen, we can see typical search results in Discover: 

![Discover Interface Screenshot](image)
Each result in Discover will display the article title alongside basic author and publication information, the first part of the article abstract (summary) and any links to the document Full text or 'Is it @ Liverpool' links. If you are viewing print/hardcopy Library collections you may also see the ‘Call number’ indicating the physical location on the Library shelves/stores:

   Full Text from ERIC
   This study is intended to explore a complementary relationship between Instructional systems design (ISD) and project management in an attempt to build a plausible case for integrating project management.
   Database: ERIC
   Add to folder
   is it @ Liverpool?

There can be several ways to open a search result in Discover:

**Document title**

Clicking the document title will open an overview of the resource ('Detailed Record'), including the article abstract (summary), author details, subject coverage and publication information. In addition to any document links shown in the results list, the overview will also show any links to the Full Text or 'Is it @ Liverpool' links:

**'Is it @ Liverpool' links**

is it @ Liverpool?
Clicking this will open our linking system, indicating if the item is available and the source/collection providing the item, you should then click the GO button opposite the provider’s name to visit the article in its external collection. For some results, this will be the only way to access the article Full Text.

**Other Links**

You may also see a Library Catalogue or other link to external collections, in the example below, Discover is able to provide a direct link to open the article on the ScienceDirect platform:

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Some STRs (short tandem repeat) markers are routinely utilized. For this, the forensic community has adopted a set of ...
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**Advanced options in Discover**

You can access a range of advanced search options in the Discover interface, either before or following a search. If you update these options following a search, you will need to click the ‘Update’ button shown near the options you changed:

- **Full Text (Online)** - this option is already selected when you use the Discover search boxes shown directly on the Library Web pages, this option will only display results which are available electronically, such as E-Journal articles or E-Books. This option appears in the left menu in Discover.

- **Scholarly Journals (Peer Reviewed Journals)** - select this option to limit your results to Peer Reviewed journals.

- **UoL Research Archive** – this option will limit your results to content contained in the University research archive, selecting this option is not advised unless you would particularly like to browse research papers produced within the University academic teams.

- **Publication Date** – this can be useful for limiting your results to more recent works, use the slider on either side to select the start and end years.

- **Show more** – clicking this will display additional advanced search options such as a language selector, limit to exact publication date, author or an
option to search more widely by searching all the text contained within articles.

- **Source Types** – use this option to limit your search to particular formats, such as books, reports, journals, etc. You can see further options by clicking ‘Show more’. You can choose any number of options.

- **Subject** – you can select a particular subject heading or term to limit your coverage, you can see further options by clicking ‘Show more’. You can choose any number of options.

- **Publication** - this option will limit your search to a specific journal or professional publication, you can see further options by clicking ‘Show more’. You can choose any number of options.

- **Content Provider** – E-Journal articles are made available by large collections or platforms, you can use this option to limit your search to a particular online collection, such as ScienceDirect or Wiley, you can see further options by clicking ‘Show more’. You can choose any number of options:
Discover Personalised Features

Discover provides personal preferences such as the ability to change the interface language, suggest auto-complete terms when you begin typing and customise the Discover layout, you can access these options from the ‘Preferences’ or ‘Languages’ options at the top of the Discover screen. Note, these preferences are lost after a time, unless you self-register for a personal profile on Discover, this allows your preferences to be activated the next time you log into your Discover profile:

In addition to regular search functionality, Discover allows you to self-register for a personal profile to store search results, create bookmarks and store preferences.

To create a personal profile, click the ‘My Folder’ link at the top of the screen:

Then click ‘Sign in to my EBSCO Host’:

Click ‘Create one now’:
To sign into your DISCOVER profile in the future, click the ‘My Folder’ icon, then click ‘Sign into my EBSCOhost account’:

Sign In to My EBSCOhost.

Use the ‘Back’ icon to return to DISCOVER:

Back

Once you are logged into your profile, you can add search results to your personal folder using the ‘Add to folder’ icon:

You can manage your bookmarked items using the ‘My Folder’ link at the top of the Discover screen:
Saving Direct Links to E-Resources in Discover

If you would like to save a URL link to an item in Discover, such as an E-Journal article, search or browse to the item and click on the title of the resource, then when viewing the item overview, click the ‘Permalink’ in the right hand menu, you will see a box containing a permanent URL which you can copy and paste to use in your writing, discussions or Bibliographies:

You can also obtain a direct link when searching to share search results, when viewing search results, click the ‘Alert / Save/ Share’ link at the top of the page for a similar permalink URL:
Further Help

If you have any questions please contact your Librarian (see list of Liaison Librarians and Librarian for Online Programmes).