

Electronic information resources for PhD students

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Introduction



What is the topic of your thesis?



Where do you search for (academic) resources?



What tools do you use for reading /
note-taking / writing?

e.g. note-taking apps, text editors, cloud
services, citation managers

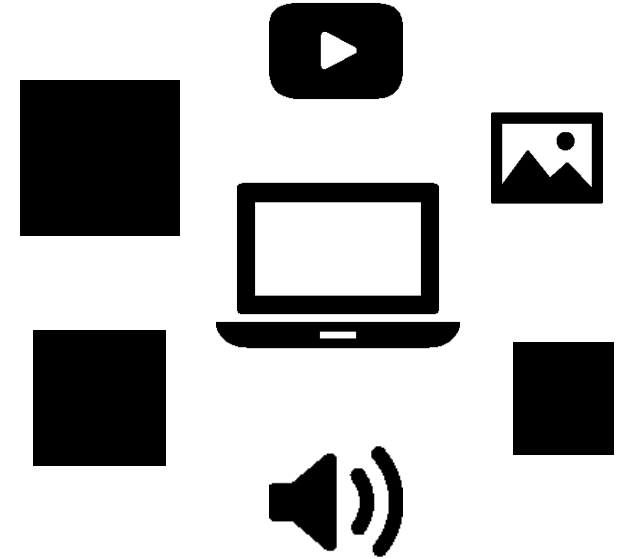


Do you have any information retrieval related problems or questions?

What's out there

Electronic resources 101

- journals & articles
- books & chapters
- news(papers)
- video & audio materials
- images (e.g. museum collections)
- specific materials (e.g. manuscript scans)
- data
- facts



Scientific databases

Electronic resources 101

- full texts & other media
- bibliographical data / abstracts
- citation databases
- factographic
- subject-specific or multi-subject



Why

Electronic resources 101

- “all in one”
- curated and (should be) **trustworthy**
 - peer-reviewed materials
 - library / provider curation
- basic and advanced search options
- browsing (e.g. thesauri)

Where and how

Electronic resources 101

- MU portal ezdroje.muni.cz
- Discovery service discovery.muni.cz
- Google Scholar scholar.google.com

- different strategies
- tips & tricks

Strategies

- use precise **keywords**
 - topic description
 - combinations
- start with **specific** resource / query
 - e.g. relevant source you already know
- start **broadly** and refine later
 - refining queries with wildcards and booleans
 - refining results with database / search engine specific filters
- browse



Tip 1: controlled vocabularies / thesauri

- browsing tools
- selected terms for describing database content
- thesaurus has hierarchy
- usually in subject-specific databases
- example: [EBSCOhost web](#)

Tip 2: refining queries

- "" for exact phrase

- "art brut"

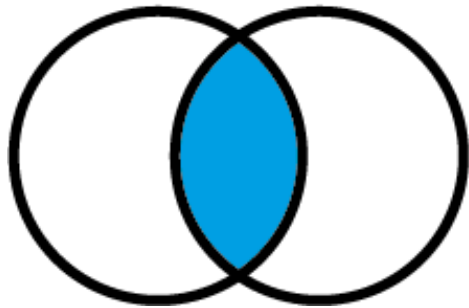
- * asterisk ? question mark (wildcards)

- wom?an = woman OR women

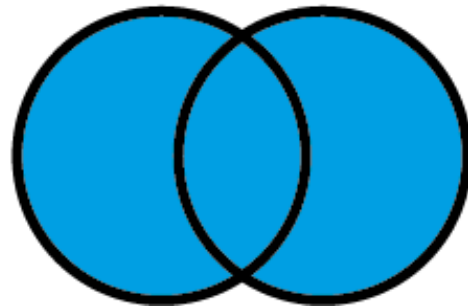
- futur* = futur**ism** OR futur**istic** OR futur**ists** OR future

Tip 3: booleans

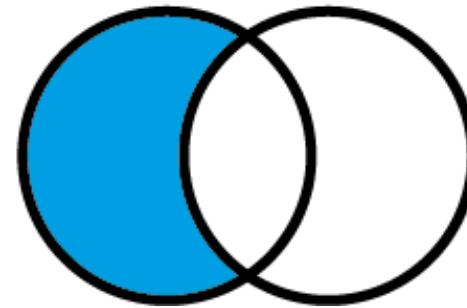
AND



OR



NOT



- art **AND** society (both terms)
- art **OR** artists (at least one of the terms)
- art **NOT** digital (without the second term)

Tip 4: citation management tools

- one place for organizing all your citations
- desktop or web apps
- free or paid
- personal or shared libraries
- plug-ins for browsers and text editors
- different functions: notes, file upload, tags, ...
- e.g. [Citace PRO](#), [Zotero](#), [Mendeley](#), and [many more](#)

ezdroje.muni.cz

- list of **everything** available at MU
- updates (trials, new resources)
- guides (**remote access**, Full Text Finder)

MUNI Portal of electronic information resources [Čeština](#)

[Resources overview](#) [Searching](#) [Remote access](#) [Help](#) [News](#) [Contact](#)

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Search the information resources at MU

discovery.muni service

Keyword

News

[PressReader](#)
Ekonom, Hospodářské noviny and Respekt
not available

discovery.muni.cz


- one query to **most (not all)** of the databases available at MU
- advanced search options and results refining
- user account** to save sources, queries, create alerts, and more

New Search List of available journals and books at MU

Sign In Folder Preferences Čeština Contact Help Nápověda (CZ)

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DISCOVERY

Search the information resources for **Masaryk University**

Keyword Search 

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

scholar.google.com

- open and also licensed resources
 - for MU resources: active VPN + Settings > Library links > Masaryk
- advanced search options and filters (less than Discovery)
- Google account** to save sources, create alerts, and more
- Google Scholar Button (Chrome, Firefox, Safari)

Google Scholar

Tip 5: Have you tried...

1. use [Full Text Finder](#)
2. check List of available books and journals in Discovery
3. contact the library
4. search for printed version
5. utilize Open Access
 - browser plug-ins ([Unpaywall](#), [OA Button](#))
6. SciHub or Libgen or not?

Examples I | Books

Printed books

- Library catalogues
 - katalog.muni.cz (MU libraries)
 - Knihovny.cz (Czech libraries)
 - Worldcat.org (world libraries)
- E-prezenčka (E-loans) service

= available via Discovery

Electronic books

- Digital libraries
 - [FA Digital library](#)
 - [Czech digital library](#)
- E-books
 - [ProQuest Ebook Central](#)
 - [Oxford Handbooks](#)
 - [Sage Knowledge](#)
 - [Project Gutenberg](#)
 - [Standard Ebooks](#)

Examples II | Databases

Multi-subject databases

- [JSTOR](#)
- [Taylor & Francis](#)
- [Science Direct](#)
- [ProQuest Central](#)
- [SpringerLink](#)
- [Wiley](#)

Subject-specific databases

- [GALE Literary Sources](#)
- [Arts & Humanities](#) (ProQuest)
- [Oxford Music Online](#)
- [Beckett Digital Manuscript Project](#)
- [PressReader](#)
- [Artsor](#)
 - only until Dec 2021**

- more in our [Subject Guides](#)

Examples III | Open Access

- open repositories
 - [CORE](#): meta-search
 - [DOAR](#) (Directory of OA Repositories)
 - [Re3data](#): data repositories
- [DOAJ](#)
 - Directory of OA Journals
- [arXiv](#)
 - preprints
- [Internet Archive](#)
 - public domain works and other content
- [Europeana](#), [Google Arts & Culture](#)
 - cultural heritage



Central library in a nutshell

- research support
 - [lessons](#) and consultations
 - [academic publishing](#)
 - [Open Science](#) (publications and data)
- resource acquisition
 - both printed and electronic
 - [purchase suggestion form](#)
 - [ILL \(Inter-Library Loan Service\)](#)
- place for study
 - [individual study places](#)
 - [group study rooms](#)
 - [makerspace](#)



Thank you for your time

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