

LIST OF PLATFORMS AND DATABASES

Focus areas: Literature, Language & Linguistics,
Translation & Interpreting

TERMINOLOGY:

- (Information) Resource
- Record
- Database
- Catalogue
- Platform
- Bibliographic database
- Hybrid database
- Full-text database
- Journal platform

(Information) Resource = a resource in this context is an information resource; an item that provides information, such as a book, a thesis, an article, etc.

Record = a record is a description of an information resource. A library catalogue includes records of the books, CDs, DVDs, printed journals, etc. a library holds.

Database = includes a collection of records describing information resources. A library catalogue is therefore a database. The library subscribes to a number of databases containing records describing especially academic information sources.

Catalogue = a systematic list (inventory) of a library's holdings; a database of descriptive records. Search the catalogue to see which books, journals, DVDs, etc a library has. The two most important examples for our purposes are:

SACat: Reflects the collection of libraries in **Southern Africa** and contains bibliographic information referring to books, journals, audiovisual items technical reports, electronic resources and other information material.

Worldcat: Contains bibliographic information of books and other materials in libraries **worldwide**. Contains all records catalogued by member libraries from around the world.

Platform = an interface (a portal, a site) through which a vendor or publisher (like Ebsco) provides subscribers with access to its collection of databases. From the platform, subscribers can choose which one or more of the databases on offer to search.

Ebscohost is an example of a platform, while Academic Search Complete and Humanities Source are examples of databases available via the Ebscohost platform.

Kinds of databases:

The library has access to **bibliographic databases** and **full-text databases**.

Bibliographic database = a database containing records that **describe information sources**. Such a description could include title, author, shelf number, subjects, keywords, abstract, journal or book title in the case of an article or book chapter, and the location/s where the physical resource may be found. A bibliographic database does not give full access to the resource itself, it merely describes it.

A search in a bibliographic database might therefore deliver results including records referring to (1) a **chapter in a book**, (2) **articles** published in journals, (3) **conference proceedings**,

(4) **theses and dissertations**, (5) research notes or archival material, (6) audio or video recordings, (7) graphic representations, etc.
 (Also see [Wikipedia definition](#))

Full-text databases = databases containing not only the bibliographic details, but also providing links to the full-text of information sources, e.g. full-text journal articles.

Hybrid databases = many databases include a mixture of records, where some include access to the full-text, but some records only provide the bibliographic details of the resource.

- **Journal platforms = Journal publishers' platforms** usually containing electronic journals in full-text, or with citations and abstracts, or both. In some cases publishers also include e-books and/or electronic reference books.

ACCESS:

- As a general rule, we will only have access to journal articles in publications that we have subscriptions for. Similarly, we will only be able to access books and chapters of books that we have bought.
- *Exceptions:* you may find that we have access to some resources for which we do not have subscriptions, but this will usually be because a publisher or vendor has included such resources in our package for free, or because it forms part of their Open Access offer. Unfortunately this access might be revoked at any point when publishers restructure their package contents...

SACat and Worldcat

PLATFORMS:

PLATFORMS	Relevant DATABASES on the platform
Ebscohost	Contains Academic Search Complete, ERIC, Humanities Source , MasterFILE Premier and Africa-Wide Information, MLA International Bibliography , Philosopher's Index, Psychinfo. See below.
Cambridge Journals	Includes journals on Cultural Studies, Language & Linguistics (quite a number of titles), Literary Studies (currently only a few journals)
Firstsearch	OCLC FirstSearch service , connecting you to information in a wide range of subjects in 26 national and international databases, including books, articles, conference proceedings, theses and dissertations.
Highwire	Stanford University platform containing some language studies and titles on communication, including journalism and culture.
Infotrac	Contains Academic Onefile (multidisciplinary database), Literature Resource Centre and Global Issues in Context. See below.
IngentaConnect	Includes Arts & Humanities (±405 publications), Philosophy/Linguistics (±263 publications) and Social Sciences (±1, 234 publications), among others.
ISI Web of Knowledge	Contains Arts & Humanities Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index as part of the Web of Science database. [Can do Subject and cited author searches and run h-index reports. Also Journal Impact Factors on Journal Citations Reports.]
JSTOR	See below.
Ovid SP	Contains IBSS – International Bibliography of the Social Sciences. See below.
Oxford Journals	Includes life sciences, mathematics and physical sciences, medicine, social sciences, humanities and law.
Project Muse	Useful for study of literature and language, Culture & Media Studies,

	<p>Publishing and Journalism, and Creative Writing.</p> <p>[Source of complete, full-text versions of scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences, from many of the world's leading university presses and scholarly societies. UPCC Book Collections on Project MUSE launched in January 2012: top quality book-length scholarship, fully integrated with scholarly journal content.]</p>
Proquest	Contains British Humanities Index , ERIC, International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS), Linguistics and Language Behaviour Abstracts (LLBA) , PAIS, , Periodicals Index Online and Periodicals Archive Online , Proquest Dissertations and Theses and others.
Sabinet	South African Bibliographic Network: a platform that includes various South African databases.
ScienceDirect	Electronic collection of Science, Technology and Medicine full text and bibliographic information. Contains ±32 titles in the subject Arts & Humanities: Language and Linguistics, and ±56 titles in the subject: Linguistics and Language.
SpringerLink	Includes Education, Language education, Humanities: Design, Interdisciplinary Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Social Sciences.
Swetswise	Includes Linguistics, Communication, Education and Social Sciences.
Taylor & Francis	Includes titles on Education, Language and Literature, Social Sciences, and Humanities (includes Communication Studies, Cultural Studies & Media & Film Studies).
Wiley Interscience	Includes 'Language and Linguistics', 'Communication and Media' and 'Literature', among others.
Web of Knowledge	From Databases, choose Web of Science to search the Social Sciences Citation Index .

DATABASES:

Academic Search Complete (Ebsco)	<p>Multidisciplinary. PDF backfiles to 1975 or further are available for well over one hundred journals, and searchable cited references are provided for more than 1,000 titles. Nearly 14,000 indexed titles, including more than 10,000 peer-reviewed journals and more than 6,500 in full-text</p> <p>Perfect for research libraries, graduate schools, universities and community colleges, Academic OneFile is a comprehensive, up-to-date and easy-to-use resource for serious academic research. Home to nearly 13,000 indexed journals, Academic OneFile is available 24/7 and effortlessly delivers quality content for faculty, students, scholars and other researchers.</p> <p>Extensive coverage of the physical sciences, technology, medicine, social sciences, the arts, theology, literature and other subjects makes Academic OneFile both authoritative and comprehensive.</p> <p>With millions of articles available in both PDF and HTML full-text with no restrictions, researchers are able to find accurate information quickly. International in scope and unparalleled in breadth and depth,</p>
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	Academic OneFile is a one-stop resource for academic research in all disciplines.
Africa-Wide: NiPAD (including what was previously called South African Studies) (Ebsco)	Produced by NISC South Africa, it combines databases to form a multidisciplinary aggregation offering unique and extensive coverage of all facets of Africa and African studies. With over 2.4 million citations and abstracts dating back to the 16th century, this resource is essential for those with an interest in African research, and information on and about Africa. 1987 to current.
Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI) (ISI Web of Knowledge)	A multidisciplinary index (database) covering the journal literature of the arts and humanities. 2000-current.
British Humanities Index (BHI) (Proquest)	<p>An international abstracting and indexing tool for research in the humanities, BHI indexes almost 400 internationally respected humanities journals and weekly magazines published in the UK and other English speaking countries, as well as quality newspapers published in the UK.</p> <p>Regular monthly updates ensure subscribers can retrieve the latest material on a wide range of arts and humanities subjects, aided by a completely interactive thesaurus and the capability to link to electronic full text of many journal articles.</p> <p>Update Frequency: Monthly, with approximately 1,500 records added</p> <p>Subject coverage: Archaeology, Current Affairs, Education, Economics, Environment, Gender Studies, History, Law, Political Science, Religion,</p> <p>Note: Full text for certain publications is subject to market availability.</p>
ERIC (Proquest & Ebsco)	<p>The ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) database is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education to provide extensive access to educational-related literature. ERIC provides ready access to education literature to augment American education by increasing and facilitating the use of educational research and information to improve practice in learning, teaching, educational decision-making, and research. ERIC provides coverage of journal articles, conferences, meetings, government documents, theses, dissertations, reports, audiovisual media, bibliographies, directories, books and monographs.</p> <p>Update Frequency: Monthly.</p> <p>Thesaurus Availability</p> <p>A thesaurus is available.</p> <p>Subject coverage: Adult, career and vocational education, Counselling, Elementary and early childhood education, Education management, Higher education, Junior colleges, Second-language learning, Special education,</p>

	<p>Teacher education, Tests, measurement and evaluation</p> <p>Note: Full text for certain publications is subject to market availability.</p>
<p>FirstSearch</p>	<p>Offers seamless electronic access to dozens of databases and more than 10 million full-text and full image articles. Records of items worldwide. Access Worldcat here.</p> <p>FirstSearch provides access to a core collection of reference databases. The FirstSearch Base Package includes WorldCat as well as other databases such as CAMIO, Electronic Books and OAlster. Users of WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local can access these FirstSearch databases through a user-friendly single-search box.</p> <p>Underlying FirstSearch is the WorldCat database, the most comprehensive and up-to-date bibliographic resource available. Your users will find relevant records quickly and the location of resources—in your collection or at other libraries—with the click of a button. Users can start and refine searches at one of three different skill levels. And you have the ability to customize many aspects of the experience.</p> <p>FirstSearch easily integrates into your current library resources. Your subscription includes everything you need to start using FirstSearch and promote it to your users. And a variety of support options make it easy to find answers. FirstSearch's purchase options help you stay within budget, and its functionality can be extended to include other OCLC services such as Interlibrary Loan.</p> <p>The Future of FirstSearch</p> <p>WorldCat® Discovery Services is the new way to search WorldCat®. It will eventually replace the FirstSearch® and WorldCat® Local services. WorldCat Discovery Services provides access to 1.8 billion electronic, digital and physical resources in libraries around the world through a single search of WorldCat and a central index that represents more than 2,000 e-content collections. It makes library collections visible where people start their research.</p> <p>The WorldCat Discovery interface is available to all</p>

	current FirstSearch, WorldCat Local and WorldShare Management Services subscribers as part of existing and renewed subscriptions. Libraries are encouraged to start their transition to WorldCat Discovery now, before access to the FirstSearch interface ends on December 31, 2015.
Humanities Source (Ebsco)	Provides full text of hundreds of journals, books and other published sources. Includes all data from <i>Humanities International Index</i> (more than 2,100 journals and 2.47 million records) plus unique full text content, much of which is not found in other databases. Includes full text for more than 890 journals. 1984 – current.
International Bibliography of the Social Sciences (IBSS) (Ovid)	Database containing bibliographic information from an international selection of publications (including over 2600 journals) in the fields of economics, political science, sociology and anthropology. 1981-current.
JSTOR	Offers a high-quality, interdisciplinary archive of over one thousand leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, with discipline specific collections: Arts & Sciences collection, The General Sciences and The Biological Sciences Collection. It includes select monographs and other materials valuable for academic work. Full-text searchable, includes images, and is interlinked by citations and references. Archive.
Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA) (Proquest)	<p>Linguistics & Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA) abstracts and indexes the international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in the language sciences. The database covers all aspects of the study of language including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics. Complete coverage is given to various fields of linguistics including descriptive, historical, comparative, theoretical and geographical linguistics. The database provides abstracts of journal articles and citations to book reviews drawn from over 1,500 serials publications, and also provides abstracts of books, book chapters, and dissertations.</p> <p>Update Frequency: Monthly, with approximately 14,000 new records added per year</p> <p>Thesaurus Availability</p> <p>This database is indexed using a thesaurus of 3,700 terms. The thesaurus is available online.</p> <p>Subject coverage: Anthropological linguistics, Applied linguistics, Descriptive linguistics, Discourse analysis, Language - pathological and normal, Learning disabilities, Nonverbal communication, Phonetics, Phonology, Psycholinguistics</p>
Literature Resource Centre (Infotrac)	Database available on Infotrac (platform) – Biographies, reviews, overviews and full-text literary criticism on more than 130, 000 writers in all disciplines from all time periods and from around the world.
MasterFILE Premier (Ebsco)	Multidisciplinary. Provides full text for nearly 1,750 general reference publications, dating as far back as 1975. Covers virtually every subject area of general

	interest. Also includes nearly 500 full text reference books, full text from 86,017 biographies, 105,786 full text primary source documents, and an Image Collection of 341,655 photos, maps and flags.
MLA International Bibliography (Ebscohost)	Bibliographic records pertaining to literature, language, linguistics and folklore. 1963-present.
African Digital Repository	A central repository for records harvested from the institutional repositories of a number of Southern African and African institutions. Links to the full text are included.
Nexus Database System (Current and Completed Research)	Contains current and completed research projects, includes theses and dissertations from SA universities, Technikons, and Universities of Technology, as well as research works from government, non-government and private sectors, (1919-). Some records include links to the full text. The database is maintained by the National Research Foundation (NRF). Available on the Sabinet platform or the NRF website. Ask your information specialist for the User ID and Password.
NDLTD - Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations	An international organization dedicated to promoting the adoption, creation, use, dissemination, and preservation of electronic theses and dissertations (ETDs). Find ETDs at http://www.ndltd.org
Periodicals Archive Online and Periodicals Index Online (previously called PCI Full Text and PCI)	<p>Periodicals Archive Online is a major archive that makes the backfiles of scholarly periodicals in the arts, humanities and social sciences available electronically, providing access to the searchable full text of hundreds of titles. The database spans more than two centuries of content, 37 key subject areas, and multiple languages.</p> <p>Periodicals Index Online is a database of millions of citations for articles published in the arts, humanities and social sciences, across more than 300 years. It enables researchers quickly and comprehensively to identify articles relevant to their field of study and reduces what could take years of research to a matter of minutes. Journals indexed span 37 key subject areas and multiple languages.</p>
Proquest Dissertations and Theses	<p>ProQuest Dissertations and Theses: Global is the world's most comprehensive collection of full-text dissertations and theses. As the official digital dissertations archive for the Library of Congress and as the database of record for graduate research, PQDTGlobal includes millions of searchable citations to dissertations and theses from 1861 to the present day together with over a million full-text dissertations that are available for download in PDF format. Over 2.1 million titles are available for purchase as printed copies. The database offers full text for most of the dissertations added since 1997 and strong retrospective full-text coverage for older graduate works. It also includes PQDT UK & Ireland content.</p> <p>More than 70,000 new full-text dissertations and theses are added to the database each year through dissertations publishing partnerships with 700 leading academic institutions worldwide, and collaborative retrospective digitization of dissertations. Full-text dissertations are archived as submitted by the degree-granting institution. Some will be native PDF, some PDF</p>

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SAePublications	Full-text articles from South African journals as from 2001.

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