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Getting Started

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Search

Available at the top of every page that has a navigation bar, Quick Search allows you to search for articles or journals and book titles.

Enter your search terms in one or more fields (All fields, Author, Journal/book title, Volume, Issue, Page).

Example: The following search will retrieve articles relating to “green chemistry” published in the journal “Trends in Biotechnology”.

Advanced Search

To do an Advanced Search, click on the Advanced Search link on the Quick Search form, or click Search in the navigation bar.

Enter search terms or phrases that best describe your topic. Click the ‘Journals’ tab on the search form to search for journal articles exclusively.

If you wish, further refine your search using available search options (e.g., subject area, document type, or date range):
Publications

To see a list of the journals contained in the database, or to search for and browse through a particular issue of a journal, click the Publications button on the navigation bar.

Browse through the alphabetical list of journal titles, or select a subject area to display journals by subject area (e.g., chemistry).

To search for a particular journal, you could also type the title of the journal in the Journal/book title search box. This option is especially useful if you have a citation to a journal article and you want to find the full-text article.

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Enter the title of the journal as given in the citation and click go.

The journal title will appear on the page (if available in ScienceDirect). Click on the title to view a list of the available volumes and issues. Select the volume/issue that you need.

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3. **PDF** (Portable Document Format) displays the full-text of the article.

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