



ScienceDirect Electronic Books

What is ScienceDirect?

ScienceDirect provides access to over 2,100 e-book titles covering a variety of subject areas with an emphasis on science and engineering.

Access

1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), under the **Books & more** tab, select **E-book collections**

2. Select **ScienceDirect Books** from the alphabetical list.

OR

1. At the Library Home Page (<http://www.cityu.edu.hk/lib/>), select **E-Resources**.

2. Click on **E-Books**.

3. Select **ScienceDirect Books** from the alphabetical list.

Search

Select a search mode:

Quick Search

1. Enter search terms in one or more boxes then click **Search ScienceDirect**

Click to go to **Advanced Search**

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1. Click on the **Books** tab to search *ScienceDirect* eBooks.
2. Change the Source to "Subscribed Books."
3. Enter search terms.
4. Select field(s) to search.
5. Select an operator to combine the search terms in different fields.
6. Select a particular subject, if desired.
7. Specify a date range.
8. Click the **Search** button to start searching.

Expert Search

The screenshot shows the ScienceDirect search interface with the 'Books' tab selected. The search bar contains the text 'Search (Enter terms using Boolean connectors e.g. "heart attack" AND stress)'. Below the search bar is a dropdown menu for 'Source' with 'Subscribed books' selected. In the top right corner, there are links for 'Advanced search' and 'Expert search'. A callout box with an arrow pointing to the 'Expert search' link contains the text: 'Click on the **Expert Search** link to go to the Expert search form which is designed for the experienced searcher to conduct more sophisticated searches. See below for search tips.' Another arrow points to the 'Subscribed books' dropdown menu.

Select to search **Subscribed** Library books only.

Search Tips (for all search modes)

- Search terms are NOT case-sensitive.
Phrases should be enclosed in quotation marks, e.g. *"acid rain"*.
- Using the singular word form will retrieve the singular, plural, and possessive forms of most words, e.g., *city* would find *city*, *cities*, *city's* and *cities'*.
- Use Boolean and proximity operators to broaden or narrow your search:

Operator	Example	Finds records ...
OR	mri or magnetic resonance imaging	containing <i>MRI</i> or <i>magnetic resonance imaging</i> or both
AND	lesion and pancreatic	containing both <i>lesion</i> and <i>pancreatic</i>
AND NOT	tumor and not malignant	containing <i>tumor</i> but not <i>malignant</i>
W/n [#]	raymond w/3 smith	containing <i>Raymond</i> and <i>Smith</i> within 3 words of each other, e.g., <i>Raymond J. Smith</i> , and <i>Raymond J. A. Smith</i>
PRE/n [#]	behavioural pre/3 disturbances	in which <i>behavioural</i> precedes <i>disturbances</i> by 3 or less words

[#] Use the following guidelines when choosing a number for n:

- To find terms in the same phrase, use W/3, W/4, or W/5
- To find terms in the same sentence, use W/15
- To find terms in the same paragraph, use W/50
- Use parentheses to change the connector priority, i.e. operators inside parentheses are executed before operators used outside parentheses.
For example, *(physician and suicide) or euthanasia*
→ articles that contain the words *physician* and *suicide* will be found first
→ articles that contain the word *euthanasia* will be found next
- Use of wildcard symbols:

Symbol	Function	Example	Matches
*	replaces zero or more characters in a search word	behav* sul*ur	<i>behave</i> , <i>behaving</i> , <i>behaviour</i> , <i>behavioural</i> <i>sulphur</i> or <i>sulfur</i>
?	represents a single character	wom?n	<i>woman</i> or <i>women</i>

- ScienceDirect supports the UTF-8 character set. You can enter all UTF-8 characters directly in the search form, including non-Roman and accented characters.
- Special characters and formula searching:
 - To search the Greek letter Ω , enter **Ω** or *omega*.
 - Enter subscripted and superscripted characters on the same line as the other characters, e.g. to search for H₂O, enter **H₂O**
 - To search for the name Fürst, enter **Fürst** or *Furst*

Certain non-alpha/numeric special characters (e.g. hyphens, brackets, asterisks, bullets, plus/minus signs etc.) are NOT searchable unless they are enclosed in brackets, e.g. high-risk, enter {high-risk}.

Field-specific searching (for Expert search only)

To search a specific field, type the field name, a space, and the search term enclosed in parentheses. e.g. *title (neurotoxin)* will find articles containing *neurotoxin* in the article title.

A list of field names is available on the search tips page accessed by clicking on [Search Tips](#) and selecting the “fields” link under Books Expert Search Tips.

Display Search Results

The screenshot shows a search results page for 'retail management' with 2,403 articles found. The page includes a navigation bar with options to edit, save, or alert on the search, and a 'Search Tips' link. Below the navigation bar are numbered callouts 1 through 4. The main results area shows a list of articles with callouts 5 through 11. On the left, there are filters for 'Search within results' (callout 5) and 'Refine results' (callout 6) under 'Content Type', 'Journal/Book Title', and 'Topic'. The results list includes articles like 'Fund management and retail markets', 'Retail internationalization: how to grow', 'Collaboration in the retail supply chain', 'Introduction to retail strategy', and 'The financial implications of retail strategy'. Each article entry has callouts for actions like 'Show preview', 'PDF', 'Related articles', and 'Related reference work articles'.

1. Click to refine your search.
2. Click to save this search for future use. Personal login is required to use this service.
3. Click to save this search as a Search Alert. Personal login is required to use this service.
4. Click to subscribe to an RSS Feed on this search.
5. To further narrow down your search, enter a more specific search term or phrase to be searched within the current result listing.
6. To refine your search results, select from the available options listed under **Content Type**, **Title**, **Topic**, or **Publication Year** you want to limit to (i.e.include in) your search results or to exclude from your results.
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<http://help.sciencedirect.com/flare/Content/tutorials/alerts.html>

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