

How to use Google Scholar

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Google Scholar is a freely accessible web search engine that indexes the full text or metadata of scholarly literature across an array of publishing formats and disciplines. The Google Scholar index includes most peer-reviewed online academic journals and books, conference papers, theses and dissertations, preprints, abstracts, technical reports, and other scholarly literature, including court opinions and patents. It was estimated as of May 2014 to contain roughly 160 million documents and approximately 80-90% coverage of all articles published in English. (Wikipedia)

Who can use Google Scholar?

Anyone, although if you want to save or cite articles, you need to have a gmail account, which is easy to set up.

What you can do

- Search
- Customise your searches by date and relevance
- Find related articles
- Save articles into “My library”
- Check a found article in Libraries Australia, where you will find more links/tags
- Cite an article to put in your bibliography (using MLA, APA, Chicago, Harvard, Vancouver)

The best way to learn it is to have a play!