



Searching For **SCHOLARLY** **INFORMATION:** Where & How

LIBRARY SESSION FOR ENCS 282

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AGENDA

1. Where to search?
2. How to evaluate?
3. What are scholarly sources?
4. What are the major library search tools?



**WHAT SEARCH TOOL
DO YOU USE TO FIND
ACADEMIC
INFORMATION?**

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

GOOGLE SCHOLAR



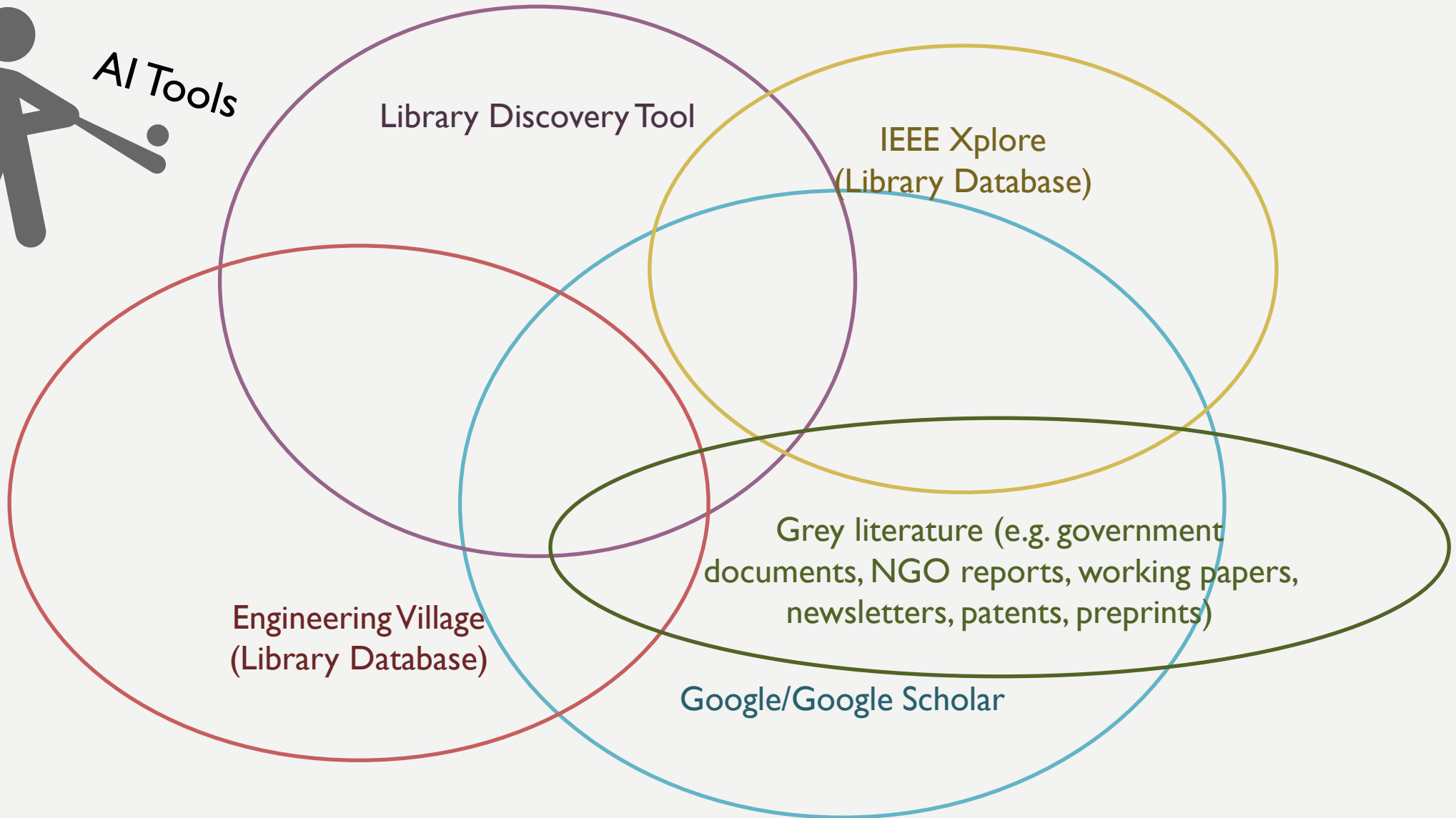
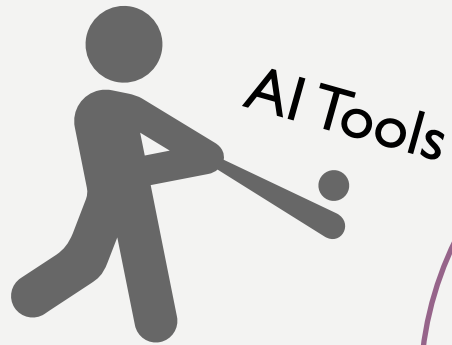
Volume | Quantity | Quick

LIBRARY DATABASES



Depth | Quality | Thorough

WHERE SHOULD YOU SEARCH?





**HOW IS USING
CHATGPT DIFFERENT
FROM GOOGLING?**

HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

GOOGLE SCHOLAR

An index of webpages with scholarly contents

List-based results, at a very quick speed

Retrieve results based on keyword matching, and other ranking factors (e.g. location, page linking)

CHATGPT

Human-like responses to prompts

Conversation-based results, often very persuasive

Generate new text based on what it has learned about patterns and sequences of words from massive training datasets

SOME IMPLICATIONS

FOR INFORMATION SEARCHING AND RELATED SKILLS

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CITING AI-GENERATED CONTENT

AN EXAMPLE IN IEEE CITATION STYLE

Generative AI (eg., ChatGPT)

There is currently no official stylistic recommendations from IEEE for referencing AI-generated content. IEEE requires any citation and style issues not covered by its own style manual to be addressed using the [Chicago Manual of Style](#). If you have been asked to cite material generated by artificial intelligence for a class assignment, you can use the format suggested by the Chicago Manual of Style.

Example

[1] Text generated by ChatGPT, June 28, 2023, OpenAI, <https://chat.openai.com/chat>.

Note: Methods of citing materials generated by artificial intelligence (AI) tools like ChatGPT are rapidly changing. Check with your course instructor or thesis supervisor before using or citing material generated by AI tools. You should also check whether the tool you're using has terms of use or guidelines on how to credit use of the tool (for example, [from OpenAI](#)).

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- Think critically about capabilities and limitations of these new tools and platforms
- Navigate the information landscape critically (e.g. hallucination, deepfake)



EVALUATING INFORMATION

STRATEGIES AND CONSIDERATIONS

THINK, PAIR, SHARE

Talk to the person next to you for 5 minutes:

What are some ways to ensure that the information you find online is accurate and reliable?

EVALUATING INTERNET INFORMATION


What do fact checkers do?

- Spend more time scanning the snippets on the results page **before clicking**
- Know what you read **before you read it**
- More **lateral reading** than vertical reading

BE MORE INTENTIONAL

Consider these factors **as much as possible**

- Who is behind the information?
- Who is the intended audience?
- What is the evidence?
- What is scope/depth/breadth?
- What do other sources say?
- How current is the information?



TYPES OF INFORMATION SOURCES

WHAT IS CONSIDERED SCHOLARLY?

NAVIGATING SCHOLARLY INFORMATION

ANSWER POLL QUESTIONS ON MENTIMETER

CONTEXTUALIZE THE PROBLEM WITH INFORMATION

You need to design a playground for a neighbourhood

Economical

Environmental

Political

Legal

Cultural

Social

Historical

Government data and statistics

Trade magazines

Photos

Encyclopedias

Standards and codes

Materials properties

Books

Handbooks

Conference proceedings

Maps

Technical reports

Research articles



LIBRARY DISCOVERY TOOL

THE MAIN LIBRARY SEARCH TOOL

Sofia Discovery tool

Books, ebooks, articles, and more

Search

User guide

Searching Sofia 

Advanced search



DATABASES BY
SUBJECT



E-JOURNALS



COURSE
RESERVES &
TEXTBOOKS



CITATION GUIDES
& ZOTERO



LOANS &
RETURNS



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STUDY ROOM

LIBRARY DISCOVERY TOOL

- Front and centre on the library homepage
- A good starting point for a general search across library resources
- Answer questions such as:
 - Does the library have this book?
 - Does the library have this journal article?
 - Does the library have some background/overview information on a topic?

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Special Collections

Format

All

[Article \(13.9K\)](#)

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Article, Chapter (17K)

Article (13.9K)

Downloadable Article (2.1K)

Chapter (1.3K)

Book (1K)

eBook (975)

Print Book (31)

Thesis, Dissertation (3)


Video (46)

eVideo (46)

Journal, Magazine (9)

eJournal, eMagazine (9)

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Blockchain

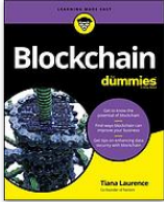
Authors: [Matthieu Quiniou](#) (Author), [Safari, an O'Reilly Media Company](#).

eBook 2019, 1st edition.
Wiley-ISTE, 2019.

Summary: The dominance of trusted intermediaries could be weakened by **blockchain**, a distributed ledger technology, one of the functions of which is to constitute timestamped proofs by replacing inter-individual trust with algorithmic trust. **Blockchain** self-executing smart contracts allow us to rethink the practice in the domain of e-commerce, interbank communication, Show More

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Blockchain for dummies

Authors: [Tiana Laurence](#) (Author)

eBook 2017
[Place of publication not identified]: Wiley, [2017]

Summary: Find out what **Blockchain** is, how it works, and what it can do for you **Blockchain** is the technology behind Bitcoin, the revolutionary 'virtual currency' that's changing the way people do business. While Bitcoin has enjoyed some well-deserved hype, **Blockchain** may be Bitcoin's most vital legacy. **Blockchain For Dummies** is the ideal starting place for business pros looking to gain Show More

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LIBRARY DISCOVERY TOOL

- A search for a broad keyword such as *blockchain*
- Refine options include:
 - Format types (e.g. ebooks)
 - Publication years
- Shows results with Concordia full text access by default
 - Easily expand to other university libraries in Québec or Worldwide
 - Easily make requests for items from other university libraries

LIBRARY DATABASES

OVER 400 OF THEM ORGANIZED BY DISCIPLINE

Engineering Village™

IEEE
Xplore®
Digital Library

 **Clarivate**
Web of Science™

 **SCIFINDER**ⁿ®
A CAS SOLUTION

Scopus®

Knovel®

LIBRARY DATABASES

- Content is usually more in-depth and specialized
- More options to search, expand, or refine
- Answer questions such as:
 - Where can I find journal articles on a specific aspect of a topic
 - How can I combine different elements/keywords in a search?

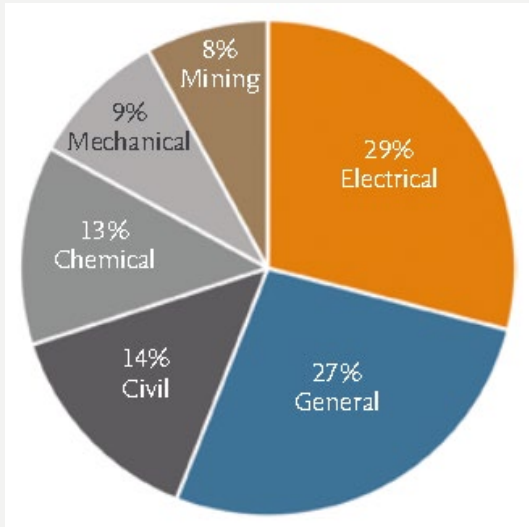


ENGINEERING VILLAGE

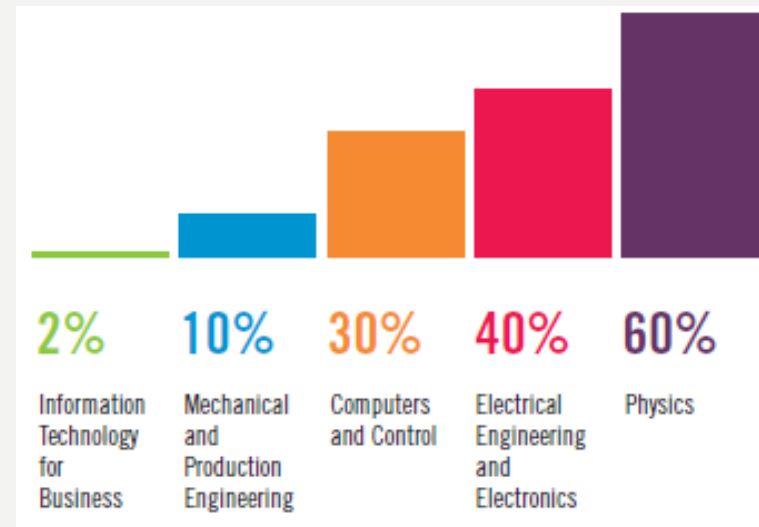
A CLOSER LOOK AT AN ENGINEERING DATABASE

WHAT CONTENT IS INCLUDED?

With a coverage of 1884 to the present, the three indexes **Compendex**, **Inspec**, and **GEOBASE** provide content in general engineering as well as more specialized engineering disciplines.

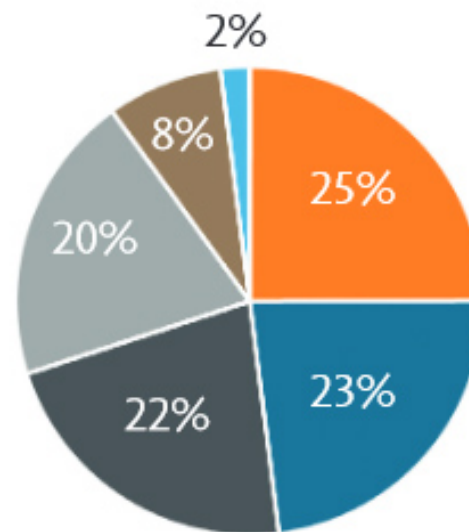


Compendex



Inspec

- Human Geography – 25%
- Environmental Sciences – 23%
- Physical Geography – 22%
- Geology – 20%
- Oceanography – 8%
- Geomechanics – 2%



GEOBASE

Document type



Filter results:



<input type="checkbox"/> Conference article	(395,204)	<input type="checkbox"/> Erratum	(329)
<input type="checkbox"/> Journal article	(290,757)	<input type="checkbox"/> Retracted	(218)
<input type="checkbox"/> Preprint	(129,714)	<input type="checkbox"/> Data Paper	(98)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Article in Press	(6,696)	<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	(43)
<input type="checkbox"/> Book chapter	(5,173)	<input type="checkbox"/> Editorial	(38)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dissertation	(2,049)	<input type="checkbox"/> Patent	(4)
<input type="checkbox"/> Book	(566)	<input type="checkbox"/> Report chapter	(4)

View: 10 Max

Limit to

Exclude

IS THE CONTENT PEER-REVIEWED?

- Journal articles are peer-reviewed
- Some conference articles/proceedings are peer-reviewed
- Recently, preprints have been included in the results in Compendex
- Preprints are NOT peer-reviewed, but are helpful in exploring the latest papers

Thermal effects and anomalies in the low-temperature plasticity of crystals

Malygin, G.A. (A.F. Ioffe Physicotech. Inst., St. Petersburg, Russia) Source: *Physics of the Solid State*,

Database: Inspec

Document type: Journal article (JA)

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INFO

Distribution pattern of heavy metals in soils with respect to typical land uses in electron

Article, Chapter

Authors: Wen-Cheng Wu

Publication: Zhongguo Huanjing Kexue/China Environmental Science, Volume:38, Issue:7, Page(s):2632-2638

Published: 2018

ISSN: 1000-6923

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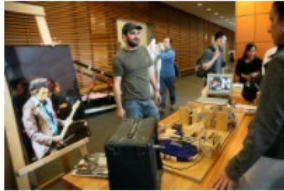
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General guides



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- › Articles (What's peer review?)
- › Books
- › Open Access journals
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- › [More...](#)



Evaluating

- › Books
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Writing

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- › Literature reviews
- › Book reports
- › Research papers



Citing

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- Citations and references
- Recommend new resources

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