

# Database Guide: Finding Articles on the Library's Website



West Library, Texas Wesleyan University

- Research from home
- Find Scholarly Journal Articles Quickly
- Find articles in other databases or other libraries

## Picking a Database

Academic Search Complete	General Database
ERIC	Education
SociIndex	Sociology
PsycArticles	Psychology
PubMed	Biomedical Science
Literature Resource Center	Literature
Business Source Complete	Business

## Searching Databases

The West Library gives you access to over 80 databases. From there, you have access to thousands of scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers.

### Searching

With most of the databases, you can enter a search term in a SEARCH box, just as you would in an Internet search engine.

Pick your search terms by looking at your topic and selecting key words. Look at the results of your search to select more relevant terms or specific aspects of your topic.

### Revising and Narrowing your Search

It may take several searches to get the best

results. Computers aren't smart, so you have to be. You may want to try:

*Truncation:* By putting \* at the end of a root word (like comput\*), you can get results with all the



words that start with that root (like computer, computing, computes, etc.)

*Narrow Result by Subject (Thesaurus Terms):* On the left side of the screen, there will be subjects so you can narrow your re-

sults. This can help you focus your search and give you ideas for search terms.

*Adding AND to a search:* By adding "AND" with another search term, you can target your search more, letting you find more specific results.

### Getting Help

Anytime you need help with researching or using databases, you can call (817-531-4802), come by the West Library, or email us at [reference@txwes.edu](mailto:reference@txwes.edu).

## Finding Articles

When you find an article you like, the next step is getting the full text of it.

If you see icons that say "HTML FullText" or "PDF FullText," you can read the article from your computer.

If you don't see "PDF" or "HTML FullText" click on the Periodical Finder link.

That will tell you if we have the journal in another database or in the print collection.

If we don't have it on campus, we can still get it for you! You can either use your TexShare card to get the article in another library, or you can use Interlibrary Loan.

You can check WorldCat.org to see the closest library with that journal.

You can also request the article through Interlibrary Loan. We will get the article for you and you can have it emailed to you or you can pick it up in the library.