

Using FindIt/Check for full text

In this video we are going to cover how to get to the full text of an article using either the FindIt button or the Check for full text link located in library databases.

Once you've completed your search and are reviewing the results on your results list, the next step is to retrieve the full text for articles you want to read.

Depending on the database you are using you will either see a FindIt button or a link reading Check for Full text.

We are going to see examples of retrieving the full text of articles using both of these paths.

In the current example we conducted a search in the Shark Search box and now want to get the full text of the article on the screen.

When we click the FindIt button, another tab will appear in our browser. Going to the other tab you will see the article's information and then a list of options. In this case we see a link reading 'find this article in full text from Gale General OneFile' - immediately to the right of the link are the coverage years contained in Gale General OneFile for this journal. Just make sure the date your article was published falls within the years covered in the database.

Now we are going to click the link and you will notice another tab opens in your browser. The new tab will display our article abstract, which will lead to the PDF full text.

Now let's look at an example using the Check for full text link.

I have my **article** on the screen and want the full text. To the right there is the link to Check for full text. Clicking the link I get a new tab in the browser. The new tab is set up the same way as when we clicked the FindIt button, but this time it displays different information.

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This journal article is located in ScienceDirect.

Clicking on the ScienceDirect link we get another tab opening in the browser – displaying the journal page in ScienceDirect

At this point we have the option of using the view all issues link to drill down to our article or searching for the article title in the search box in the center of the screen.

I am going to search for the title. The results page brings you to the full text of the item.

What do you do if there is no link to a database after clicking on FindIt or Check for Full text?

The pop-up tab list steps to follow before requesting a copy of the article through InterLibrary Loan.

Looking at the current example on the screen. Sometimes the lack of a direct link to another database may be because of the publication year of the article. Most electronic access starts in the mid 1990s. So take a look at when your article was published.

Then follow the steps:

Step one is the link that will search our library catalog to see if we have access to the journal by the unique journal ISSN number.

Step two will search our library catalog by the journal's title.

Lastly Step three, if we do not have the journal, the last link will create a request for the article that you can submit to our InterLibrary Loan department.

Please contact the library reference desk if you have any questions.

Thank you for watching.