

Disadvantage: Doesn't always offer full-text of citations.

Google Scholar

Strengths and Weaknesses of Google Scholar

Google Scholar Strengths	Google Scholar Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Getting the “big picture” of the scholarly discourse around a topic.• Viewing books, articles, conference proceedings, and more in one list.• Determining authors and publications in an area of interest.• Tracking down incomplete citations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limiting and sorting results by type (eg. peer reviewed articles, full-text, reviews).• Searching within a specific discipline• Browsing by journal title.• Doing a comprehensive search for a literature review.• Using controlled vocabulary to search by subject.• Emailing lists of search results.

Table 1. Google Strengths & Weaknesses, from NYU Libraries. *Advanced Google Searching: Google Scholar*. NYU Libraries. New York University. 29 Nov 2017. <<https://guides.nyu.edu/googlescholar>>.

BASE

BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine) is a multi-disciplinary search engine to scholarly internet resources, created by Bielefeld University Library in Bielefeld, Germany. As of 2022, it had indexed over [280 million documents from over 9000 sources](#).¹

CORE

CORE (**CO**nnecting **RE**positories) is a service provided by the Knowledge Media Institute based at The Open University, United Kingdom.¹

Finding full-text with citations

After finding a citation with an academic search engine or via the bibliography of an already acquired source, it's time to find the full-text.

Option 1: Search [EZB](#) to see if BI has access to the journal

Option 2: Search the [BAU Discovery System](#) to see if the journal is available from BAU

Option 3: Use the [BAU EZProxy Bookmarklet](#) to immediately see if full-text is available via BAU

Discovery Systems (Combined Search)

Discovery systems try to combine the two search methods described below by searching across many databases at once AND providing full-text access. Barbaros Library provides a discovery system that can be used to search most of their collections at once. [Click here for more information.](#)

Advantage: Searches many databases at once and provides access to full-text.

Disadvantage: Only searches the collections of one institution and cannot be integrated with all databases.

¹ Source: Wikipedia

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