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- Identify your topic and keywords
- Choose the proper tools (catalogues, databases)
- Collect and evaluate useful documents (articles, papers, technical reports)
- Create your bibliography using the correct citation style and citing the source



What are Bibliographic Databases?



- A **bibliographic database** is a database of bibliographic records, an organized digital collection of references to published literature, including journal and newspaper articles, conference proceedings, reports, government and legal publications, patents, books, etc. In contrast to library catalogue entries, a large proportion of the bibliographic records in bibliographic databases describe articles, conference papers, etc., rather than complete monographs, and they generally contain very rich subject descriptions in the form of keywords, subject classification terms, or abstracts.
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- Bibliographic databases usually **provide links to the abstract or summary** of the article so that you can evaluate its relevance.
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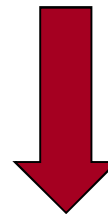
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