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- Language(s) in which information can be retrieved from that resource
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<p>Core One of the world's largest collection of open access research. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>CORE FAQ</p>
<p>Cornell University Archives (arXiv) An open access archive of 1,674,903 scholarly articles. Subjects: Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science Interface Language: English</p>	<p>arXiv Help Contents</p>

<p>Content Language: English Cost: Free</p>	
<p>Dimensions Search for bibliographic information from over 100 million research publications. Dimensions boasts excellent filter functions which make finding linked information easy. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: English Cost: Free</p>	<p>How to search in Dimensions (Video)</p>
<p>Directory of open access books (DOAB) This bilingual directory (English/French) helps users discover open access books across the web. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: French, English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>How to use DOAB (Video)</p>
<p>DOAJ: Directory of Open Access Journals A curated directory of high quality, open access, peer-reviewed journals. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>DOAJ FAQ</p>
<p>EconBiz: Find Economic Literature A resource providing students, researchers and teachers access to free and licensed full text publications on economics and business. Subjects: Economics, Business Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>How to Search in EconBiz (Video)</p>
<p>Erudit Canadian platform offering free access to scholarly journals, books, theses, etc. Subjects: Social Sciences, Humanities</p>	<p>Erudit Research Guide</p>

<p>Interface Language: French, English Content Language: French, English Cost: 95% of content is free. Current year's content requires a subscription.</p>	
<p>Google Scholar Google's academic search engine. It searches millions of academic articles from across multiple disciplines and sources. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>How to use Google Scholar (Video)</p>
<p>Google Scholar Button Create a Google Scholar search form any webpage. Simply highlight any text and click the Google Scholar button. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>Introducing Google Scholar Button (Video)</p>
<p>International Monetary Fund eLibrary Direct access to the IMF's periodicals, books, data and statistical tools. Subjects: Macroeconomics, Globalization, Trade, etc. Interface Language: English, Spanish Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>IMF eLibrary Help</p>
<p>JSTOR Digital library of more than 12 million academic journal articles, books, etc. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Institutions in eligible countries can register for low-cost or free access.</p>	<p>JSTOR Support</p>
<p>Kopernio</p>	<p>Kopernio: get started in two minutes (Video)</p>

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<p>Microsoft Academic Microsoft Academic offers a semantic search engine rather than a traditional keyword-based search.</p> <p>Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>Microsoft Academic Intro (Video)</p>
<p>OAIster A union catalog of millions of records that is built by harvesting from open access collections worldwide. It contains more than 50 million records from more than 2,000 contributors.</p> <p>Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p>OpenDOAR A quality-assured, global directory of open access repositories.</p> <p>Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual</p>	<p>About OpenDOAR</p>

<p>Cost: Free</p>	
<p>OpenEdition This resource brings together four platforms to provide access to hundreds of open access books, journals, blogs, and events. Subjects: Humanities, Social sciences Interface Language: French, English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>OpenEdition Presentation (Video available only in French)</p>
<p>Open Knowledge Maps This search tool offers "A visual interface to the world's scientific knowledge". Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>Open Knowledge Maps FAQs</p>
<p>Paperity: Open science aggregated Multidisciplinary aggregator of Open Access journals and papers. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>What is Paperity (Video)</p>
<p>Public Library of Science (PLOS) PLOS is a non-profit, Open Access publisher. Subjects: Science and Medicine Interface Language: English Content Language: English Cost: Free</p>	<p>About PLOS</p>
<p>PubMed Central Free full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journals from the U.S. National Institutes of Health's National Library of Medicine Subjects: Biomedical, Life Sciences, Medicine Interface Language: English</p>	<p>PMC Help</p>

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<p>re3data.org A registry of open data repositories spanning most disciplines. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>re3data FAQ</p>
<p>Research4Life Research4Life is comprised of five programmes: Hinari, AGORA, OARE, ARDI and GOALI. These programs offer free or low-cost access for eligible countries to thousands of peer-reviewed journals, books, and databases. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free, or tiered pricing, depending on country</p>	<p>How to register</p>
<p>ResearchGate A professional network for scientists and researcher to share, discover, and discuss research. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>ResearchGate Help</p>
<p>Sabinet Collections-Open Access A full-text collection of scholarly journals and trade publications available to everyone. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: English Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>Sabinet FAQs</p>
<p>Semantic Scholar Semantic Scholar is a free, AI-powered research tool for locating scientific literature. Subjects: Multidisciplinary</p>	<p>About us</p>

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<p>UN Data A web-based data service where users can search and download a variety of statistical resources. Subjects: Agriculture, Crime, Education, Industry, Labour, etc. Interface Language: English Content Language: English Cost: Free</p>	<p>UN Data FAQ</p>
<p>UN Environment Programme Document Repository The UN Environment Programme's document repository of over 12000 items. Subjects: Environment, Climate Change Interface Language: English Content Language: English Cost: Free</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Unpaywall An open database of 25,954,233 free scholarly articles accessed using a browser extension. Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: N/A Content Language: N/A Cost: Browser extension is free.</p>	<p>Unpaywall FAQs</p>
<p>Wiley Open Access</p>	<p>Open Access at Wiley (Video)</p>

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<p>World Bank Open Knowledge Repository</p> <p>The World Bank's official open access repository for its research outputs and knowledge products</p> <p>Subjects: Multidisciplinary Interface Language: Multilingual Content Language: Multilingual Cost: Free</p>	<p>OKR FAQ</p>