Web of Science: Finding journal articles and basic citation information
Web of Science is a citation index

Citation indexes enable you to...

• Search for journal articles by subject, author, publication name etc.

HOWEVER you can also:

• Find out how many times a paper has been cited i.e. Gauge the usefulness/quality of a paper.

• Find which articles have cited an earlier article i.e. When you find an article, you can then discover which articles have subsequently cited it.

• Find articles on a similar or related subject i.e. If an article has cited another article, then they are probably on a similar/related subject.

In addition you can:

• Find the best journals in your field using Journal Citation Reports i.e. Citation data is used to rank journals, so is a way of seeing how journals perform in relation to others in the same subject area.
Web of Science (WoS) provides access to:

- The world’s leading scholarly literature in the sciences, social sciences, arts, and humanities and proceedings of international conferences, symposia, seminars, colloquia, workshops, and conventions

- Web of Science comprises of a number of journal databases including:
  - Science Citation Index Expanded (1970-present)
  - Social Sciences Citation Index (1970-present)
  - Arts & Humanities Citation Index (1975-present)
  - Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Science (1990-present)
  - Conference Proceedings Citation Index- Social Science & Humanities (1990-present)
  - Emerging Sources Citation Index (2015-present)
Web of Science help

- This is an introductory guide to accessing and using Web of Science. Discover how to search for information and find basic citation information.

- For more detailed help finding citation information see *Web of Science: Finding Citation Information* (WoS Guide 2)

- For information on creating Journal Citation Reports see *Web of Science: Journal Citation Reports* (WoS Guide 3).
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You can refine your search by date.

The default search is by ‘Topic’ but it is possible to search for a specific author, publication name or publication year etc. Use the drop-down menu to choose and then click on ‘Search’.
Your search results are displayed in date order (newest to oldest)

This is the number of items found which match the search.

Click on the article title for more detail.

The ‘Abstract’ provides a brief overview of the article.
How to refine your search results

Add additional search terms here to search within your existing search results.

It is also possible to refine by publication year, category, document type, organisations, funding agency, author and open access status.

Click on ‘View all options’ to see additional refining tools including series or conference title, language and much more.
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Sort your search results by ‘Times cited’

If you would like to reorder the list by the number of times articles have been cited rather than by ‘date’, then click on ‘Times Cited’.

...the articles with the most citations will now be at the top of the list e.g. This article has been cited 1,570 times in other journal articles.

The number of times an article has been cited is an indication of its usefulness, quality and influence. More information on next page.
You can see a list of the citing articles by clicking here.

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