

# Digital Research Tools

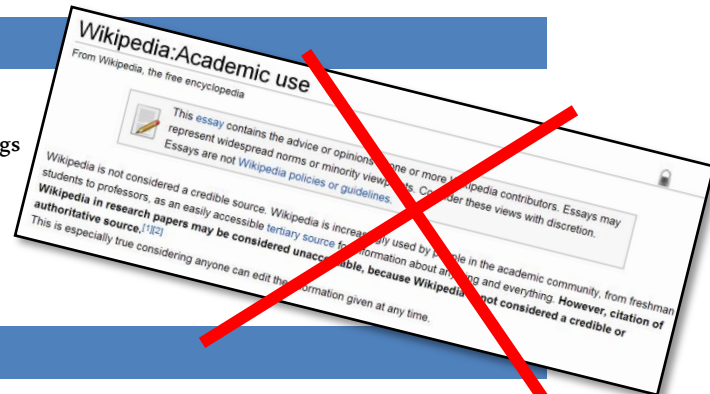
What are the first steps to take when starting an academic research in the online universe?

For research, it is important to select sources that are credible: in which information is verified and verifiable, sources that went through a process of editing and peer review, were published for academic audience, etc.

To find the best relevant academic sources for your research, you have several online tools and databases at your disposal free of charge. Use them! Wikipedia, blogs, random website articles of dubious background will not provide for credible citable material for scholarly research papers.

## 1. EVALUATING ONLINE SOURCES

- ✓ Evaluate bibliographic citations
  - Author, title, summary, keywords, subject headings
- ✓ Publisher
- ✓ Intended audience?
- ✓ Fact, opinion, or propaganda?
- ✓ References



## 2. FINDING SOURCES

- ✓ In the initial phase of research, look for bibliographies and annotated bibliographies
- ✓ Find appropriate subject headings for your research to narrow down the search
- ✓ Identify key texts and authors
- ✓ THEN search paid databases for academic papers or books



## THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS



[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

- ✓ Digital Archives – searchable source documents
- ✓ Chronicling America – American historical newspapers
- ✓ Virtual programs and services - <http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/>
- ✓ Ask a Librarian

*See LoC handout for further details*

## FREE ACCESS TO PAID DATABASES – ACADEMIC JOURNALS

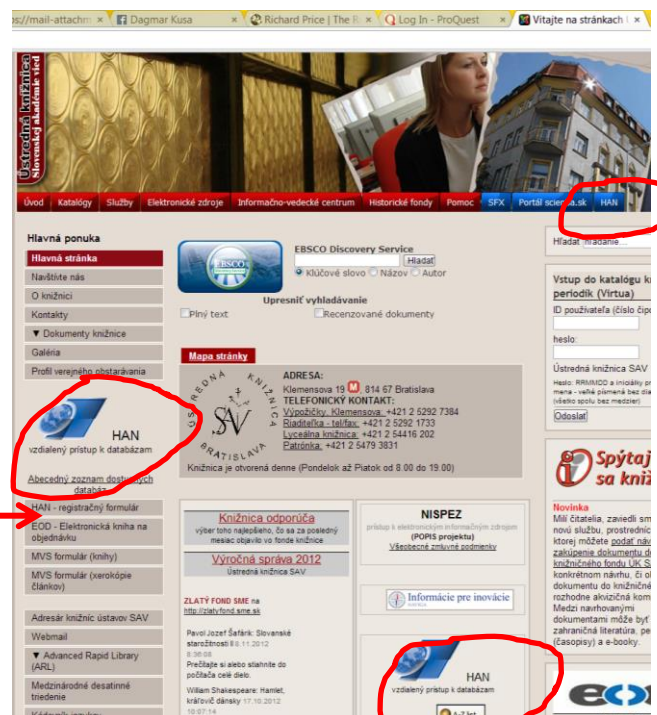
## UKSAV - UNIVERZITNÁ KNIŽNICA SLOVENSKEJ AKADEMIE VIED

<http://uk.sav.sk/uksav/>

HAN remote access to paid databases  
Cez čitateľský preukaz – potrebné požiadať o aktiváciu vzdialeného prístupu HAN (zdarma)

S čitateľským preukazom sa možno zaregistrovať na vzdialený prístup HAN aj online.

**DO IT!**



## MOST RELEVANT DATABASES AT UKSAV

### PROQUEST CENTRAL



*1<sup>st</sup> go-to place*

Coverage: 1905-present

ProQuest Central is the largest, multidisciplinary, full-text database available in the market today. This resource provides access to 27 of ProQuest's most highly used databases, with a variety of content types across over 160 subjects, making this the broadest single research resource in the world. ProQuest Central won the Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) 2010 CODiE Award for Best Online General Reference Service.

Social Sciences

ProQuest Central features scholarly journals, working papers from the Social Sciences Research Network, and professional journals in all the fields within social and political sciences, including criminal justice and education. Exclusive social science journals include Acta Politica, Berliner Journal für Soziologie, American Sociological Review, Human Rights Quarterly and Studies in East European Thought.

- includes

- Academic journals (largest collection online)
- Dissertations
- Working papers
- News (searchable archives of major international newspapers)

### JSTOR



- JSTOR currently includes more than 2,000 academic journals, dating back to the first volume ever published, along with thousands of monographs and other materials relevant for education. We have digitized more than 50 million pages and continue to digitize approximately 3 million pages annually
- JSTOR includes scholarly journals, conference proceedings, primary source materials, and, since 2012, books.
- JSTOR licenses content from a group of more than 800 publishers that includes university presses, commercial publishers, scholarly and professional societies, university departments, independent journals, museums, and libraries.
- JSTOR is dedicated to the long-term preservation and high digitization standards of scholarly materials.

Great database for academic articles in social sciences and humanities.

Downside – there is a waiting period of three years for articles to be released into the database, so the most current articles cannot be found there

### SAGE Journals Online



- SAGE Publications is an independent international publisher of journals, books, and electronic media.
- Access full-text articles from all journals published by SAGE Publications

### SPRINGER LINK



- Providing researchers with access to millions of scientific documents from journals, books, series, protocols and reference works.
- Access full-text articles from all journals published by Springer-Verlag Publishers

### EBSCO



- High-quality articles licensed from reputable publishers, recognized by academic professionals, and selected for use in an academic environment.
- EBSCOhost databases feature limiters to assist in narrowing your results, making the information you need easier to find.
- Students and faculty can view, save, print, and e-mail citations for chosen article(s) in many different formats, directly from the database

### WEB OF KNOWLEDGE

Integrated access to high quality, multidisciplinary research literature



- Citation databases, tables of contents, abstracts and bibliographic information from the most recently published journals and books, as well as from more than 7,000 relevant, evaluated websites

- Cited reference searching, available via Web of Science, lets you search backward and forward in time to uncover prior influences and subsequent developments.
- The Analyze tool helps you discover trends and patterns that aren't immediately apparent, yet are vital to the total research picture. You'll see exactly who the top authors are within your area of interest — the top institutions — the journals publishing most of the information you seek — and more. And you'll be able to see broad trends that indicate what topics are currently hot, and trace the history of particular areas of study
- Author identification tools - A suite of authorship tools helps you quickly locate articles likely written by the same author, in a simple, single search.
- With EndNote Web, you can easily access and organize your references online, share EndNote Web folders with your colleagues, and easily transfer your files to EndNote on the desktop for further management.

## QUESTIA



[www.questia.com](http://www.questia.com)

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password: johnson

**questia**  
The World's Largest Online Library

BISLA has a lifetime account

In this database, you'll find full-text books, academic papers, magazine articles, and newspaper articles.

You can save and organize texts, notes, bookmarks in project folders for quick reference.

Generate professional, professor-approved citations and bibliographies.

## FREE ONLINE DATABASES

### SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

<http://sas-space.sas.ac.uk>

SAS-Space is an online library for humanities research outputs, providing a permanent archive for scholars and researchers.

Includes papers, theses, reports, books, book sections, working papers, student papers, conference proceedings, etc.

### PHILPAPERS

<http://philpapers.org>

PhilPapers is a comprehensive index and bibliography of works in philosophy.

In addition to indexing books and journal articles, we monitor open access archives and personal pages for articles by academic philosophers. We also accept articles directly from users, who can provide links or upload copies in our open access archive, the largest in philosophy. Some features require that you sign in first, but creating an account is easy and free. 53,245 people have registered.

### ARCHIVES HUB- SOCIAL SCIENCES

<http://archiveshub.ac.uk/features/socialsciences/>

The Archives Hub provides a gateway to thousands of the UK's richest archives. Representing over 220 institutions across the country, the Archives Hub is an effective way to discover unique and often little-known sources to support your research.

### FORUM HISTORIAE

<http://www.forumhistoriae.sk/>

- Full-text knižnica prevažne slovenských textov z oblasti (najmä) slovenskej histórie a historiografie
- Knihy
- Časopis FORUM Historiae



- Diskusné fórum

## PRIMARY SOURCES DATABASES

Europeana [www.europeana.eu](http://www.europeana.eu)

World Digital Library [www.wdl.org](http://www.wdl.org)

## FULL-TEXT BOOKS

### LIBRARY GENESIS



[www.gen.lib.rus.ec](http://www.gen.lib.rus.ec)

### GUTENBERG PROJECT

<http://www.gutenberg.org>

Project Gutenberg offers over 42,000 free ebooks: choose among free epub books, free kindle books, download them or read them online.

We carry high quality ebooks: All our ebooks were previously published by bona fide publishers. We digitized and diligently proofread them with the help of thousands of volunteers. Online archives

- mostly literature, philosophy, history



## 3. ORGANIZING YOUR RESEARCH

To organize research is just as important as finding the right academic resources.

You can save many hours of your life by taking notes as you read and organizing texts systematically into folders by subject headings.

Take notes that are readily usable and citable! Summarize text, include direct quotes along with a page number where they appeared in the original text, so that you don't have to go back and search for it.

Here are several tools to keep your files organized online, along with your notes and annotations:

### ZOTERO



<http://www.zotero.org/>

ZOTERO is a free, easy-to-use tool to help you collect, organize, cite, and share your research sources.

Download free application and web browser plugin.

Sync between various devices

Zotero is the only research tool that automatically senses content in your web browser, allowing you to add it to your personal library with a single click.

Zotero organizes your research into collections that act like iTunes playlists. You can create smart collections that automatically fill with relevant materials as you add them to your library. Assign tags to organize your research.

**ZOTERO groups:** With groups, you collaborate remotely with project members, set up web-based Share your own work or sources you have discovered with others who are working in related areas. Collaborate with colleagues, publicly or privately, on ongoing research. Discover other people with similar interests and the sources they are citing.



### QUESTIA

- ☞ Make notes , save bookmarks in texts, create folders
- ☞ Organize bibliographies and citations

## GRAD HACKER

<http://www.gradhacker.org/>

gradhacker

- tips on thesis writing, research, productivity, collaboration

GradHacker is a collaborative blog and bootcamp program that spans universities and programs. It is written by graduate students from a variety of universities, departments, and stages in their careers and for the entire range of graduate and professional students. We are dedicated to creating a community of grads who can benefit from hearing the stories, tips, and challenges of others who are experiencing the same things. The topics that we will tackle are just as varied as the individuals who are writing them, and while the original idea for this spawned from the goal of teaching other grads about technology to ease their lives and help with networking, we want to expand the idea of 'hacking' to all aspects of grad life.

## TABLET – ORGANIZING PDFS AND NOTES

## EVERNOTE AND SKITCH



Free software for Android

- SKITCH by Evernote: free addition; annotate any documents
- Notes attachable to any document or image; typed, inked, or audio
- Notes are searchable
- Keep a research file
- Bookmark websites, save printscreens into your file
- Syncs with PC and other devices
- Create To-do lists, shopping lists
- Plan a trip
- Possibility to share notebooks with colleagues and friends



## QUIQQA

Qiqqa is a full-featured free PDF reader for Android. It supports continuous scrolling, pinch-to-zoom, full-text search, annotating, bookmarks, and much much more! Open PDFs with Qiqqa directly from your file system and experience the BEST PDF reader on the Android platform!

If you want more, Qiqqa for Android is also the perfect companion to the free Qiqqa for Windows for reading and managing your PDF research material on the go. Read, annotate and tag your PDFs and sync them with the Cloud to run your powerful annotation reports on your Qiqqa for Windows desktop.

Qiqqa for Windows is free essential software for academic and research work. Get your next exam, paper, or project done better, quicker:

- Super-charged PDF management and search.
- Cite your references.
- Source essential metadata.
- Collaborate.
- Brainstorm new ideas.
- Visualize your topics.
- And much more!

Engineered by academics, its mission is to make your research life easier. Start using the award-winning software that lets you get your academic work done better, quicker.



## SMARQ READER

Here is another PDF reader with annotation tools as well as **page-cropping and sharing**. There's a built-in file manager for **organizing and syncing** your documents. You can **add comments and highlights to PDF files** in different colors and even pen sizes. There's also a document manipulation tools for adjusting the **brightness, inverting colors, adding texture** and more.

