Web of Science

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In the Web of Science (WoS) three bibliographic sources (databases) are searchable simultaneously: Science Citation Index Expanded (1900-present), the Social Sciences Citation Index (1956 to present) and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index (1975 to present). WoS is part of the ISI Web of Knowledge.

WoS offers the opportunity to find publications on the basis of relations between citations (references) published in scientific articles. One can find out how often an author is cited and which articles refer to a specific article.

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- Go to the website of the VU University Library: www.ub.vu.nl
- Under Go directly to click on Web of Science

Search
Before beginning a search, choose to refine the results by selecting one or more WoS databases and/or limiting the search to a certain year or period. More advanced search options are available by clicking the arrow after Basic Search.

- **Search**: searching for articles (and also reviews) according to Author, Topic or journal title (Title). It is possible to fill in search terms in more than one search field. When searching by Author it is advisable to use truncation, by entering only one initial and the symbol *.
  For example: Brewis A*
  Publication name: refining the search to only one e-Journal. A list of the publications available through WoS can be accessed by the Publication Name Index.

- **Cited Reference Search**: this option shows how often a particular book or article has been cited by other authors. Through this option literature can be found that has been published more recently. Here the search result can be limited to one specific journal (Cited Work) or year (Cited Year). To find journals via Cited Work, only standardized abbreviations can be entered. A list of these journal titles can be found at the option: View abbreviation list.

- **Advanced Search**: Via Advanced Search one can combine various search terms and combine previous searches. In this function it is important to use the correct spelling. The Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT and SAME) can be used here. For examples see more examples.
Results
The result of a Search is shown in a list (Results). More information about a result can be found by clicking on it, as shown below.

- After a Cited Reference Search the list of search results shows other results:

In the example above, Hofstede G* has been searched. What appears on screen is that an article by G. Hofstede in the Academy of Management Review, vol. 9, p.389 (1984) was cited 188 times in other publications.

If the title is shown in blue (show expanded titles) then one can select to access extensive bibliographic information. Use the option Cited by to see articles and/or books which cite this article by Hofstede.

If the title is not shown in blue then the title can be selected by ticking the box. Click Finish Search to show a list of publications in which the selected article has been cited.

Printing, saving and exporting
In the final search result multiple references can be selected.
Use the icons at the top or bottom of the page to print, e-mail or export articles.

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