Finding Scholarly Articles in a Library Database
Start by navigating to the libraries’ homepage: library.albany.edu
Click the Databases tab on the libraries’ homepage.
Search for a database or choose from the list of popular databases under the search box.

In this example, we will be searching Academic Search Complete.
Academic Search Complete is a general database. The articles in this database cover many different topics. No matter your topic, you should be able to find something about your topic. This makes the database a good place to start your research.
If you are new to database searching, it looks like there is a lot going on here, including a large number of search options.
For now, the only part of the page you need to pay attention to is the search box at the top.
Choose a few keywords to describe your topic and enter them into the search box.

Note: It is recommended that you start out with general terms. The more specific your terms, the fewer search results you will get. For more information on how to strategize your search and choose keywords, check the Searching for Information page for helpful guides.
Search results page

Search Results: 1 - 30 of 837

1. Social Media Privacy: A Rallying Cry to Librarians.
   As information technology advances at a rapid pace, librarians must take action to continue their traditional roles as champions of privacy and intellectual freedom into the digital age. Social media:
   Subjects: SOCIAL media; PRIVACY, INTELLECTUAL freedom; ELECTRONIC Information resources – Access control; LIBRARY users; LIBRARIANS
   Academic Journal

2. SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE JOB MARKET: HOW TO RECONCILE APPLICANT PRIVACY WITH EMPLOYER NEEDS.
   In the modern technological age, social media allows us to communicate vast amounts of personal information to countless people instantaneously. This information is valuable to more than just our:
   Academic Journal
   Subjects: SOCIAL media in business; PERSONAL information management; RIGHT of privacy; SOCIAL media – Law & Legislation; CONFLICT management; CONSTITUTIONAL amendments
   PDF Full Text (12.3MB)
There are 837 results for this search
Notice that not all of the articles in the results are from scholarly journals.
Choose “Scholarly (Peer Reviewed)” from the left side of the screen
Selecting this option updates the results page. Note the change in the number of search results.
For each article, there is a brief preview. Use this information to choose an article to look at in more detail.
Click the title of any article you would like to see more information about.

2. SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE JOB MARKET: HOW TO RECONCILE APPLICANT PRIVACY WITH EMPLOYER NEEDS.
The Impact of Context Collapse and Privacy on Social Network Site Disclosures.

Authors: Vitak, Jessica
Document Type: Article
Subject Terms: *SOCIAL media
*SOCIAL media -- Research
*PRIVACY
*SELF-presentation -- Research
*CONTEXT effects (Psychology)
*ONLINE social networks
PSYCHOLOGICAL aspects
SOCIAL aspects

Abstract: A large body of research argues that self-presentation strategies vary based on audience. But what happens when the technical features of Web sites enable or require users to make personal disclosures to multiple audiences at once, as is often the case on social network sites (SNS)? Do users apply the lowest common denominator approach, only making disclosures that are appropriate for all audience members? Do they employ technological tools to disaggregate audiences? When considering the resources that can be harnessed from SNS interactions, researchers suggest users need to engage with these networks in order to reap benefits. The present study presents a model including network composition, disclosures, privacy-based strategies, and social capital. Results indicate that (1) audience size and diversity impacts disclosures and use of advanced privacy settings; (2) privacy concerns and privacy settings impact disclosures in varying ways; and (3) audience and disclosure characteristics predict bridging social capital. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

Copyright of Journal of Broadcasting & Electronic Media is the property of Broadcast Education Association and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use. This abstract may be abridged. No warranty is given about the accuracy of the copy. Users should refer to the original published version of the material for the full abstract. (Copyright applies to all Abstracts.)

Author Affiliations: 1Assistant professor, College of Information Studies, University of Maryland
ISSN: 0883-9151
DOI: 10.1080/08839151.2012.732140
Accession Number: 85184213
Take note of the article’s title.

Articles from scholarly journals have long titles that often use specialized jargon.

The Impact of Context Collapse and Privacy on Social Network Site Disclosures.
Check for author affiliations.

Scholarly articles are generally written by professors or researchers who have affiliations with a university. If you see a note that indicates such an affiliation, this is a good clue that the article is scholarly.
Look for clues in the “Source” line.
The publication title may include the word “journal” or “studies.” The length of the article should be on the longer side. Also check the publication date to make sure the information is current.
The Impact of Context Collapse and Privacy on Social Network Site Disclosures.

Authors: Vitak, Jessica


Document Type: Article

Subject Terms: * SOCIAL media
* SOCIAL media – Research
* PRIVACY
* SELF-presentation – Research
* CONTEXT effects (Psychology)
* ONLINE social networks
PSYCHOLOGICAL aspects
SOCIAL aspects

Abstract: A large body of research argues that self-presentation strategies vary based on audience. But what happens when the technical features of social network sites (SNSs) encourage users to make personal disclosures to multiple audiences at once, as is often the case on social network sites (SNSs)? Do users apply a lowest common denominator approach, only making disclosures that are appropriate for all audience members? Do they employ technological tools to disaggregate audiences? When considering the resources that can be harnessed from SNS interactions, researchers suggest users need to engage with their network in order to reap benefits. The present study presents a model including network composition, disclosures, privacy-based strategies, and social capital. Results indicate that (1) audience size and diversity impacts disclosures and use of advanced privacy settings, (2) privacy concerns and privacy settings impact disclosures in varying ways, and (3) audience and disclosure characteristics predict bridging social capital. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]
If you decide to read the whole article, look for a Full Text link on the left side of the screen.
The example shows a PDF Full Text link. You may also see an HTML Full Text link. HTML Full Text will give you the full text of the article, but does not preserve the formatting of the original article the way PDF does. This will be a consideration when citing page numbers for the article.
Not seeing a “Full Text” link for the article you’re interested in?

• You can still access the full text of the article—it may just take a few extra steps.

• Contact a librarian at the reference desk for help or use this tutorial on accessing full text articles for more information.
You can print the article, save a copy to your computer, or e-mail it to yourself using the options on the right.
You can also use this tool to help with citation.
The database provides example citations in a variety of common citation styles.
Check these example citations for errors in formatting before adding them to your paper or project.
This slideshow has demonstrated how to locate scholarly articles in Academic Search Complete.

- Other databases you might use will almost always have similar features. They may be located in different places on the screen.
- Need help locating an article in a database? Help is available 24/7.