



Google for academic research

Part 10: A brief note on Google Scholar

“Google Scholar provides a simple way to broadly search for scholarly literature. From one place, you can search across many disciplines and sources: articles, theses, books, abstracts and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites. Google Scholar helps you find relevant work across the world of scholarly research”.

- Ordinary Google cannot search behind paywalls whereas Google Scholar has made deals with publishers to let it search their full text.
- Ordinary Google does not use the publishers’ metadata

Google Scholar v. SOLO

Google Scholar provides a very similar service to SOLO's Articles search and much of the content is the same.

The Bodleian Libraries subscribe to a curated service (Primo) bringing together content from many publishers and databases. Google Scholar gathers its content from many of the same publishers in an automated way using search algorithms.

The Bodleian Libraries also supplement the index with additional local content (e.g. online articles received via legal deposit, items from the Oxford Research Archive) to create SOLO's Article search.