



How to Use Electronic Journals

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What are Electronic Journals?

Similar to print journals, electronic journals (e-journals) present stories on a variety of topics. Unlike print, a single subscription can be read by many people at once. An added feature of e-journals is that the entire text of just about every story is searchable. Often, graphics are also searchable.

Neither *LexisNexis* nor *InfoTrac* are e-journals: they are online indexes to thousands of newspapers and magazines worldwide. *ScienceDirect*, *Wiley Interscience*, *LINK* (by Springer Verlag) and many others are both collections of and search engines for thousands of e-journals. In most cases, the fulltext of stories is freely accessible; in a very few cases, unless you are a subscriber -which Tufts is, to thousands of e-journals- fulltext access is only available for a fee.

They usually take one of two forms:

online editions of print titles (whether they look like the print version or not)

- <http://www.nature.com>
- <http://bonappetit.com>
- <http://newyorker.com>
- <http://www.jstor.org/journals/00225037.html>

electronic only

- <http://salon.com>
- <http://www.trinstitute.org/ojpcr/>

How to Identify and Locate E-journals

- Guess at an address.
- Search a parent organization, e.g., americanmedicalassociation.org.
- Use a list or directory:
 - <http://www.library.tufts.edu/ezproxy/ezproxy.asp?LOCATION=TDnet> (list). This is a continually updated list of e-journals to which Tufts subscribes.
 - <http://gort.ucsd.edu/newjour/> (list)
 - http://dir.yahoo.com/News_and_Media/Journals/ (directory)

To find out about new e-journals, in addition to the above:

- Search the Tufts Catalog:
 - For a list on your topic, search by keyword for your topic and electronic resources (journals)
EXAMPLE: *literature and electronic resources (journals)*.
 - For an exhaustive list in alphabetical order, search by subject.
EXAMPLE: *electronic resources (journals)*.
- See the News and Events section of the Tisch Web.

How to Search E-journals

General

- Title lists are usually found on the site.
- Most allow you to *browse* (using a table of contents) and to *search* (inputting keywords).

Browsing

- Browsing usually offers a date breakdown.

Searching

- Individual titles as well as subsets (usually a broad subject grouping) of the entire collection are usually searchable.
- Some collections allow searching by a particular time period.
- Keywords can be found in title, abstract, author, etc.
- Boolean searching (using *and*, *or*, *not*) and truncation can be used.

Printing, saving, emailing

- Articles are usually printed in PDF.
- Individual records (creating a subset of original results) can be marked to print.
- Saving, automatically rerunning searches, and emailing results is available, usually by setting up a profile.

Selected List of Tufts E-journal Collections

- **Alt-PressWatch, Ethnic NewsWatch and GenderWatch**
Newspapers, magazines and journals of the ethnic, minority, native and alternative press. The titles represent the diversity of the American population in ways that are generally not seen in the mainstream media.
- **Blackwell Synergy**
More than 600 journals are available to search in a wide variety of disciplines.
- **Cambridge Journals Online and Oxford University Press**
Full text for almost 300 journals in the sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities.
- **JSTOR**
An archive of *older issues* of hundreds of journals in arts, sciences, social sciences, ecology, botany, and business.
- **Project Muse**
Access to the fulltext of several hundred journals published by Johns Hopkins Press, Indiana University Press and other university presses in arts, humanities, and social sciences.
- **Sage Journals**
Journal coverage for education, political science, psychology, sociology and more.
- **ScienceDirect**
Access to over 1000 titles in the Elsevier Science journal collection along with journals from a host of societies and science, technology and medical publishers.