


 **Tutorials****Episode 10: How to find an article?**

In the course of your research, you may come across a specific article which you would like to access via findit.lu. This episode looks at what information you need to locate an article and how you do it.

First of all, the more information you have about the article the better. The following is a complete list of information that will help you to easily locate the article:

- Journal Title – as exactly as possible including words like “the” and “journal”.
- ISSN – a standardized international code which allows the identification of any journal publication, including electronic journals.
- Date – the date of publication. At a minimum, at least the year in which the article was published.
- Volume and Issue – the volume and issue (if any) in which the article was published.
- Start Page and End Page – the start page and end page of the article. These two pieces of information are not so important.
- Article Title – as exactly as possible in order to have a precise search.
- Author – at least their last name.
- DOI – The Digital Object Identifier (DOI) System is used to identify content objects in a digital environment. DOI names are assigned to any entity for use on digital networks and are used to provide current information, including where they (or information about them) can be found on the Internet.

Now, how do you use this information to find your article? Start by connecting to Consortium Luxembourg’s electronic documentation portal at findit.lu on “Find e-journal” and then the “CitationLinker” tab.



The screenshot displays the findit.lu website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the findit.lu logo and the text "by consortium luxembourg". To the right of the logo are links for "ebooks", "news", and "help", with a "beta" badge above "ebooks". Further right is the "BNL" logo. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for "QuickSearch", "Find Database", "Find e-Journal" (which is highlighted), "MetaSearch", and "My Space". On the far right of this bar are icons for a globe, a lock, and a user profile, with the text "Guest" below them. The main content area is titled "CitationLinker" and contains a search form. The form has several sections: "journal title" with a search box and radio buttons for "Starts with", "Contains" (selected), and "Exact"; "ISSN" with a search box and "date" with a dropdown menu; "volume", "issue", "start page", and "end page" each with a search box; "article" with a search box; "author" with sub-fields for "last name", "first name", and "initials"; and "PMID" and "DOI" each with a search box. A "clear" link is located to the right of the "article" field. A prominent red "Go" button is located at the bottom right of the form, with a red arrow pointing to it from the "CitationLinker" title. At the bottom left of the form, it says "Powered by SFX".

A citation refers to the act of quoting a book or author in support of a fact. The “CitationLinker” allows one to use the details of a citation to find the source document.

Enter the information that you have collected about the article you would like to find and click on the “Go” button.

For example, here is a citation that I would like to find:

R. Todd Vandembark, Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web Design for Persons with Disabilities”. *Information Technology in Libraries* 3 (2010): 23-29.

Here is the data I entered into the CitationLinker window.

The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the findit.lu logo and links for 'ebooks', 'news', and 'help'. Below this is a search bar with 'Find e-Journal' selected. The main content area is titled 'CitationLinker' and contains a search form. The form has the following fields and values: 'journal title' (Information Technology in Libraries), 'date' (2010), 'start page' (23), 'article' (Tending a Wild Garden: Library W), and 'author' (last name: Vandembark). There are also radio buttons for search criteria: 'Starts with', 'Contains' (selected), and 'Exact'. A red 'Go' button is highlighted with a red circle and an arrow pointing to it. The interface also includes a 'clear' link and a 'Guest' user status.

You can see that I used only the following information for my search:

- Journal Title
- Year of Publication
- Start Page
- Article Title
- Author Last Name

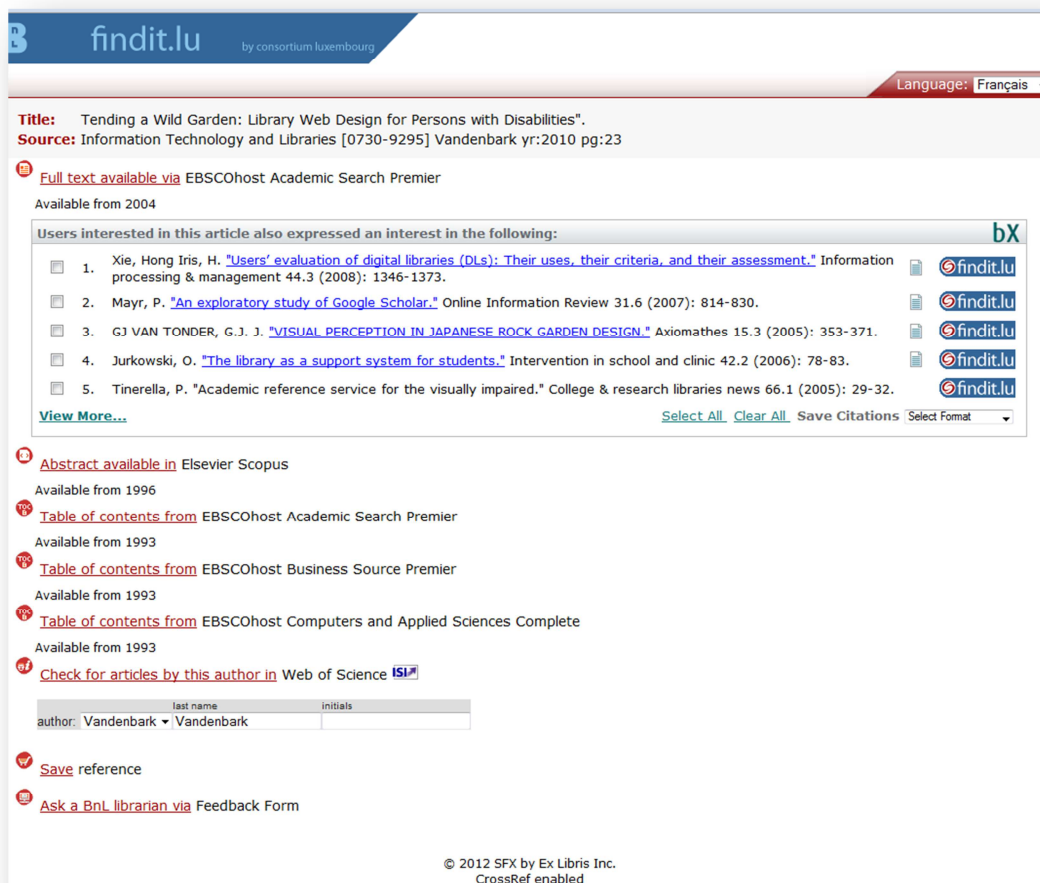
You may be wondering why I didn't use everything. Here's why:

1. Volume or Issue = 3 – I wasn't sure what the 3 really meant after the journal title so I decided it would be best to leave it out.
2. End Page – quite often I don't use the end page number as I don't think it really adds any value in the search. If we have the start page, that should be sufficient.
3. Author First Name and Initials – the author's name in this case is “R. Todd Vandembark”. It is difficult to know if his first name is “R.” or “Todd”. In order to avoid any confusion, I decided to leave it out.

Once I ran my search, I had two results:



As the first one matches the name of my journal, I clicked on that one and received the following details of where I can find my article:



Let's try again with all the information I have:

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beta ebooks news help

BNL

QuickSearch | Find Database | **Find e-Journal** | MetaSearch | My Space

Guest

Title Category Locate **CitationLinker**

journal title: Information Technology in Libraries Starts with Contains Exact

ISSN: [] date: 2010 [] [] [] []

volume: 3 issue: [] start page: 23 end page: 29

article: Tending a Wild Garden: Library V

author: last name: Vandenbark first name: R. Todd initials: []

PMID: [] DOI: []

clear **Go**

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And in fact, there was no change in my results!

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Language: Français

Found 2 records. [Close](#)

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Showing 1 - 2 of 2 records. Go to page: 1

Title: Information Technology and Libraries (Full text)
ISSN: 0730-9295
eISSN: 2163-5226
CODEN:ITLBDC
LCCN: 82645170
Imprint: Chicago, IL: American Library Association,

Title: Libraries, information centers and databases in science and technology
ISSN: 0176-7593
Imprint: München: K.G. Saur,

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Language: Français

Title: Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web Design for Persons with Disabilities
Source: Information Technology and Libraries [0730-9295] Vandembark, R T yr:2010 vol:3 pg:23 -29

[Full text available via](#) EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier
 Available from 2004

Users interested in this article also expressed an interest in the following:

		BX
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Xie, Hong Iris, H. "Users' evaluation of digital libraries (DLs): Their uses, their criteria, and their assessment." Information processing & management 44.3 (2008): 1346-1373.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Mayr, P. "An exploratory study of Google Scholar." Online Information Review 31.6 (2007): 814-830.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. GJ VAN TONDER, G.J. J. "VISUAL PERCEPTION IN JAPANESE ROCK GARDEN DESIGN." Axiomathes 15.3 (2005): 353-371.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Jurkowski, O. "The library as a support system for students." Intervention in school and clinic 42.2 (2006): 78-83.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Tinerella, P. "Academic reference service for the visually impaired." College & research libraries news 66.1 (2005): 29-32.	

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[Abstract available in](#) Elsevier Scopus
 Available from 1996

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 Available from 1993

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 Available from 1993

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 Available from 1993

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	last name	initials
author: Vandembark, R T	Vandembark	R T

[Save reference](#)

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Lastly, let's look at what the **DOI** can do for us. I have the following article that I would like to find:

Rolnik, Zac(2009) 'Big Deal = Good Deal?', The Serials Librarian, 57: 3, 194 — 198.

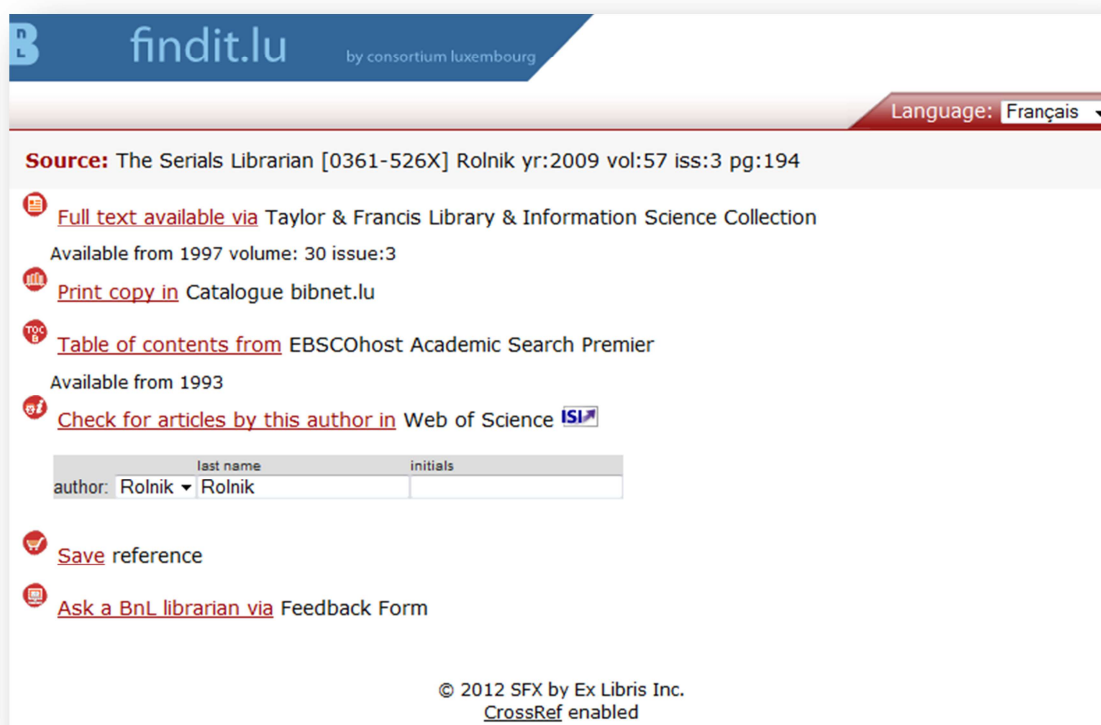
DOI: 10.1080/03615260902913087

I will search for my article using only the DOI.



The screenshot shows the findit.lu search interface. The top navigation bar includes the findit.lu logo, a 'beta' badge, and links for 'ebooks', 'news', and 'help'. The user is logged in as 'Guest'. The search interface has tabs for 'Title', 'Category', 'Locate', and 'CitationLinker', with 'CitationLinker' selected. The search form includes fields for 'journal title', 'ISSN', 'date', 'volume', 'issue', 'start page', 'end page', 'article', 'author' (with sub-fields for last name, first name, and initials), and 'PMID'. A 'DOI' field contains the value '10.1080/03615260902913087'. Search options include 'Starts with', 'Contains' (selected), and 'Exact'. A 'clear' link and a red 'Go' button are also visible. The interface is powered by SFX.

As the DOI is unique for each article, we are directly given links to that particular article.



The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. At the top left is the logo 'findit.lu by consortium luxembourg'. At the top right, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'Français'. Below the header, the source information is displayed: 'Source: The Serials Librarian [0361-526X] Rolnik yr:2009 vol:57 iss:3 pg:194'. Below this, there are several links with icons: 'Full text available via Taylor & Francis Library & Information Science Collection' (with a document icon), 'Print copy in Catalogue bibnet.lu' (with a printer icon), 'Table of contents from EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier' (with a table of contents icon), and 'Check for articles by this author in Web of Science ISI' (with a person icon). Below these links is a table with two columns: 'last name' and 'initials'. The 'last name' column contains 'author: Rolnik' and a dropdown arrow, and the 'initials' column contains 'Rolnik'. Below the table, there are two more links: 'Save reference' (with a checkmark icon) and 'Ask a BnL librarian via Feedback Form' (with a person icon). At the bottom right, there is a copyright notice: '© 2012 SFX by Ex Libris Inc. CrossRef enabled'.

Therefore, if you have the DOI, try it first. However, ensure you keep all the citation details just in case the DOI has a problem (sometimes they are formatted incorrectly) so that you can still find your article the old-fashioned way!

Alternatively you can also use any of the large databases to locate individual articles, such as Google Scholar or Web of Knowledge, because the findit.lu -button will tell you if you have access to the specific article or not.

In case there is no full text available for your article, in Episode 10 we will explain [how to order an article or book via Interlibrary Loan](#).

List of all Episodes: <http://blog.findit.lu/help>