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## Episode 7: Exploring databases subject or type

In some cases you might don't know the name of a specific database, but you would like get an overview of suiting databases to your subject. Read the following episode to learn how to find a database by subject or publisher.

Let's stay in the "Find Database"-area.

We will start with searching databases by subject. In **Episode 4: Find a database (alphabetical list or by name)** we searched within the Title-tab, now click on the "Category" tab. Here you are presented with a list of categories or subjects.

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Let's say we would like to see all databases that contain resources on "Law". First, click on "300-Social Sciences" in the Category list. The list of sub-categories will change and you will see "340-Law(xx)" is in the list. The number in parentheses after the sub-category is the number of resources available in the sub-category.

The categories of databases are using the first and second categories of the Dewey Decimal Classification system (DDC).

More information on DDC, see <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dewey Decimal Classification</u>. For a list of subjects in the first two sub-categories: <u>http://www.oclc.org/dewey/resources/summaries/#ten</u>

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Let's say that you would like to find all databases which contain natural scientific content and which are searchable via findit.lu.

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Besides searching for category and type you can also search for a specific vendor (e.g. Thomson, Elsevier, Ebsco), the title of the databases or any word within the description of a database in combination.

Next up is Episode 8: How do I find a journal by name, subject or ISSN?

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