

 **Tutorials****Episode 9: How to find an eBook by name, author or ISBN?**

Let's resume: In the last episodes we already described how to search for different databases ([Episode 4](#) and [Episode 7](#)) and for e-journals ([Episode 8: "How to find e-journals?"](#)).

Since November 2012 we offer the new e-Book-search!

All e-Books which you will find in the e-Book-search at findit.lu will provide full-text access for you. That means, you can read the complete book whenever you want. In most cases you will also have the possibility to download the e-Book, per chapter or completely.

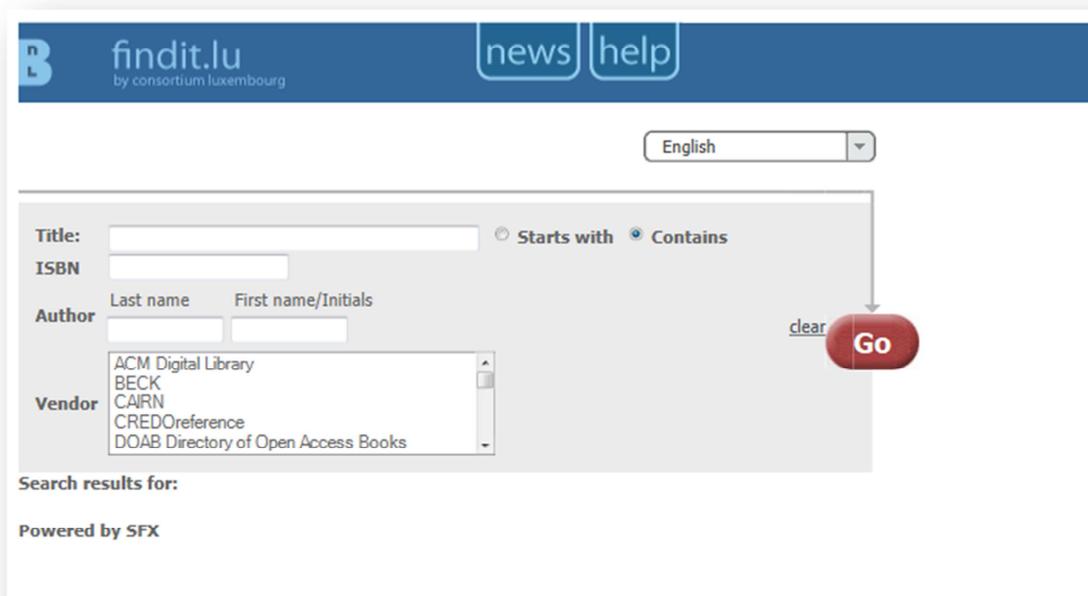
In this lesson we will locate an e-Book by its name, author or ISBN. Searching for e-Books by name is almost identical to searching by e-journals which we saw in our last installment.

First, connect to findit.lu.

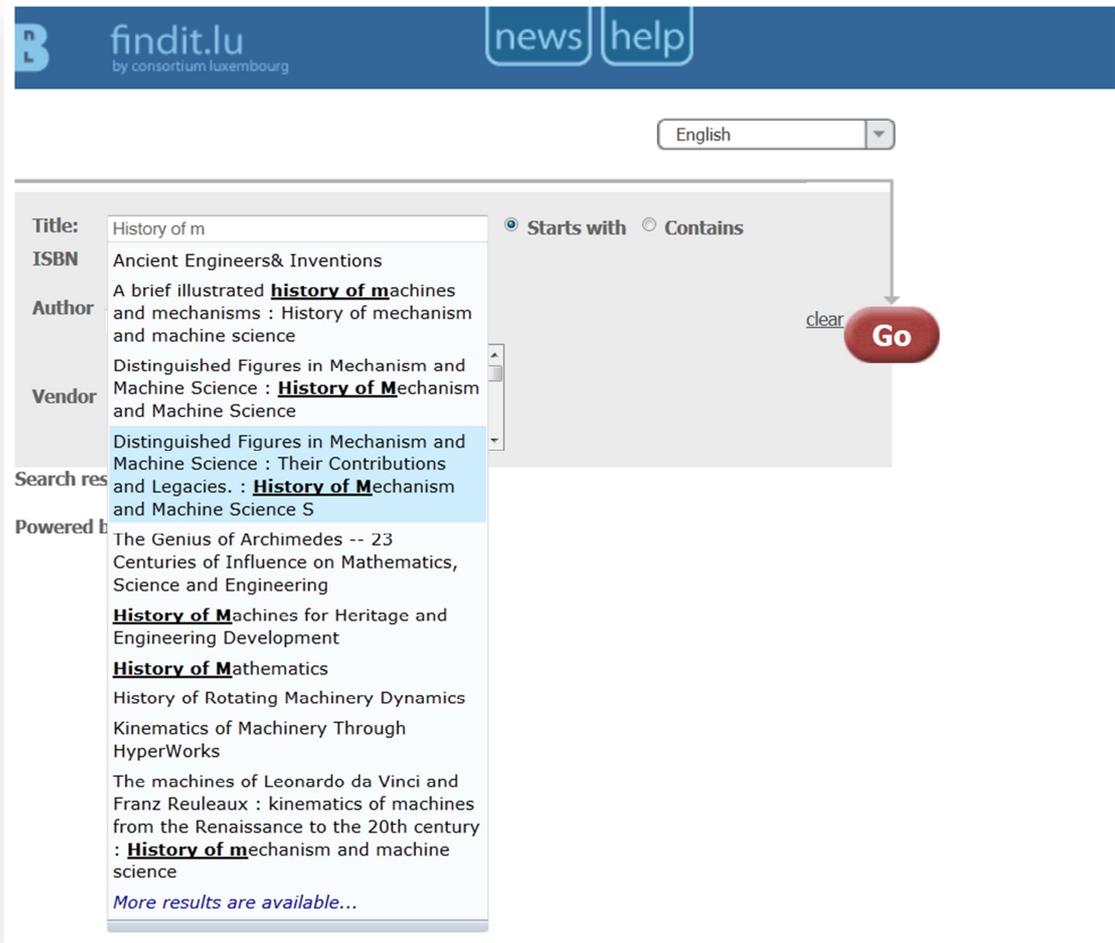
Once you put the portal into the language of your choice (I will use English), you will see a menu in the top-left hand side of the screen:



Click on the "Find e-Book" menu option:



Next, enter the beginning of a book title (notice the 'Starts with' option), for example, 'History of...'. You will see that the system provides you with a list of possible matches as you type:



The screenshot shows the findit.lu search interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the logo 'findit.lu by consortium luxembourg' and navigation links for 'news' and 'help'. Below the header, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. The main search area has a text input field containing 'History of m'. To the right of the input field are two radio buttons: 'Starts with' (which is selected) and 'Contains'. Below the input field is a 'clear' link and a red 'Go' button. A dropdown menu is open below the input field, displaying a list of search results. The first result is highlighted in blue. The list includes titles such as 'Ancient Engineers& Inventions', 'A brief illustrated **history of machines** and mechanisms : History of mechanism and machine science', 'Distinguished Figures in Mechanism and Machine Science : **History of Mechanism** and Machine Science', 'Distinguished Figures in Mechanism and Machine Science : Their Contributions and Legacies. : **History of Mechanism** and Machine Science S', 'The Genius of Archimedes -- 23 Centuries of Influence on Mathematics, Science and Engineering', '**History of Machines** for Heritage and Engineering Development', '**History of Mathematics**', 'History of Rotating Machinery Dynamics', 'Kinematics of Machinery Through HyperWorks', and 'The machines of Leonardo da Vinci and Franz Reuleaux : kinematics of machines from the Renaissance to the 20th century : **History of mechanism** and machine science'. At the bottom of the list, there is a link that says 'More results are available...'. The search results are also labeled 'Search res' and 'Powered b'.

Choose the entry you want and click the "Go" button. The system will show you an alphabetical list starting from the name you chose:

n findit.lu  
by consortium luxembourg
news
help

English

**Title:**   Starts with  Contains

**ISBN**

**Author** Last name  First name/Initials

**Vendor**

clear Go

**Search results for:**  
Starts with: History of

**Total number of e-Books: 61**

Title Starts with: Showing page 1 of 2 pages.

**Anc - His \* His - His**



**Ancient Engineers & Inventions** [90-481-2252-X]

Rossi, Cesare

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Humanities, Social Sciences and Law](#)





**A brief illustrated history of machines and mechanisms : History of mechanism and machine science** [90-481-2511-1]

Bautista Paz, Emilio

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Engineering](#)





**Distinguished Figures in Mechanism and Machine Science : History of Mechanism and Machine Science** [90-481-2345-3]

Ceccarelli, Marco

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Engineering](#)





**History of Computing and Education 2 (HCE2)** [0-387-34637-6]

Impagliazzo, John

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Computer Science](#)





**History of Computing and Education 3 (HCE3)** [0-387-09656-6]

Impagliazzo, John

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Computer Science](#)





**History of Computing. Learning from the Past** [3-642-15198-1]

Tatnall, Arthur

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Computer Science](#)





**History of Diabetes in Pregnancy : The impact of maternal diabetes on offspring prenatal development and survival** [94-007-1556-0]

Kalter, Harold

Full text available via [SpringerLink Books Biomedical and Life Sciences](#)



Title Starts with: Showing page 1 of 2 pages.

**Anc - His \* His - His**

[Back to top](#)

Powered by SFX

If however, you don't know the exact name of the book, enter the part of the name that you do know, choose the 'Contains' option and click on the "Go" button. The system will now present a list of all the book titles which contain the word (or part word) that you entered:

The screenshot shows the findit.lu search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'findit.lu by consortium luxembourg', 'news', and 'help' links. A language dropdown menu is set to 'English'. The search form includes fields for 'Title' (containing 'geographic'), 'ISBN', and 'Author' (with sub-fields for 'Last name' and 'First name/Initials'). A 'Vendor' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'ACM Digital Library', 'BECK', 'CARN', 'CREDOreference', and 'DOAB Directory of Open Access Books'. The search criteria are set to 'Contains'. A 'Go' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the search form, the results show 'Search results for: Contains: geographic'. It indicates 'Total number of e-Books: 64' and 'Showing page 1 of 2 pages.' The search filters are 'Adv - Geo \* Geo - Int'. The results list includes:

- Algorithmic Foundations of Geographic Information Systems** [3-540-63818-0] by Kreveld, Marc van. Full text available via SpringerLink Lecture Notes in Computer Science.
- Analysis of urban growth and sprawl from remote sensing data : Advances in geographic information science** [3-642-05298-3] by Bhatta, Basudeb. Full text available via SpringerLink Books Earth and Environmental Science.
- Cultural memories : the geographical point of view : Knowledge and Space** [90-481-8944-6] by Meusburger, Peter. Full text available via SpringerLink Books Humanities, Social Sciences and Law.
- Frontiers of Geographic Information Technology** [3-540-25685-7] by Rana, Sanjay. Full text available via SpringerLink Books Earth and Environmental Science.
- Fuzzy Modeling with Spatial Information for Geographic Problems** [3-540-23713-5] by Petry, Frederick E. Full text available via SpringerLink Books Earth and Environmental Science.
- Geographic Hypermedia** [3-540-34237-0] by Stefanakis, Emmanuel. Full text available via SpringerLink Books Earth and Environmental Science.

At the bottom, it shows 'Showing page 1 of 2 pages.' and 'Back to top' link. The page is powered by SFX.

To go to this book, click on the findit.lu- button. The system will display a list of access options which you can click on to get access to your chosen book. Remember to allow pop-up windows in your browser.

The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. The main content area displays the following information:

- Source:** Cultural memories : the geographical point of view : Knowledge and Space [90-481-8944-6; 90-481-8945-4] Meusburger, Peter
- yr:** 2011
- Full text available via:** SpringerLink Books Humanities, Social Sciences and Law
- Users interested in this article also expressed an interest in the following:**
  - 1. Legg, S. "Reviewing geographies of memory/forgetting." Environment and planning. A 39.2 (2007): 456-466.
  - 2. Till, Karen E. E. "Staging the past: Landscape designs, cultural identity and Erinnerungspolitik at Berlin's Neue Wache." Ecumene 1999. 251-283.
  - 3. Lorimer, H. "Telling small stories: spaces of knowledge and the practice of geography." Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 28.2 (2003): 197-217.
  - 4. Vasudevan, A. "The photographer of modern life: Jeff Wall's photographic materialism." Cultural geographies 14.4 (2007): 563-588.
  - 5. Nora, P. "Between Memory and History: Les Lieux de mémoire." Representations 26.26: 7-25.
- Actions:** Save reference, Check Google Book Search, Ask a BnL librarian via Feedback Form.
- Footer:** © 2012 SFX by Ex Libris Inc. CrossRef enabled.

## How to find an e-Book by ISBN?

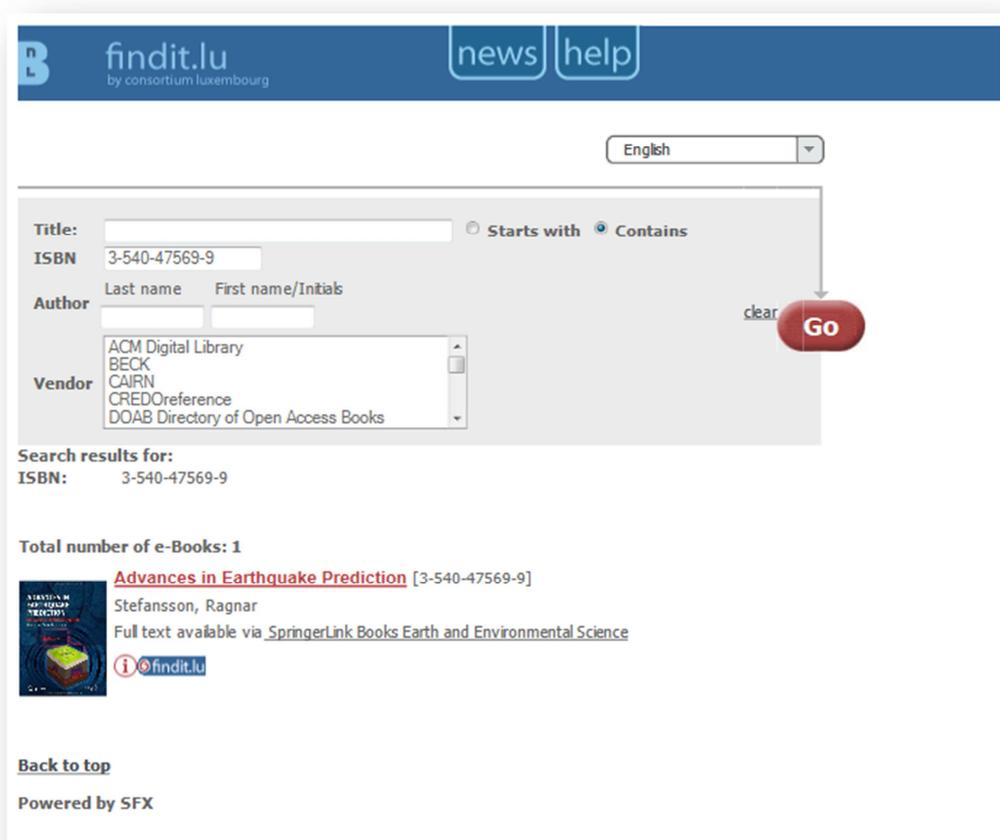
Often you might also know the ISBN of the specific e-Book you are searching for. The ISBN (International Standard Book Number) is a standardized international code which allows the identification of any book-publication, including electronic books.

Let's say I would like to get access to the following book:

Ragnar Stefánsson: "Advances in Earthquake Prediction: Research and Risk Mitigation", 2011

ISBN: 3540475699

Since I know the ISBN it will be very easy for us to find it since it is unique for each book. Let's stay at the "find e-Book"-area and type the ISBN into the provided field "ISBN" and click the "Go"-button.



The screenshot shows the findit.lu search interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the findit.lu logo and navigation links for 'news' and 'help'. Below the header, there is a language dropdown menu set to 'English'. The search form includes fields for 'Title', 'ISBN' (with the value '3-540-47569-9'), and 'Author' (with sub-fields for 'Last name' and 'First name/Initials'). A 'Vendor' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'ACM Digital Library', 'BECK', 'CAIRN', 'CREDOreference', and 'DOAB Directory of Open Access Books'. A 'Go' button is highlighted in red. Below the search form, the search results for ISBN 3-540-47569-9 are displayed, showing a total of 1 e-Book. The result is 'Advances in Earthquake Prediction' by Stefansson, Ragnar, available via SpringerLink Books Earth and Environmental Science. A 'findit.lu' button is visible next to the result. At the bottom, there are links for 'Back to top' and 'Powered by SFX'.

You will see that there is only the book we searched for within our result list. Click on the findit.lu-button to get bibliographic information and to see how we can access the book.

Alternatively, you can also search by the author's name of a book. Simply type in the name of the author into the provided fields (only the last name is required) and click the "Go"-button. All available books written by this author will be displayed within the result list. Remember: If your wanted author's last name is very common (like: Smith, Williams, Johnson, etc.) we recommend adding his/her first name as well.

If you just want to see which e-Books we have from a specific publisher, select the publisher and click "Go".

Enjoy exploring!

Continue with [Episode 10: How to find an article?](#)

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