

**Management Information Systems, Spring 2019, Assignment 7 (max 4 points)**

Conduct a simple research profiling (“big picture”) study on scientific research articles related to **any MIS lecture or book chapter or trend report topic**.

Your search should result in an adequate number of hits (>100) for the profiling to be meaningful. You may first scroll through two examples of broader research profiling studies (utilizing advanced text-mining and visualization tools) on digital games at [www.digra.org/dl/db/07311.26413.pdf](http://www.digra.org/dl/db/07311.26413.pdf) or on ERM research at <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0148296318306696> to get the idea of research profiling. Required report length is ca. 4-5 pages (in addition to text, use plenty of illustrations, such as top-10 tables and graphs). To see the teacher’s 15-min **video tutorial** on research profiling, click: <https://aalto.cloud.panopto.eu/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=f823c933-36a9-41aa-9143-a9ba00d9bf80>

- 1) Go to our library’s Business guide at <http://libguides.aalto.fi/business> and click **Articles**
- 2) Scroll all the way down, select **Scopus OR Web of Science (WoS)** database from the list under **Reference databases**
  - In case you are *off-campus*, log in with your Aalto ID and password when prompted.
- 3) Conduct a basic search with a relevant search phrase related to the MIS topic you chose. Remember to use quotation marks in all “multi-word terms” such as “big data”.
  - Using the search dropdown menu, you may target your search to the article titles only, or also to keywords and abstracts (the latter is called a *Topic* search in WoS)
- 4) From the left panel, you may limit to / refine your search results e.g. to include only English language publications, or only journal articles, or a specific time interval of your choice, etc.
- 5) Report your search results (i.e. profile the research on the MIS topic you selected). Remember to explain briefly in text each graph or table you include in the report!
  - a) **First basics**: Describe which database (Scopus or WoS) you selected, and what was your exact search phrase, how many articles resulted overall / after possible refinement, what was the publication year span of the results, etc. general info.
  - b) **More detailed results**, study e.g. who are the top-10 authors, what are the top-10 journals (source titles), what are the top-10 affiliations/universities, what are the top-10 keywords (available only in Scopus), which are the most cited articles in this set.
    - **For seeing the most cited articles, use the Sort by/on menus above the results: in Scopus**, sort the search results based on “Cited by”. **In WoS** sort the search results by “Times Cited” (or press the “Create Citation Report” icon - under which you can also get two useful graphs for your report).
    - **For drawing top-10 tables and graphs, press the “Analyze search results” (Scopus) or “Analyze results” (WoS) icon and utilize the graphs there.** OR use the “Export refine” link in Scopus (left panel, scroll down to the bottom) to save all results into a .csv-file, which you can open with/from Excel for further analyses. Sort data based on frequency, if needed. (In case you don’t get the .csv-data neatly in columns when opening it in Excel, activate the first column, and choose Data, and then choose Text to Columns). **in WoS**, download the data to a txt-file via the “Analyze results” icon: First, after selecting the analysis option wanted from the left, press “Download”. Open the txt-data file with or from Excel. *Repeat for the other top-10 tables.*
  - c) **Concluding words of the research profiling study**, e.g., a short summary and a few words what you learned about the tool or the MIS topic by doing the profiling.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURNING THE ASSIGNMENT** Return the assignment report to MyCourses – Assignments **by 26.3.2019 at 23:55** (midnight).

Note that -1 point is deducted from every late 24 hours of return