
Let's find sources!

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Sources ... but what sources?

For a thesis you need relevant *sources* but they come in different forms and serve different needs:

- Theory
- Methods
- Related work
- Reports
- Popular articles, websites
- Interviews, surveys
- Games, Movies

Difference between research *literature* and *material*

Where to find useful sources?

The *research material* you collect yourself (or as a member of a group), let's focus on academic sources here:

- Google and [Google Scholar](#) – citations too
- Aalto library and their services
- Journals' and publishers' sites, esp. [ACM Digital Library](#)
- Theses' and papers' reference lists (example)
- Your supervisor and advisors

What makes for a credible source? There are too many!

Start collecting your readings list early on ([Zotero](#)?)

Accessing sources

Often a simple Web search will be enough, but if not...

- [Aalto Libproxy](#)
 - Sites like *Academia.edu* or *Researchgate*
 - *Google Books*
 - Researchers' and research groups' own pages
 - Aalto library, accepts book proposals
 - Again, your supervisor and advisors
 - Contact the researcher directly
 - Shady corners of the Internet (I didn't say this)
 - Pay up :(
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DOI

Digital Object Identifier system

Online sources often volatile

DOI intends to solve the issue by offering unique IDs for content, which should always work

Links and identifiers like: [doi:10.1038/nphys1170](https://doi.org/10.1038/nphys1170)

Your turn

Let's find useful sources for *your* thesis!

- Use all the possible means, like Google, Libproxy, ACM Digital Library, Aalto Library etc.
 - Choose 2–3 which could be of interest to others too, and add them to the list for others to find: name, link, why relevant
 - Sound students separately, as their topics tend to be related
 - After this we'll vote ⇒ reading groups
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