

# FindRef: help and hints



Library and Student  
Support

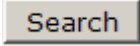
## Connecting to FindRef

Log on to the LJMU PC network and double-click on the LJMU Web icon. Follow one of the routes shown below:

1. Select Libraries → Electronic Library (Quick Links) → FindRef.
2. Or log on to Blackboard, select the Services tab → Learning & Information Services → FindRef (Quick Links)

## Searching FindRef

Use **FindRef** to look up references, footnotes and citations to see if LIS can provide access to the fulltext of the article; or provide access to the material in print format.

Complete the **FindRef** form with as much information as possible, and then click on the  button.

**FindRef** will then generate an **FetchIt** menu in a new window, which will offer direct links to whatever print and electronic materials LIS can offer, relevant to the search.

To get the best results from **FindRef**:

- If you are unsure of a journal or article title, enter only keywords, and ensure that “contains” is the drop-down option. (for example “journal advanced nursing” will find Journal of Advanced Nursing)
- If you are entering exact article or journal titles, then enter journal titles as precisely and comprehensively as possible and make sure you select “Exact match” from the drop-down box
- Complete as many citation details as possible for the best matches
- If the journal title, year, volume, issue and page information is available for a particular citation, it may not be necessary to enter the article title or author information

Please remember that:

- **FindRef** is not designed as a general research tool – **FindIt** should be used for this purpose

- Due to technical constraints, not all of the journals that LJMU subscribes to are yet accessible through **FindRef** or **FetchIt**
- Key e-journal providers that are not yet integrated with **FindRef** and **FetchIt** include Westlaw, Internurse and LexisLibrary.

### Example Citation:

