

Finding stuff using databases exercise: subject searching

Connect to Databases A-Z at <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/az.php>.

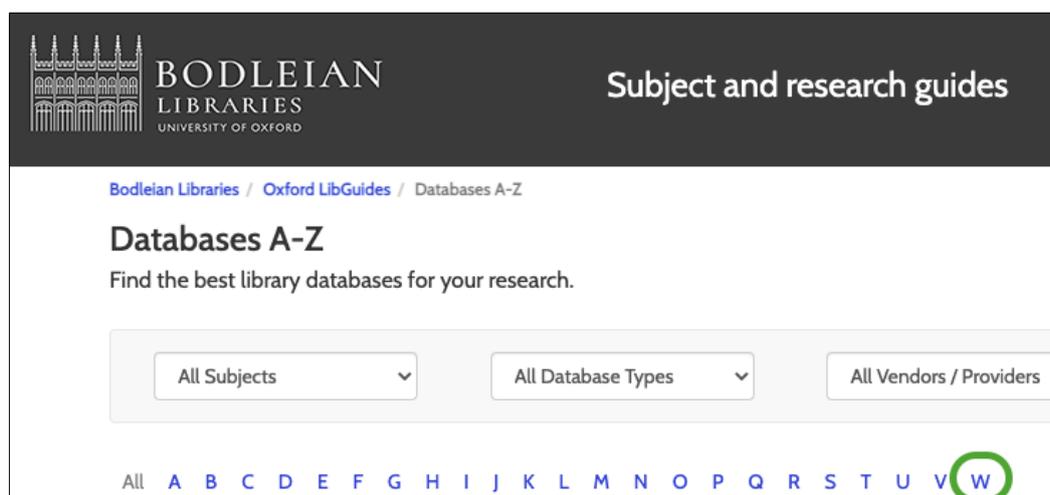
Databases A-Z

Databases A-Z lists all the databases the Bodleian Libraries subscribes to.

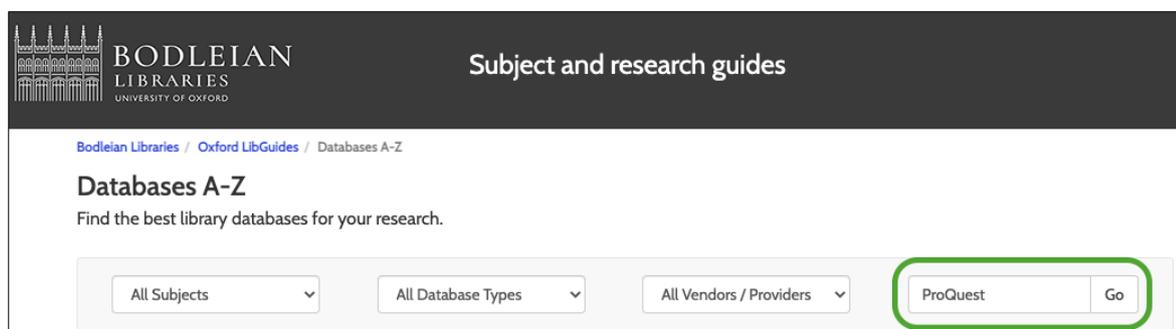
Finding a specific database when you know its title

By default, databases are arranged alphabetically. If you know the name of the database you would like to use, you can find it in two ways:

1. Select from the top of the page the letter that the database starts with. For instance, if I was looking for the database Web of Science, I would click 'W' to narrow down the results.

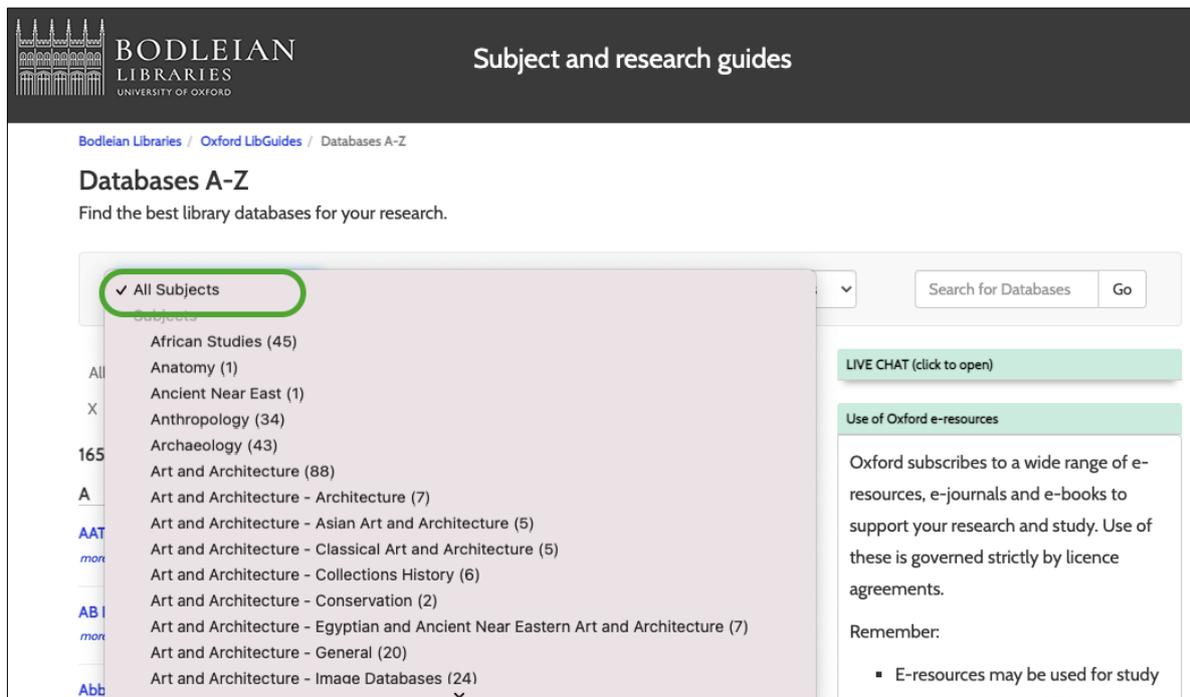


2. Search for the database title in the search box.



Browsing databases in your subject area

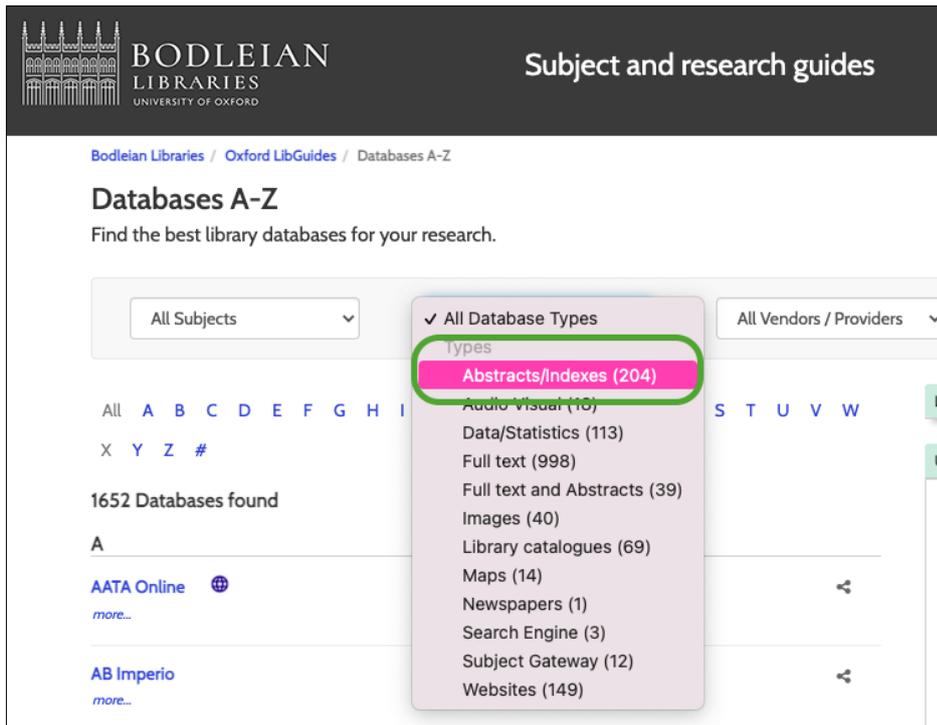
If you are not sure which databases are useful for your subject area, you can browse by subject. To do this, in the 'All subjects' drop-down menu, select your subject area.



The screenshot displays the 'Subject and research guides' page from Bodleian Libraries. The page title is 'Subject and research guides' and the breadcrumb trail is 'Bodleian Libraries / Oxford LibGuides / Databases A-Z'. The main heading is 'Databases A-Z' with the subtext 'Find the best library databases for your research.' A search bar is present with the text 'Search for Databases' and a 'Go' button. A dropdown menu is open, showing a list of subjects with their respective database counts. The 'All Subjects' option is highlighted with a green circle. The page also features a 'LIVE CHAT (click to open)' button and a section titled 'Use of Oxford e-resources' with the text 'Oxford subscribes to a wide range of e-resources, e-journals and e-books to support your research and study. Use of these is governed strictly by licence agreements. Remember: E-resources may be used for study'.

Narrowing down databases by type

There are databases that provide different types of resources including images and maps. Unless you are researching these, it is recommended that you select the database type 'Abstracts/indexes'. This will show you databases that have resources like articles and bibliographic indexes.



Resetting filters

To reset any filters you have created in Databases A-Z, click 'Clear Filters/Browse All Databases'.

