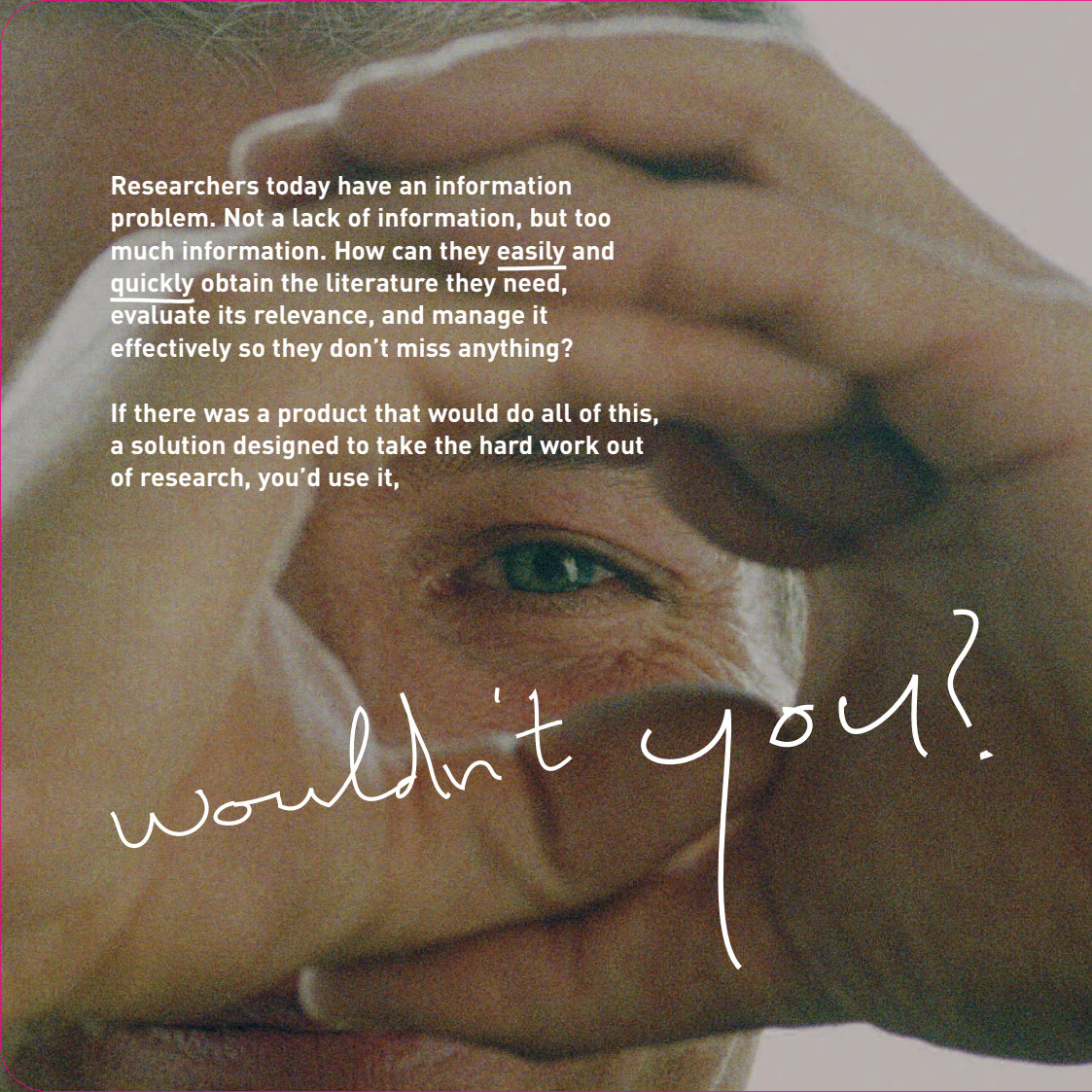


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## Fact 1:

### **Scopus was designed by researchers**

- Scopus was designed and developed with 21 research institutions and more than 300 scientists worldwide.
- Over 300 test sessions were carried out with students, postgraduates and faculty.
- A team of five full-time designers and a cognitive psychologist used observation and feedback from user tests to develop the interface.
- Every piece of functionality has been designed and tested by scientists to ensure Scopus streamlines user workflow.
- Key features were developed to deliver exactly what users asked for.
- The innovative, 'Refine Results' box gives an easy-to-scan overview of results and simple options to make a search more precise and accurate.

## In their words

*"Why didn't they have this when I was doing my Ph.D.?!"*

*"Scopus is noteworthy in a crowded field for the substantial investment made in user-centered design."*

*"Just one thing to say – excellent content!"*

*"Scopus has a lot of coverage and depth compared to other databases."*

*"It's refreshing to see a product that has been developed fairly recently with a fresh approach. Our users appreciate the fact that they do participate in the moulding of a product."*

*"It's probably the future wave of databases. Has the potential to compete and outlive other generalist databases due to its speed and convenience."*



**Warren Holder, University of Toronto**

## Fact 2:

### Scopus is the world's largest database of scientific literature

- Updated daily, it includes the abstracts and cited references of over 14,000 titles from more than 4,000 international publishers.
- Researchers can search abstracts going back to 1966.
- References of all articles published since 1996 are included, offering newly-linked citations across the widest body of articles available.
- Covers Open Access and electronic-only titles. New titles are added on a regular basis.
- Content managers scoured relevant resources to ensure that the highest quality scientific literature is covered.
- Researchers can submit requests for new titles, sources or document types to our Content Selection Committee comprised of top scientists and librarians from all major subject areas.



## In their words

*“Abstracts may significantly increase the recall when searching by word, and also help users in selecting the most pertinent items from the results list.”*

*“I found articles in Scopus that I couldn't find in other databases.”*

*“This system is awesome. Thank you for a very inclusive product”*

*“I didn't need any (help). This is what is beautiful about this tool, that you don't need any help to use it.”*

*“Scopus' interface and search is efficient and speedy.”*

*“Nothing is superfluous, everything is useful, has its place. When you arrive on the site, you are not lost, you know exactly where to look and search, you know what you want and you can express it easily.”*



**Hilda Nassar, American University of Beirut**



## Fact 3:

### Scopus finds more, fast

- Acclaimed for its interface, which is designed to enable quick scanning and easy sorting, including options to sort articles by the number of times cited.
- A simple at-a-glance overview of results helps researchers quickly identify what's relevant for their research, and offers insight into trends in their field of study.
- Links to citing articles from the results list, abstract page and references enable smooth navigation across the related literature.
- Links to Open Access sources on the web, customisable links to the library catalogue or other resources within the library, as well as one-click full-text links.
- Records enhanced by indexing terms, author keywords and links to other sources from the references as well as abstracts.



## In their words

*"I find the navigation really good. I find that Scopus really makes the most of the notion of links, and implements linking effectively as you don't simply stop at the links to the name of an author, you also have the possibility via the 'cited by' and its 'reverse' options to have both perspectives on the article: who the article is cited by and who has cited it."*

*"Because of the nice little panel of top hits that you get, that when you do a search you see this author published in this area 13 times, so obviously he is right into that field."*

*"It is significantly easier to use and generates far more information than other databases."*

*"This is...searching for dummies."*

*"I can see immediately if it is of interest or not so I can do a selection rapidly."*

*"It's the mother of all databases."*

*"Get a hold of the other articles they've published."*

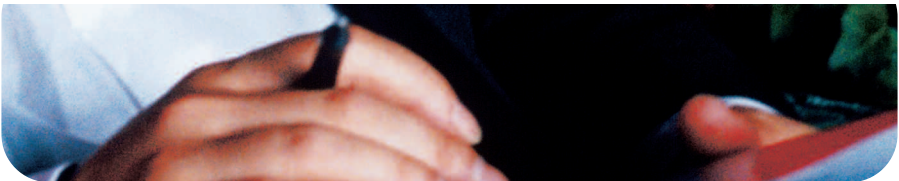


**Monique Goël, EPFL, Lausanne**

## Fact 4:

### Scopus enables connections across disciplines

- Citations and references are smoothly traced across disciplines. For instance, 33.4% of references to articles in the Health Sciences are actually in the Life Sciences.
- Powerful and reliable matching software ensures references correspond to their correct abstracts. Scopus' industry-high 99.98% accuracy of matching references correctly to abstracts means researchers can be confident in their results.
- Researchers can save valuable time by simultaneously searching web resources via Scirus from the Scopus homepage.



## In their words

*"It's true that with Scopus, I can search using many different paths. I can take any path and explore each without losing my way, that's what's great about it."*

*"Its easy to nip through the system to find stuff, it doesn't take much effort."*

*"In terms of the searches, you can move from one article to another, without having to change keywords."*

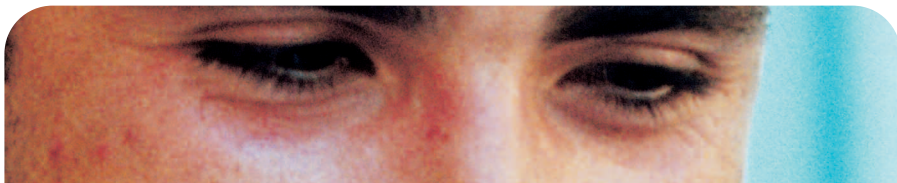
*"What is missing? Nothing, I am really impressed!"*

*"It gives lots of information out right away – you have everything right in front of you, the links and the possibilities to print or e-mail your search, save it as an alert."*

*"I've not seen that (citations) in other search engines, and that was useful and I would use it. (Other services) allow you to get there, but it's a few extra clicks away."*



**Damien Guéritault, EPFL, Lausanne**



## Fact 5:

### **Scopus knows which full-text articles researchers are entitled to**

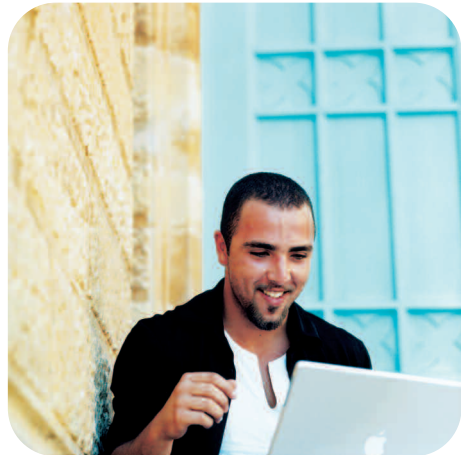
- Scopus has made full-text linking easy, accessible and accurate.
- Now researchers can go to full-text articles with fewer clicks than other available services, making their search for relevant literature more seamless and effortless.
- Allows greater visibility and usage of full-text resources in the library.
- Entitled full-text links are available directly from the results list, as well as from the abstract and references.
- Scopus' unique image-based linking technology means researchers only see links to their entitled full-text articles, making frustrating dead links a problem of the past.

## In their words

*“I spend most of my time trying to find the links to online articles only to find out they were not what I was looking for, while on Scopus I can figure that out right away and spend more time refining my search.”*

*“When I started, what I found very useful was actually putting in a keyword and get given an abstract and then being able to go through the link to get the paper.”*

*“With Scopus you can do your search, retrieve your results, view the full-text of those results and then put them into EndNote or something all within one interface, which is a nice user-friendly search forum rather than having to use several different products for each step along the way.”*



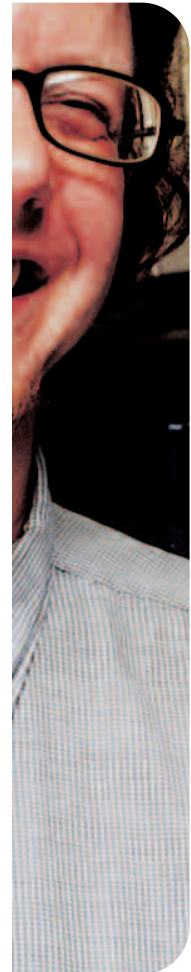
**Steven Chalouhi, American University of Beirut**



## Fact 6:

### Scopus is a complete service package

- Scopus is an easy tool to set up and customize.
- Researchers can determine their own preferences by registering and creating email alerts.
- Libraries can create links to other library resources and their catalogue, on a range of dimensions such as first-named author, or journal title, to deliver an integrated experience.
- The Scopus team is on-hand to support use of Scopus, including onsite training, online support via our info site, or email response to questions sent to us directly from [www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com).
- The complete service package includes usage reports, an information site and collateral tailored to your institute.



## In their words

*"I heard the answers to the questions I needed to ask, i.e. technical questions... the response times which were very good...immediate, no server delay; the quality of the links in the 'Cited by'...the overall possibilities developed on the Scopus interface in order to augment and enrich the search – all this has been very well received, in my opinion."*

*"This database is a must have for the library."*

*"The combination of all these features is really interesting."*

*"Scopus is top of the range, exclusive and elegant."*

*"It's definitely one of those things that I'm going to use a lot more in the future. Its one of those things where you access it and go 'hmm, this looks good!'."*



**Jim Robertson,**  
New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark

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