

Searching Scientific and Technical Journals Using the Research4Life Programs









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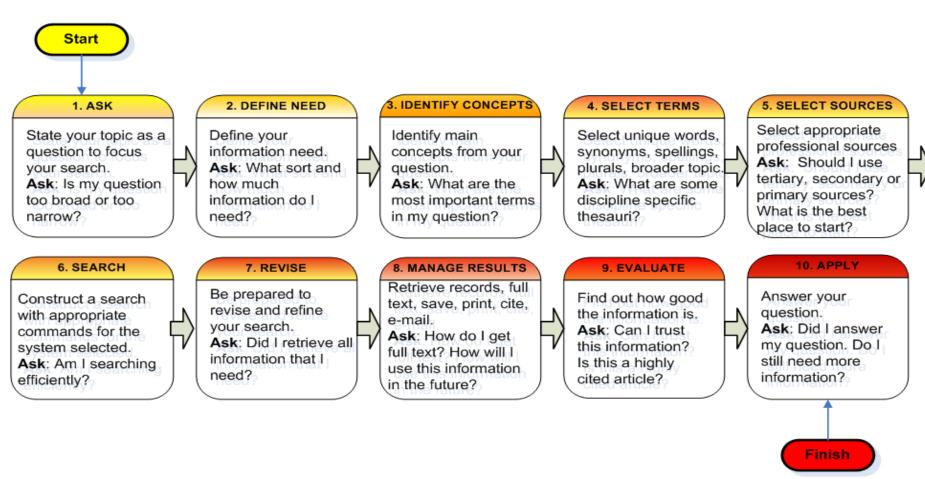






Planning a Search Strategy

Developing a Search Strategy: Process Overview



Remember: Your question drives the search strategy. There is no one best way to search. Avoid one stop searching to prevent bias.









Steps 1-4: Example – health problems AND water pollution

- 1. Ask: What health problems are associated with water pollution?
- 2. Need: scholarly primary research
- 3. Main Concepts: health, water, pollution
- Select terms:
 - Broader terms: 'health', environmental degradation', 'agricultural management',
 - Synonyms: health, illness, disease, etc. water, rivers, lakes, sea, domestic water, etc. pollution, 'oil spills', chemical, biological, toxicity, etc
 - Alternative spellings: none
 - Plurals: river(s), lake(s), disease(s)
 - Capitals: e.g. name of a specific lake, disease, region









Step 5. Select a Source

Types of Information Sources and Information Retrieval Process

Sources are considered primary, secondary, or tertiary based on the originality of their information and its proximity to the original source. When you are looking for answers you may need to consult several types. No single source is comprehensive



TERTIARY SOURCES

SECONDARY SOURCES PRIMARY SOURCES



Summaries & General Information

- Encyclopedias
- Dictionaries
- Drug Compendia
- Reference books
- Textbooks

Secondary interpretation or indexing of original research

- Abstracting and indexing services (e.g. PubMed)
- Bibliographies
- Reviews
- Meta-Analyses

Original research

- Conference posters/ papers
- Journal articles reporting original research
- Case reports
- Correspondence
- Dissertations
- Clinical trial protocols

INFORMATION RETRIEVAL PROCESS



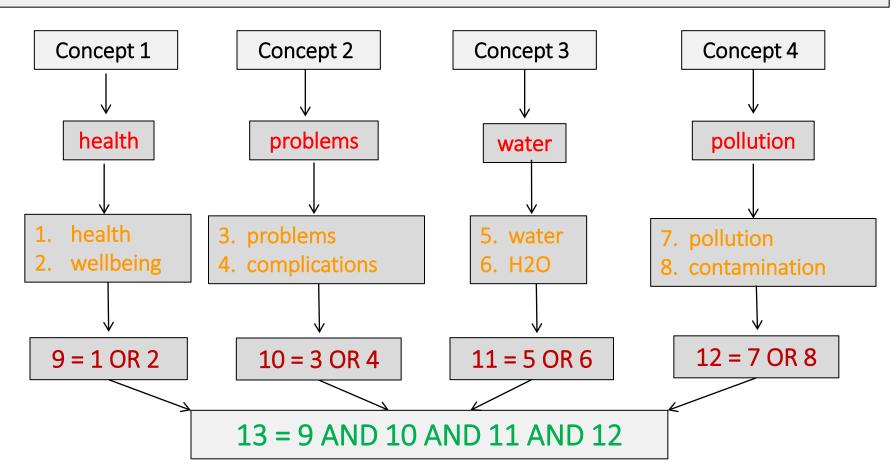






Step 6. Search: construct a search using the appropriate commands and best practices

Question: What health problems are associated with water pollution?











Step 7. Revise

Review and refine your search

- Be prepared to review/revise your search
- Keep your search terms in concept sets or zones but remember to explore subtopics
- Try new sources of information
- Save the search and citations for future use
- Promote use of high-quality resources









Step 8. Manage Results

- Download, print, save, e-mail results & search history
 - Cite using a citation style
 - Save search, set up alerts

Step 9. Evaluate-Who? What? When? Where? Why?

- Accuracy
- Authority
- Objectivity
- Currency
- Coverage

Step 10. Apply – Answer the question.

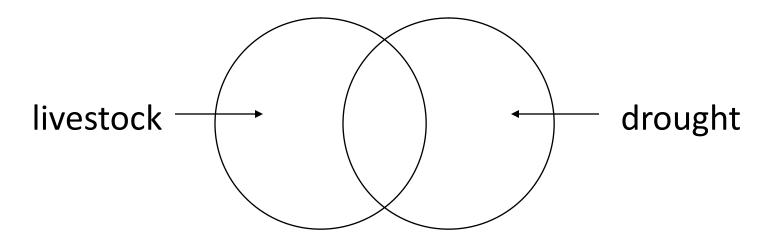








Boolean Operators AND Operator (to combine two concepts)



the **AND** operator is used to combine two concepts e.g. livestock AND drought – results are in the combined area of the two circles

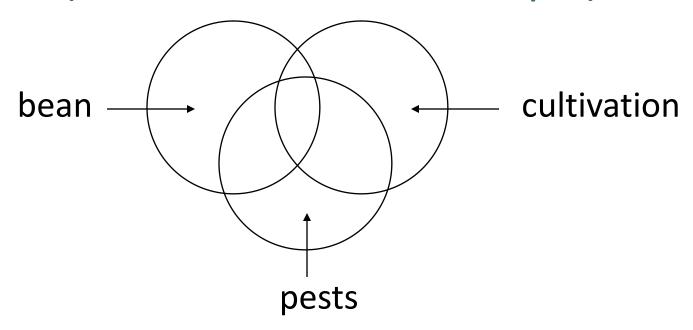








AND Operator (to combine three concepts)



the **AND** operator is used to combine three concepts e.g. bean AND cultivation AND pests - in the combined area of the three circles

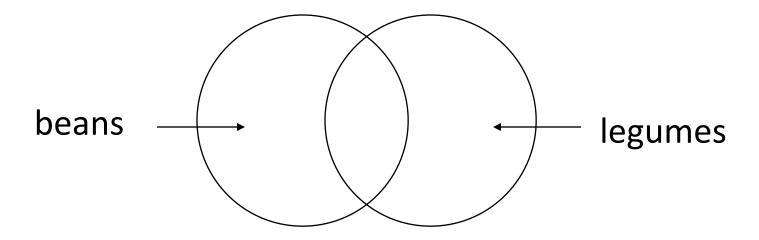








OR Operator (info containing one or other term)



the **OR** is a means of combining synonyms e.g. beans OR legumes - in each circle's area with the overlap in the middle having both search terms

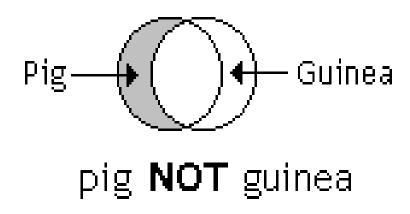








NOT Operator (in one term or the other)



pig **NOT** guinea – in the shaded area; eliminates items in 2nd term (guinea) or both terms









Other search engine functions

- Phrase or proximity searching: "..." or (...)
 - allows you to search for an exact phrase, e.g. pests and (bean cultivation)
- Truncation/wildcards: *
 - allow you to search alternative spellings and plurals river* for river OR rivers pesticide* for pesticide OR pesticides program* for programme or program
- Alternate spellings: ?
 - can be used to substitute for characters anywhere in a word
 - wom?n for woman or women









More Search Techniques

- Field Specific Searching
 - author, title, journal, date, url, etc.
- Language Restrictions, Humans or Animals and other limits (to be discussed in SCOPUS)
- Relevancy Ranking
 - a grading that gives extra weight to a document when the search terms appear in the headline or are capitalized
 - every found document is calculated as 100% multiply by the angle formed by weights vector for request and weights vector for document found









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- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), 14 Major publishers
- Launched July 23, 2009
- Includes Up to 5,100 journals; 19,000 books; and 20 other information resources from more than 30 publishers
- available to 107 countries
- The newest addition to Research4Life programs











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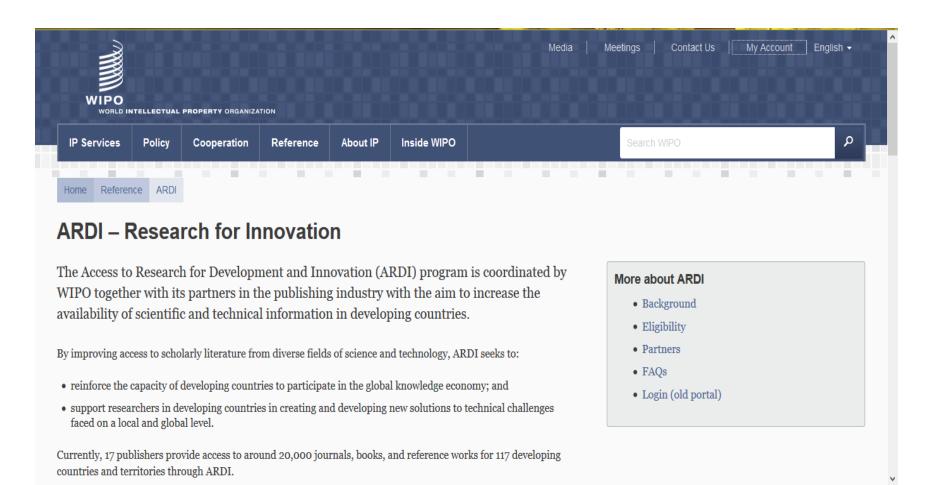








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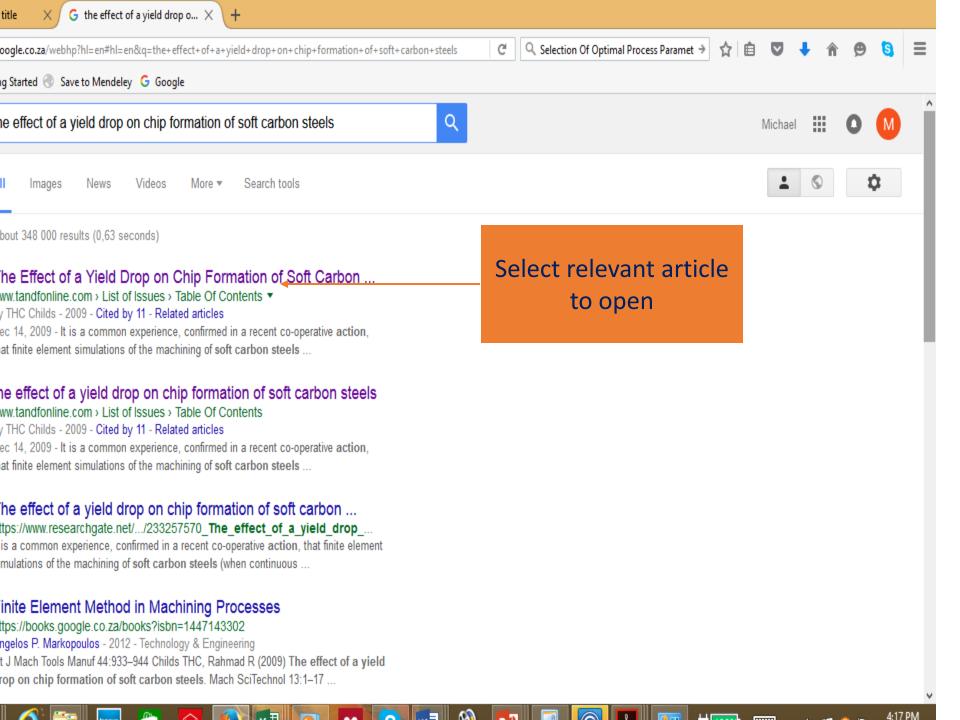
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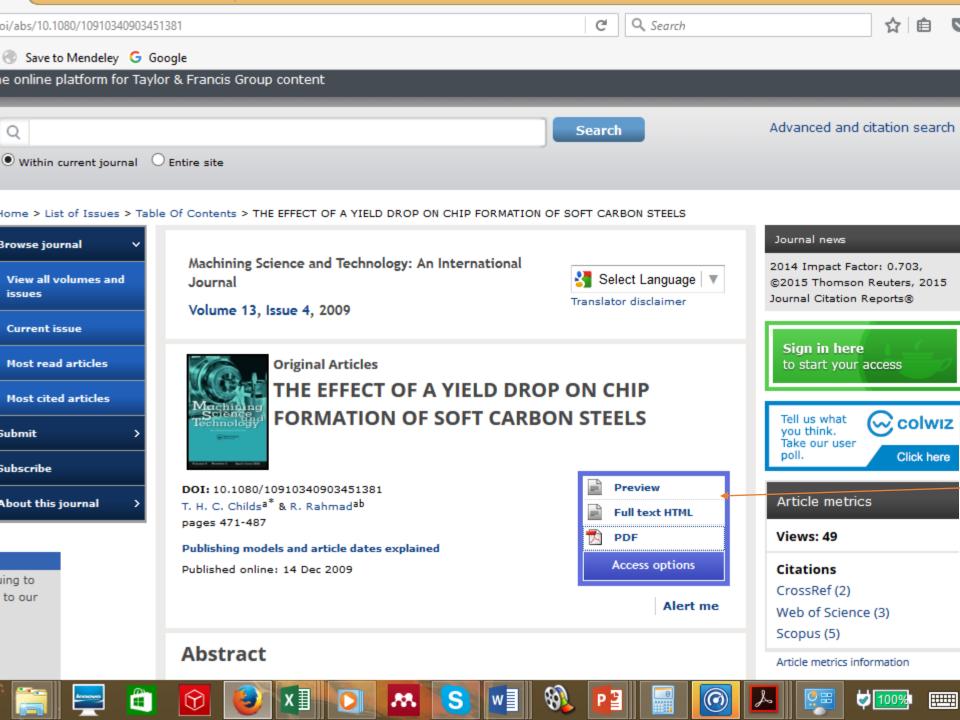


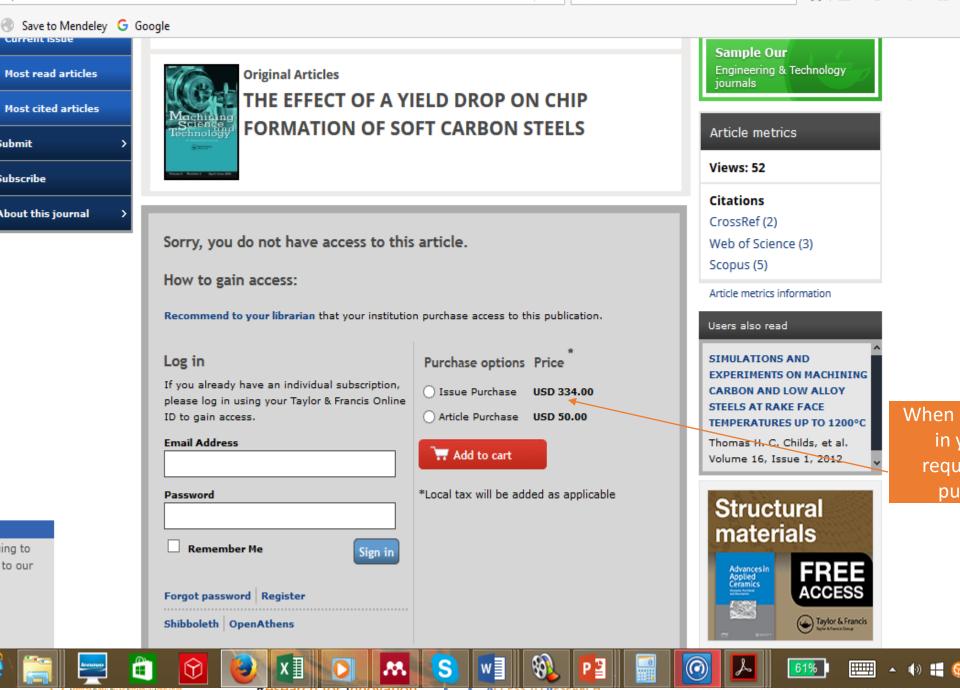












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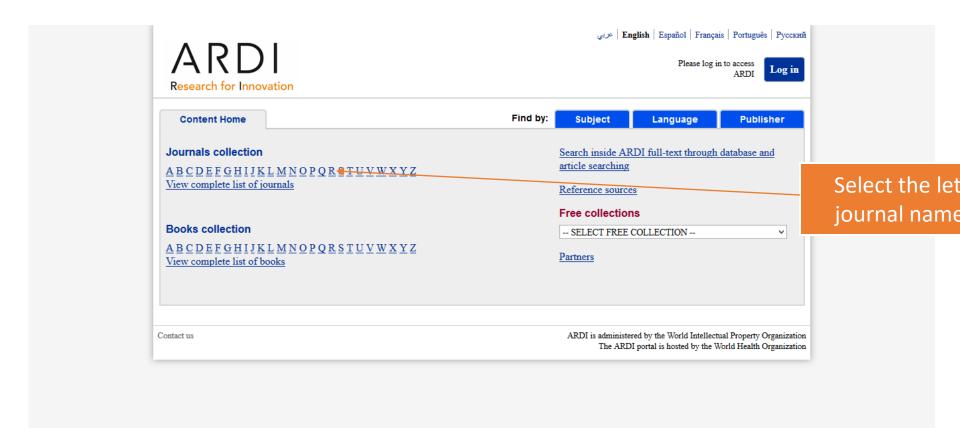
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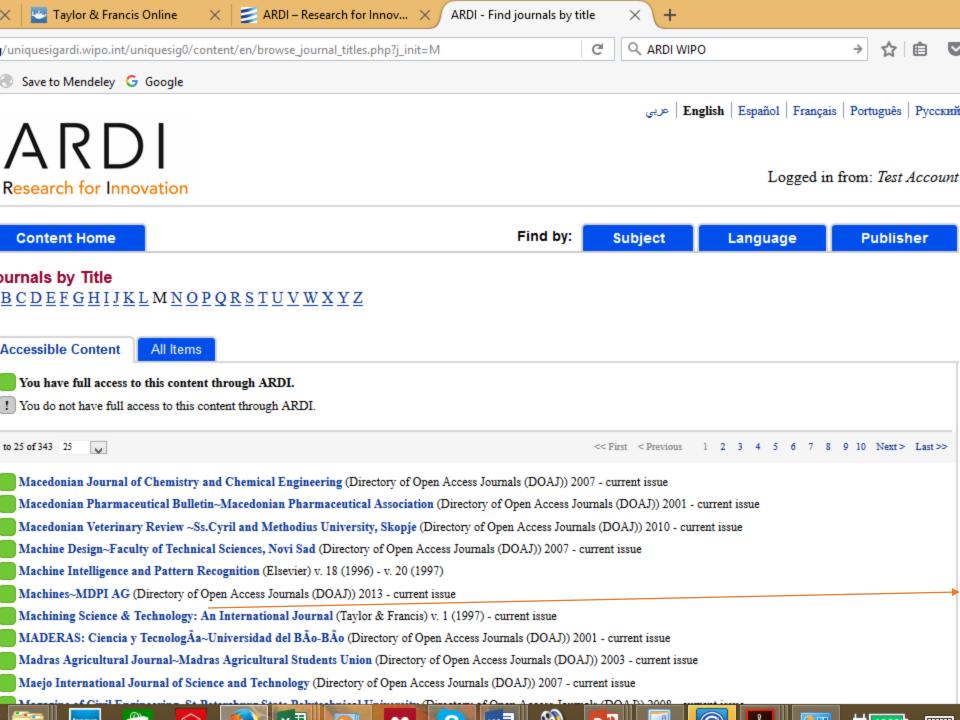


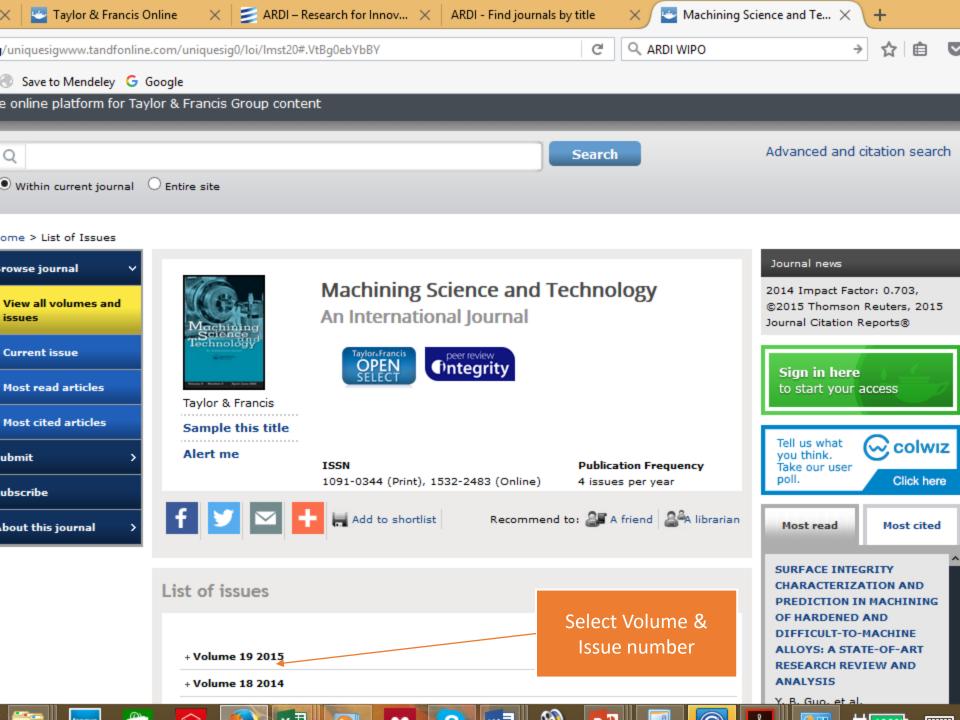


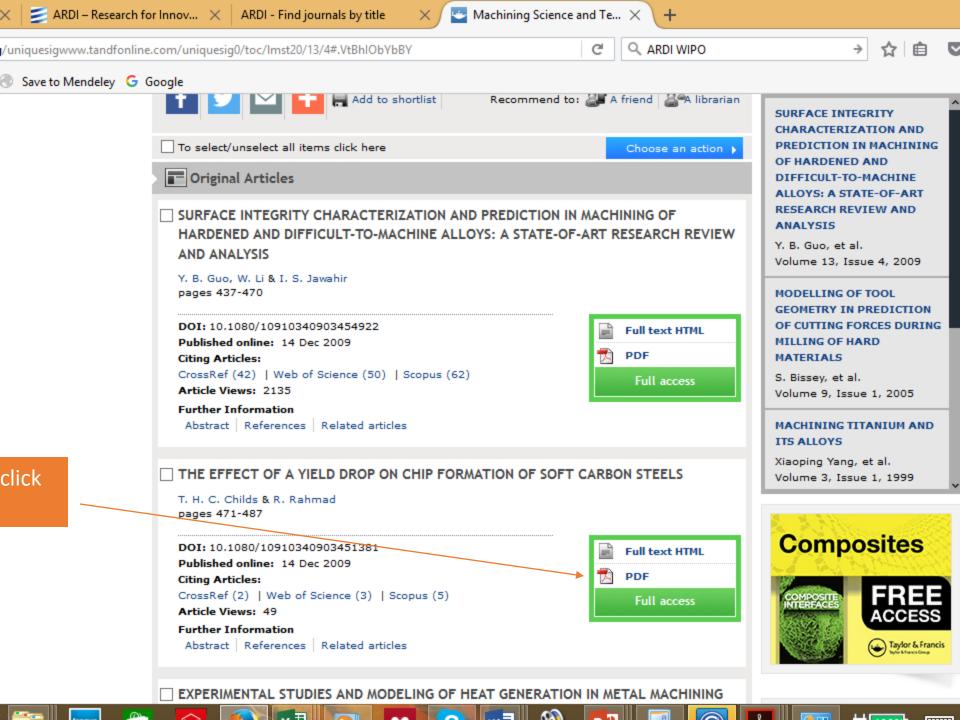


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