

Google versus Google Scholar for finding scholarly resources

2 minute video

Transcript

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[female narrator]

Why would you use Google Scholar instead of Google? This video will explain what Google Scholar is and when you should use it.

We all use Google to search for information. It's easy to use and you can find lots of information on any topic imaginable. However, because Google searches the entire Internet, not all the results you get will be suitable for your academic work. You don't always get reliable or worthwhile information when you search Google. You might not be able to find the author of the resource. Or the information might not be based on academic research. Or the information might be biased in favour of one view or another. But Google Scholar makes it easy to filter your results to resources that are of academic quality.

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