Using Primo: Understanding the different search tabs

This video demonstrates the different tabs in Primo. You can access Primo from the Institution Page section of MyAberdeen or on the Library homepage.

In this infographic, you can see the types of resource searched by each of the different tabs: All Collections, Books+ and Articles+

When you select All Collections, Primo searches all of our printed and most of our electronic collections; not everything that is available online. All Collections combines the results that you would get from separate searches in the Books+ or Articles+ tabs. It provides a broad approach to searching for resources. We recommend, however, that you use the Books+ and Articles+ tabs separately to focus your search to specific types of material.

When you select Books+, Primo searches for the titles of books that we have in print and electronic format, the titles of journals (but not the articles within them), exam papers and theses held by the University of Aberdeen, and the titles of items held by Special Collections and Museums. An important thing to remember when using Books+ is that Primo does not search the actual content of our resources. Instead, it will search for the keywords that you have used, in the title, author, description and subject fields of items in our collections.

Articles+ helps you find electronic journal articles. When using this tab, Primo searches across most of the e-journals that the library subscribes to, not all. It is a particularly useful tool when you know the details of the article you are looking for.

Course Reading allows you to find reading lists by using the course code, title of book or lecturer. Please be aware, though, that not all reading lists are available here. To use this tab, you need to be logged in to Primo.

When you land on Primo, you will see the simple search option. However, we recommend that you use the advanced search option by clicking on Advanced Search at the right hand side of the search box.

For further guidance on Primo see our other videos or contact members of library staff. More help can also be found online.

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