ScienceDirect development plan 2019

See what's planned for ScienceDirect and how it benefits you.

The dynamic world of scientific research requires search and discovery solutions that evolve to meet new needs. That's why our development team works continually on ScienceDirect, consulting with end users to ensure our improvements and new features are right for their work.

Here, we detail all the upcoming enhancements to ScienceDirect in 2019. They're organized in three important categories: improving evaluation, reading and organization of literature; better discovery; and easier access.

**Easier tracking of your reading history**
Signing into your registered ScienceDirect account has many advantages, including viewing your reading history. This new feature helps you keep track of what you've been doing and ensures you can find useful articles again when needed.

**Enhanced on-screen reading for HTML and PDF versions**
Articles should be easy to navigate and evaluate, so we're enhancing both our HTML and PDF versions for a better reading experience for all ScienceDirect users.
You can see how HTML articles are connected via co-authorship and citation, helping you evaluate how each article fits within your field and collaborator network. You can also reveal author, reference and citation data while you're reading a PDF. Navigation tools for PDFs will also be improved.

**PlumX analytics for book impact**
Getting a quick understanding of the reach and engagement of a book chapter can be really useful in evaluating whether it's relevant for you. We're adding PlumX analytics for book chapter authors to support such evaluation.

**Seamless integration with Mendeley and other reference managers**
Organizing your reference library is a tough task if you need multiple reference managers or if a literature database isn't compatible. We're ensuring that you won't have this challenge with ScienceDirect content. It's compatible with Mendeley and other popular reference managers and storage solutions. Simply use the one-click saving to cloud storage or device.

**Key method summaries**
Summaries of the key methods and results in journal articles are a huge help in evaluating their relevance to your research. They can also help you find other papers with similar experiments or results. We're adding these key method and result summaries to all article pages.
We’re expanding ScienceDirect Topics and concepts!

Topics Pages are available to all ScienceDirect users. They provide concept definitions and subject overviews for researchers who want to deepen their knowledge on scholarly and technical terms. Each one is a series of short, authoritative excerpts that explain the term. Soon, these synopses will include content from review articles as well as books, and we’re adding figures. You can access them through hyperlinked terms in articles you’re reading, so they’re always available right when you need them. We’re also indexing them in Google to make them searchable in multiple ways!

A new Global header design

We are adopting the Elsevier look and feel in the new header so you become part of our joined-up world. Navigation and login/registration will look and feel the same as in other Elsevier products, this way you will feel right at home when navigating from one Elsevier product to another.

New links to related books

Exploring a new field or unfamiliar aspect of your discipline can be challenging without a reading list. To help you find and access related books to the one you’re reading, we’re adding related books links to each book homepage. These recommendations are visible to all ScienceDirect users.

Making it easier for you to find ScienceDirect content in search engines

We are improving the discoverability of ScienceDirect articles in major search engines like Google, to ensure you can easily find the content you need. Improvements are also planned to deliver a more seamless experience when navigating between Google Scholar and ScienceDirect.

Accessibility improvements

We’re improving the information we make available regarding ScienceDirect’s accessibility — making it more detailed, easier to find, and regularly updated to communicate the latest improvements. As new functionalities are added, we will continue to ensure ScienceDirect is accessible and usable by all.

Remote access just got easier!

Research shouldn’t be confined to the library or laboratory. We’re improving remote access to ScienceDirect to make sure you can get the content you need on-or-off-campus.

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