Getting Started Guide

What is SUNCAT?
SUNCAT is the Serials Union CATalogue for the UK research community [http://www.suncat.ac.uk](http://www.suncat.ac.uk)
SUNCAT contains information about where print and electronic journals, periodicals, newspapers and other publications of a continuing nature are held in the UK.

Why use SUNCAT?
If you can’t access an article or journal you want online, use SUNCAT to:
• Find the journal (containing your article) – one search will check more than 100 UK libraries.
• Check where the relevant journal volume/issue is held.
• Link to the holding libraries websites, contact details and Google directions.
• Link to the latest Table of Contents of some journals.

Search
• Enter your search term(s).
• Choose to search by title, subject, keyword, ISSN etc.
• You can limit your search to particular libraries or geographic regions or both.
• Click on “Find now”.
• Click on “Advanced Search” to create a more complex search.
• Click on “Browse” to browse alphabetically for titles, subjects etc.

My SUNCAT
• Login to save searches and lists of records you are interested in.
• Create your own groups of locations and libraries to use in your searches.
Navigate your results – a list of journal titles

- Results are relevance ranked.
- Click on “Title” or “First published” headings to sort alphabetically or by year.
- Click on the filters on the left hand side of the screen to narrow your results by format (e-journal or print), holding institution, subject, publisher, date etc.
- Table of Contents buttons take you to a list of the most recently published articles for the titles.
- Use the list of libraries beside each title as a quick guide to who holds what.
- Click on the journal title to view the full bibliographic and detailed holdings information.

Locate your article/journal

- The full record displays bibliographic information for each title, with all the holding libraries listed underneath.
- Use the “Notes” column to check who holds the volume/issue you require.
- Use the information to apply for an inter-library loan at your local library OR
- Click on the library name to get more information such as a link to the library website, contact details and Google directions to help you visit the library
- If you are affiliated with a UK University click on the SCONUL link to find out more about accessing other University libraries.