Conference papers can be tricky to find as there is no standard way of publishing or indexing them. They might be published as online conference papers, as articles within a journal or as books of conference proceedings.

**Databases that contain full text conference papers**

The databases listed below can be found by visiting our A-Z of Databases pages or the My Subject pages on the library homepage.

- **Library All Search** includes conference papers from a number of sources. You can filter your search results by conference proceeding.
- **ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) Digital Library** includes access to some of their conference proceedings. Search the ACM Digital Library site to check for access.
- **IEEE Xplore Digital Library** (IEEE/IET Electronic Library) includes the full text of all IEEE and IET conferences from 1988 onwards.
- **ERIC** (Educational Resources Information Center) includes access to the full text of some conferences. You can search for them by limiting your search to Publications: ‘Collected Works – Proceedings’.
- **Lecture Notes in Computer Science** publishes conference proceedings as books within the series. We have access to LNCS from 1973 onwards.
- **Lyell Collection** provides access to conferences published by the Geological Society of London.

**Databases that index conference papers**

- Specialist literature databases provided by the library, which can be accessed via the My Subject tab.
- Literature databases that cover a wide range of subjects such as Web of Science, Scopus and ZETOC which can be accessed via the Databases A-Z pages.
- **Google Scholar** includes conference papers from specific publishers and open access resources.

**Searching for conference proceedings as books**

If you cannot find the full text of a conference paper online then the conference proceedings might have been published as a book.
• Use the **Library All Search** to search for the *title of the conference* (not the title of the conference paper).

**Obtaining Conference Papers**

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**Other options and finding conference presentations**

Not all conference presentations are published as full conference papers or proceedings.

• At various intervals after the conference check the conference website to see if they have made presentations/papers/proceedings freely available.
• Find the presenter’s/author’s website and see if they have made their paper/presentations available.
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