

Technology dissertations

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A guide to finding computing, maths and engineering dissertations in the Library

Computing, Mathematical Sciences, and Engineering projects and dissertations held in the Library are listed on the online Catalogue. The Wheatley Library holds computing, maths and engineering undergraduate projects, as well as postgraduate dissertations. They are held in store and must be requested at the Library Counter. To locate them, you need to search the Library Catalogue.

If you are outside the Library or working off campus go to:

<http://catalogue.brookes.ac.uk/>

Basic search

1. At the Catalogue select **Basic Search** from the search options at the top of the screen.
2. In the **Author box** enter **School of Technology**.
3. Enter search terms in the **Keyword** field. You can use several terms separated by a space. Note that **computing, maths** and **engineering** are useful keywords
4. Select **Dissertations/Theses Catalogue** from the list in the **Collection** box.
5. Click on **Search**.
 - You will see a list of dissertation titles that match your search.
6. The Library staff will need the **shelfmark** of each dissertation you want to read.
 - Make a note of the number next to Shelved at (eg C315, M17, E46). This number is needed by the Library staff to find the dissertation. You may request up to 4 dissertations at the Library Counter.

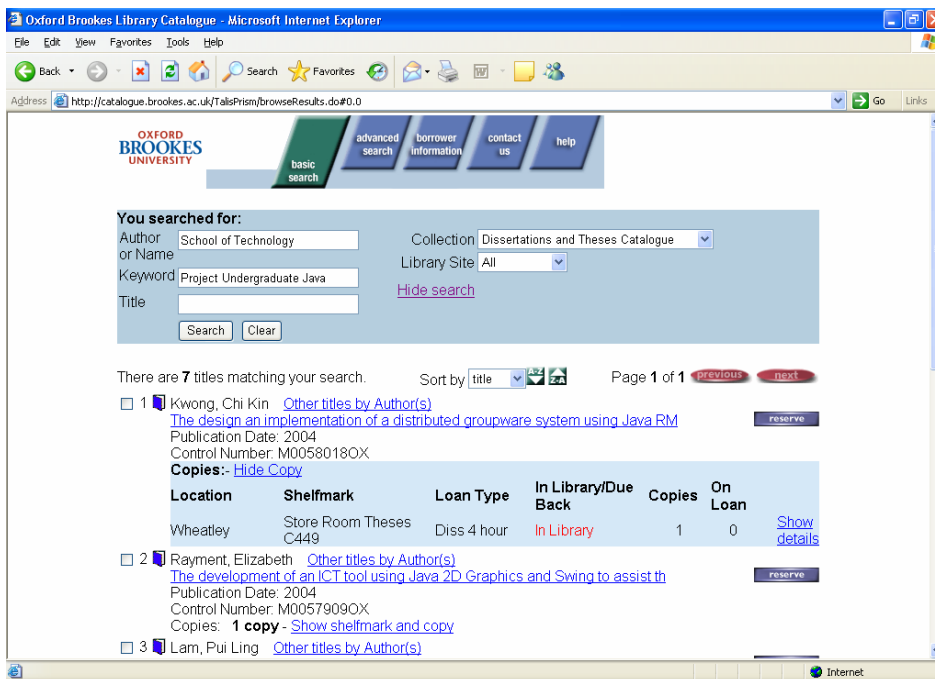
Hints on using keywords for searching

To search for theses on a particular subject enter a keyword or words that describe the subject in the **Keyword** box. For example: **computing xml**

To search for theses by course enter the course name in the **Keyword** box, eg **MSc** or **M.Sc.** (either will work), **PhD**, **MPhil**, or **Modular** or **Project** for undergraduate projects (but see below for a way of locating additional undergraduate dissertations by module number). Remember you can use as many keywords as you want, separated by a space.

Searching by author

If you know the author of the dissertation, type their name into the **Author** box. You can enter the name as you would normally use it e.g. **Alan Turing**, or surname first. If you are using the surname to search enter the name in the **Author** box in the form **surname, [comma] first name or initial** (eg **Turing,A**). Click on **Search**



Searching by supervisor

If you want to look for dissertations supervised by a particular member of staff type their name into the **Author** box. Click on **Search**

Searching by module number

To find undergraduate dissertations you can search by module number. Enter the module number in the **Keyword** box (eg Keyword: **U08001**)

- You will be taken to a list of titles that have the module number you have input amongst their keywords. Remember School of Technology module numbers change between 2004 and 2005. Substitute M for the U in the module name to find older projects (eg **M08001** instead of **U08001**).

Searching by date

You can also look for theses by date, eg to look for the year in which they were submitted. Basic Search will allow you to sort the items in your list by date.

- Select **date** in the **Sort by** box at the top of the list. Clicking on the Z-A button puts the most recent at the top of the list

Or

Select **Advanced Search** from the menu at the top of the screen. Enter your search criteria in sections 1, 2 and 3. Then choose **Limit search by year** from the options in section 3.

- You can then limit your search to a particular year or range of years by typing them in the **Specific Year** box.

Don't forget to make a note of the shelfmark (eg **C234**) of the items you would like to see and request them at the Library counter. You may request four items at a time, and dissertations are issued for a period of 4 hours only. No dissertations may be taken out of the Library