

# ScopusQuery 1.3\*

*\*New in ScopusQuery 1.1: Advanced Search query generator for Web of Knowledge*

*\*New in ScopusQuery 1.2: Updated & added all journals in the [ABS-AJG 2021](#) ranking*

*\*New in ScopusQuery 1.3: ScopusQuery is now macro-free, online file*

## What is ScopusQuery?

*ScopusQuery is an Excel file that includes a wrapper function for creating targeted search queries for the Scopus publication database.*

*ScopusQuery includes ISSN codes for all ABS-AJG ranked journals, including the FT-50 list. ScopusQuery is used to target Scopus search queries to specific journal grade levels (ABS-n or FT-50), academic disciplines, or their combinations.*

*The ScopusQuery file has two main worksheets. The “query” sheet is for generating targeted queries as instructed. The “coverage” sheet reports the year of the first and last article in the Scopus database for each journal ISSN code.*

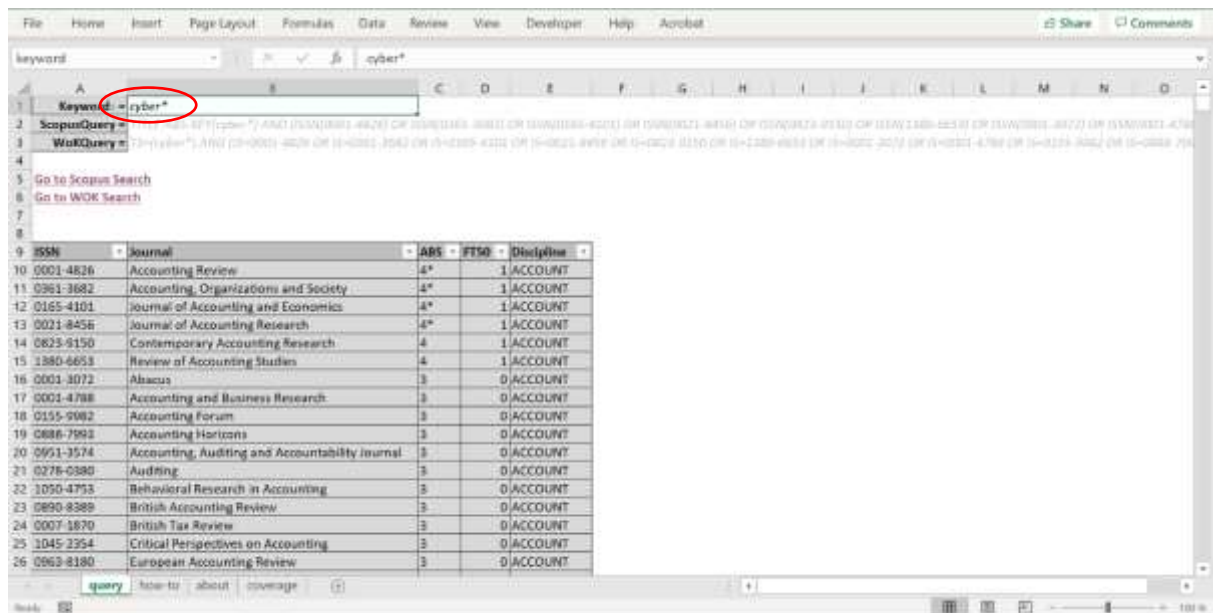
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## How to use ScopusQuery?

- 1. Define keywords.** *In this example, I create a search query for cyber-related articles that are published in ABS-4 and ABS-4\* level accounting journals. First, write “cyber\*” in cell B1.<sup>i</sup> The query updates automatically, but if you are working with the desktop version you can also go to Formulas > Calculate Workbook.*



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with a ScopusQuery interface. The spreadsheet has columns for ISSN, Journal, ABS, FT50, and Discipline. The keyword 'cyber\*' is entered in cell B1. The interface includes a search bar, a 'keyword' field, and a list of accounting journals with their respective ABS and FT50 ratings.

ISSN	Journal	ABS	FT50	Discipline
0001-4826	Accounting Review	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0361-3682	Accounting, Organizations and Society	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0165-4101	Journal of Accounting and Economics	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0021-8456	Journal of Accounting Research	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0823-6150	Contemporary Accounting Research	4	1	ACCOUNT
1380-6658	Review of Accounting Studies	4	1	ACCOUNT
0001-8072	Abacus	3	0	ACCOUNT
0001-4788	Accounting and Business Research	3	0	ACCOUNT
0155-5082	Accounting Forum	3	0	ACCOUNT
0886-7893	Accounting Horizons	3	0	ACCOUNT
0951-3574	Accounting, Auditing and Accountability Journal	3	0	ACCOUNT
0276-0380	Auditing	3	0	ACCOUNT
1050-4753	Behavioral Research in Accounting	3	0	ACCOUNT
0890-8389	British Accounting Review	3	0	ACCOUNT
0007-1870	British Tax Review	3	0	ACCOUNT
1045-2354	Critical Perspectives on Accounting	3	0	ACCOUNT
0963-8180	European Accounting Review	3	0	ACCOUNT

2. **Choose journals.** Then, use the drop-down menus on the title row to, for example, exclude journals below ABS-4 level and disciplines other than accounting. Again, the query updates automatically (the online version may take few seconds).

The screenshot shows a ProQuest database search interface. At the top, there are fields for 'Keyword' (cyber\*), 'ScopusQuery', and 'WoKQuery'. Below these are links for 'Go to Scopus Search' and 'Go to WOK Search'. A table of search results is displayed, with columns for 'ISSN', 'Journal', 'FTSO', and 'Discipline'. A dropdown menu is open over the 'Discipline' column, showing options for sorting: 'Sort Smallest to Largest', 'Sort Largest to Smallest', 'Sort by Color', 'Sheet View', 'Clear Filter From "All"', 'Filter by Color', 'Number Filter', and 'Search'. The 'Discipline' column contains the value 'ACCOUNT' for all visible rows. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'query how to', 'Ready: 80 of 1774 records found', and 'Average: 0.29425274 Couts: 444 Non-retrieval Count: 174 Hits: 4 Size: 4 Size: 172'.

ISSN	Journal	FTSO	Discipline
0001-4826	Accounting	1	ACCOUNT
0361-3682	Accounting	1	ACCOUNT
0165-4101	Journal of	1	ACCOUNT
0021-8456	Journal of	1	ACCOUNT
0823-9150	Contempe	1	ACCOUNT
1380-6052	Reviews of	1	ACCOUNT
0001-3072	Abacus	0	ACCOUNT
0001-4788	Accounting	0	ACCOUNT
0115-9982	Accounting	0	ACCOUNT
0888-7993	Accounting	0	ACCOUNT
0951-3574	Accounting	0	ACCOUNT
0278-0380	Auditing	0	ACCOUNT
1050-4753	Behavioral	0	ACCOUNT
0950-8349	British Acco	0	ACCOUNT
0007-1070	British Tax	0	ACCOUNT
1045-2354	Critical Pers	0	ACCOUNT
0963-8180	European J	0	ACCOUNT

3. **Copy query.** After selecting the suitable set of journals, the search query is updated and appears in cells B2 and B3. Copy the query string to either search service (Scopus or Web of Knowledge). Click the link of the chosen search service.

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following content:

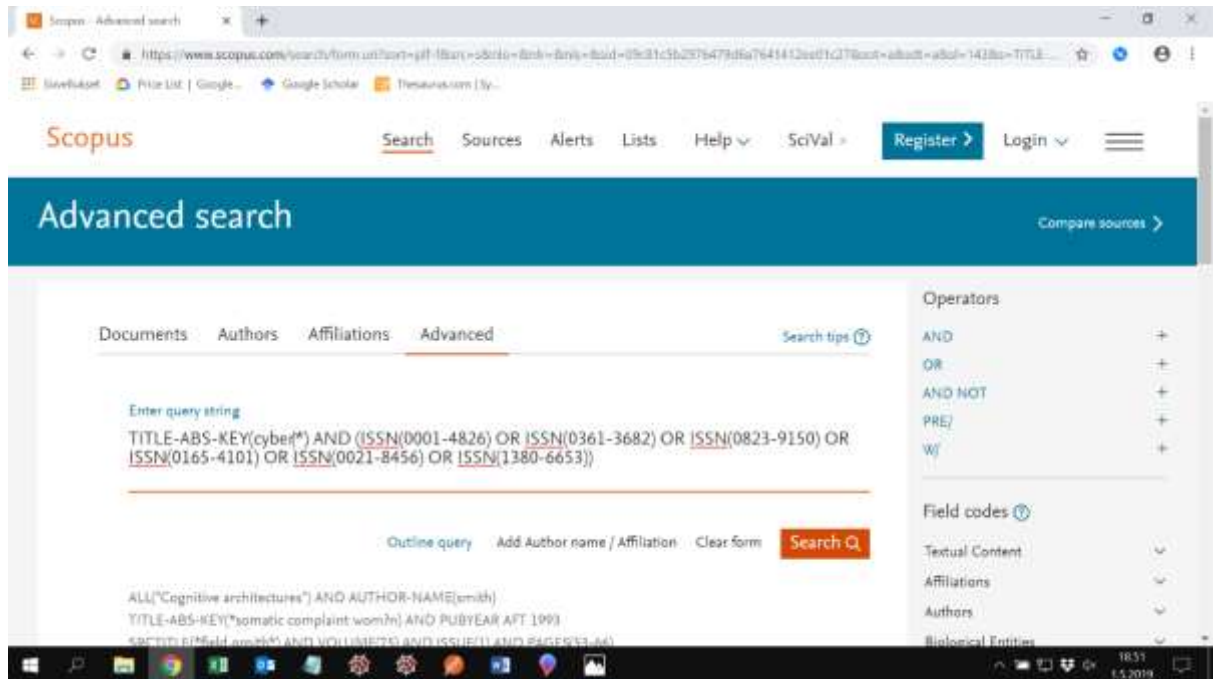
4	Keyword =	cyber
5	ScopusQuery =	"TITLE-ABS-KEY(cyber*) AND ((ISSN(001-4826) OR ISSN(0021-3692) OR ISSN(0021-4101) OR ISSN(021-8456) OR ISSN(022-8150) OR ISSN(028-6633))"
6	WebQuery =	
5	Go to Scopus Search	
6	Go to WOK Search	

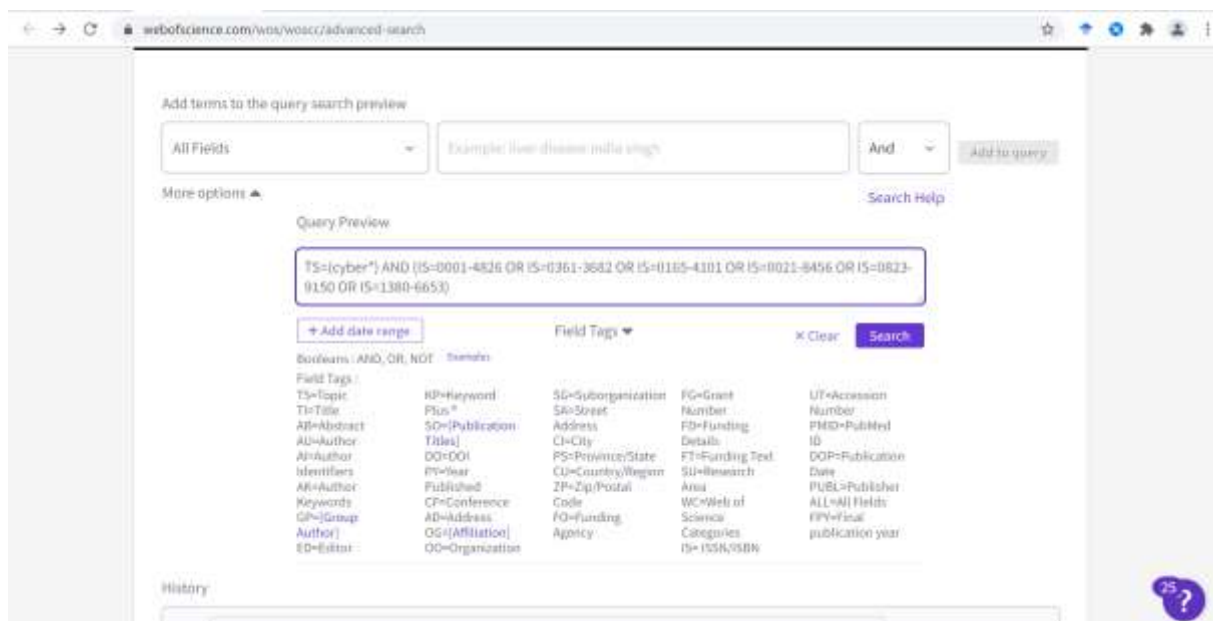
ISSN	Journal	ABS	FTSD	Discipline
0001-4826	Accounting Review	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0361-3687	Accounting, Organizations and Society	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0365-4101	Journal of Accounting and Economics	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0021-8456	Journal of Accounting Research	4*	1	ACCOUNT
0623-9150	Contemporary Accounting Research	4	1	ACCOUNT
1380-6653	Review of Accounting Studies	4	1	ACCOUNT

At the bottom of the spreadsheet, there is a footer with the text: "query how-to about coverage" and "Ready 6 of 1022 records found".

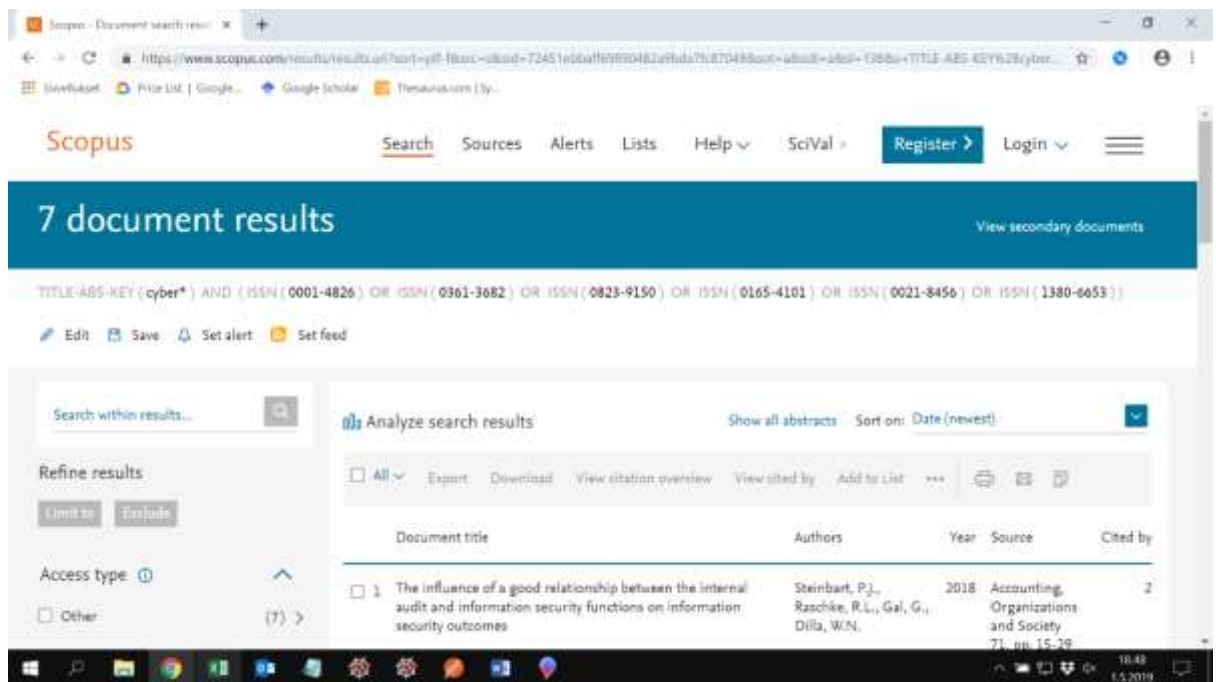
4. **Copy query to Scopus.** Make sure that you are connected to the University network<sup>ii</sup>, and navigate to [Scopus Advanced Search](#) page.<sup>iii</sup> Paste the search query to the empty row and click “Search”.<sup>iv</sup>



Alternatively, paste the query to the [Web of Knowledge](#) search service:



**5. Browse results.** *The results show seven articles that have some form of the term “cyber” in the title, abstract, or keywords.*



The screenshot shows the Scopus search results page. At the top, the Scopus logo is on the left, and navigation links for Search, Sources, Alerts, Lists, Help, and SciVal are in the center. On the right, there are buttons for Register and Login. Below the navigation bar, a blue banner displays "7 document results" and a link to "View secondary documents". The search query is shown as "TITLE-ABS-KEY (cyber\*) AND ( ISSN ( 0001-4826 ) OR ISSN ( 0361-3682 ) OR ISSN ( 0823-9150 ) OR ISSN ( 0165-4101 ) OR ISSN ( 0021-8456 ) OR ISSN ( 1380-6653 )". Below the query are options to Edit, Save, Set alert, and Set feed. The main content area includes a search bar, a "Refine results" section with "Limit to" and "Exclude" buttons, and an "Access type" section with an "Other" option. The "Analyze search results" section shows "Show all abstracts" and "Sort on: Date (newest)". A table of results is displayed with columns for Document title, Authors, Year, Source, and Cited by. The first result is "The influence of a good relationship between the internal audit and information security functions on information security outcomes" by Steinbart, P.J., Rzechke, R.L., Gal, G., and Dilla, W.N., published in 2018 in Accounting, Organizations and Society, 71, pp. 15-29, with 2 citations.

Document title	Authors	Year	Source	Cited by
1 The influence of a good relationship between the internal audit and information security functions on information security outcomes	Steinbart, P.J., Rzechke, R.L., Gal, G., Dilla, W.N.	2018	Accounting, Organizations and Society 71, pp. 15-29	2

## ENDNOTES

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<sup>i</sup> Wildcard operators such as "\*" and "?" allow searching for different variations of the search term. See [Scopus Search Tips](#) for more information.

<sup>ii</sup> Scopus search is for subscribers. Home users can use the university VPN or proxy server connection to use it.

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.scopus.com/search/form.uri?display=advanced>

<sup>iv</sup> TITLE-ABS-KEY() means that the search term should appear in the title, abstract, or keywords of the article. You can define other field restrictions like REFTITLE(), which searches for the term from the title in the list of references. See [Scopus Search Tips](#) for all field restrictions.