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Information Skills Refresher 2: Going further with your dissertation research

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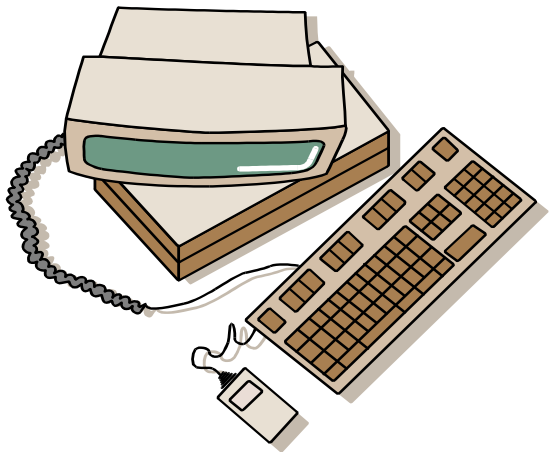
Before we start…

- Have you brought your planning sheet/grid?
  - You'll use this throughout this morning's workshop
  - Time to quickly prepare something if you haven't done so already

- Are you planning to use RefWorks?
  - If YES – please make sure you have created your account. See instructions in the reminder email sent yesterday



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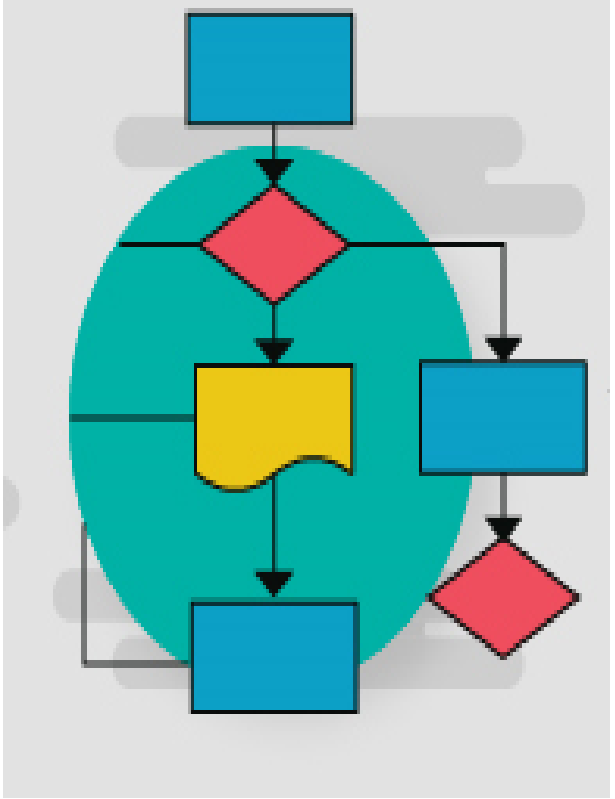
Managing your references

- Establish a reliable process for keeping track of what you read and use
- We recommend the use of reference management software/apps if you are likely to use more than 30 references in your dissertation. (Manual manipulation is manageable for small numbers, but becomes tedious for large collections)
- We will use RefWorks to store and manage the references that we find through the course of the workshops
- You may use an alternative product or process



Introduction

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Aims

- Identify high quality information for your dissertation
- Build confidence in your information skills

Objectives

- **Apply your keywords (search terms)**
- **Find relevant journal articles and conference papers (using databases)**
- **Be aware of how to evaluate, sort and refine your results**
- **Use RefWorks to store information about what you are reading and produce a simple list of references**

Steps to Finding Reliable Information

- Step 1: Get ready to manage the information you find
- Step 2: Plan your search
- Step 3: What sort of information – sources?
- Step 4: Search Primo or library catalogue
- Step 5: Use Primo>Find databases to identify relevant databases (Part 2)
- Step 6: Search relevant databases (Part 2)
- Step 7: Use Google for other support materials
- Step 8: Manage your results with RefWorks (Part 2 & 3)

In all processes: be aware of copyright and the need to avoid plagiarism

Type of information	Document type	Tool
Background, overview, summarised	Books – print or electronic	Primo (Books+ tab)
Research level, detailed, specific	Theses (PhD)	Primo (Books+ tab), Database – Index to Theses
Research level, detailed, specific, overview	**Journal articles, research papers, conference papers**	**Databases**
Technical, operational, commercial, industry specific, governmental	Reports, webpages	Google or other search engine

Today: concentrating on one tool – Databases (for journal articles, research papers, conference papers)

Use your search grid

Concepts	Alternative keywords				
Idea 1	“oil spill*”	OR			
AND					
Idea 2	sea*	OR	ocean*	OR	marine
AND					
Idea 3	environment*	OR			
AND					
Idea 4	whale*	OR	dolphin*		

Why use databases?

- Primo (Library catalogue) – mainly records of what we hold (titles of books/journals)
- Search engines – need to spend a lot of time evaluating the results
- Database – what has been published
  - **Essential** for access to material published in journal/periodicals and at conferences
  - Contain academic and scholarly material
  - Journal articles - refereed research from institutions worldwide
  - Content is authoritative
  - Referring to published research literature demonstrates that you are on top of your subject

Important databases

- **Scopus** and **Web of Science** are the biggest and broadest databases available. Bibliographic with links via SFX to electronic books and journals that we pay for
- Specialist:
  - **Medline** is the largest medical database (also available as PubMed, but do not use PubMed if using RefWorks!!)
  - **ABI Inform** and **Econlit** are specialist business, management and economics databases
  - **ATLA** is the biggest religion database
  - **LION** database useful for topics related to English
  - **LexisLibrary** and **Westlaw** are core databases in law
  - **IEEE Xplore** for engineering & computer science
  - **OnePetro** for oil related topics (SPE/OTC papers)
  - **Reaxys** specialist chemistry database
- **JSTOR** full text database - extremely useful for older material (covers most subject areas except Engineering)

Q: What databases are available for my subject area?

A: Use Primo – Find Databases to find out…

Primo – Find Databases

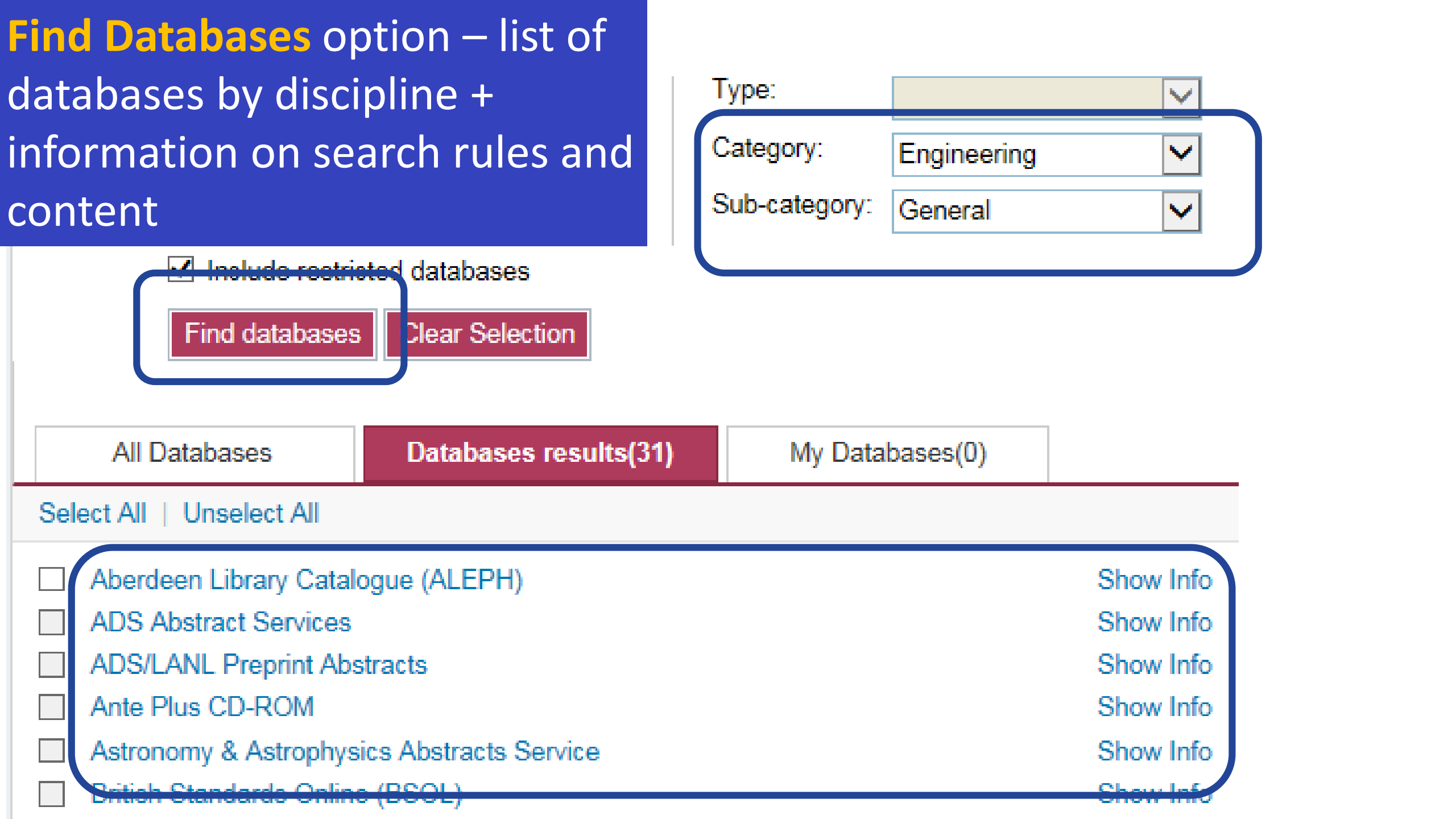
- Portal to all our e-resources (databases, ebook collections etc).
  - Identifies e-resources relevant to your subject
  - Easy to link out to them for searching
- Information available:
  - description of the database
  - database search rules
  - authentication route (IP address or Shibboleth/UK Federation)
- Use to identify databases – do not use for searching across them (not reliable enough for your level of searching)

Use Find Databases option to:

- identify databases in a subject area
- link through to individual databases

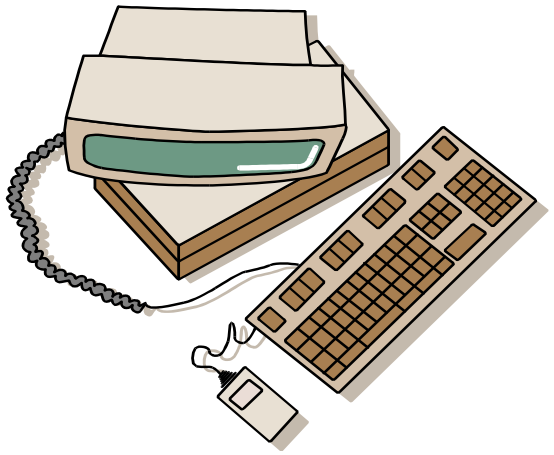
We used this in Part 1 workshop to link through to ebook collections.
Today we'll use it for databases

Find Databases option – list of databases by discipline + information on search rules and content



Practical session 1

- Navigate to Primo – Find Databases
  - Use the **Category** and **Sub-category** options to identify several databases that may be relevant to your research topic
  - Take a note of the **database name** and **host** e.g. EBSCO, ProQuest, Ovid
  - Use **Show Info** - note the search rules (phrase searching, truncation symbol and case sensitivity of Boolean operators)
- To link through to a specific database:
  - Right click – Open in new tab.
- Try this for one or 2 databases that are of interest to you – what do the search screens look like?



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Step 6: Search relevant databases – where to start?

Step 6: Search relevant database

- **Scopus** and **Web of Science**
  - For Law – Westlaw and Lexis
- Large databases covering science, technology, medicine and social science (& arts/humanities – Web of Science)
  - Over 60 million records, some back to mid 1820s
  - Mainly research papers (journal articles, conference papers) published by academics
- Easy to use
  - Simple search rules
  - Links full text and library catalogue
  - Produce simple formatted bibliographies and direct export to RefWorks
  - Lots of help available
- Off campus access
  - Shibboleth / UK Federation / Institutional login process

Library Information Skills Workshop: Designing your Search Strategy – Search grid/matrix

Try brainstorming to analyse your topic. In the blank box below write any words, phrases and authors that come to mind regarding your assignment. The words don't have to be in any order. Think about acronyms, singular and plural forms, word endings and spelling differences, e.g. US and UK English.

Now group your terms together. Look at the most important idea in your assignment = concept/idea 1. Do you have more than one word/phrase for that idea e.g. oil OR gas OR petroleum? Place the words in the 1st row of the grid/matrix below. What is your second most important concept/idea? Do you have more than one word/phrase for that idea? Write them in the 2nd row. If you have an additional concept/idea, write words/phrases for this in the 3rd row. Now apply the search rules (e.g. truncation symbol; "quotation marks" for phrases - where applicable) for the database you wish to search.

Concepts	**Alternative keywords/phrases**				
Concept/Idea 1		**OR**		**OR**	
AND					
Concept/Idea 2		**OR**		**OR**	
AND					
Concept/Idea 3		**OR**		**OR**	

You are now ready to construct your "search string" in your selected database using the Boolean operators **OR** and **AND**. Many databases use a search interface which where you only need to type the **OR** operator within the search line/row as the **AND** operator between lines is already assumed (it is the default setting – do not change it!)

You do not need to fill every box or line however for some assignments you may need a grid that is greater than 3 x 3. The same process applies no matter the grid/matrix size: words/phrases on same line/row = same idea/concept and remember to apply the search rules (e.g. truncation symbol; "quotation marks" for phrases - where applicable) for the database you wish to search.

Use your search grid

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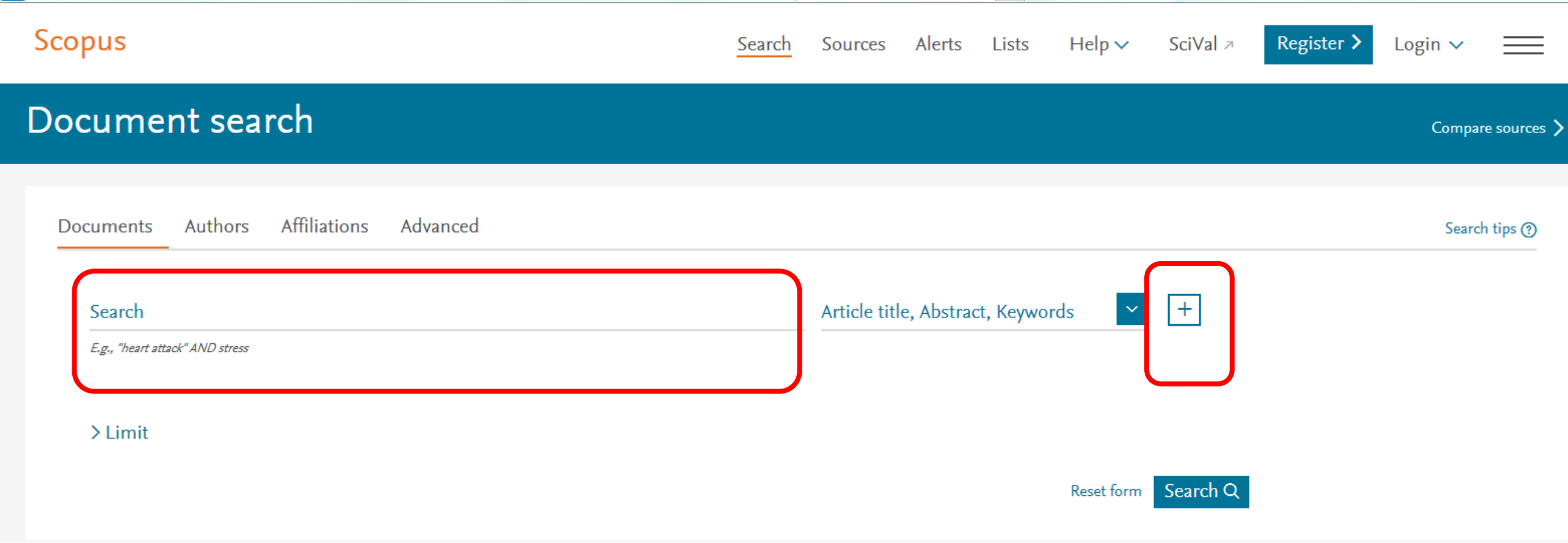
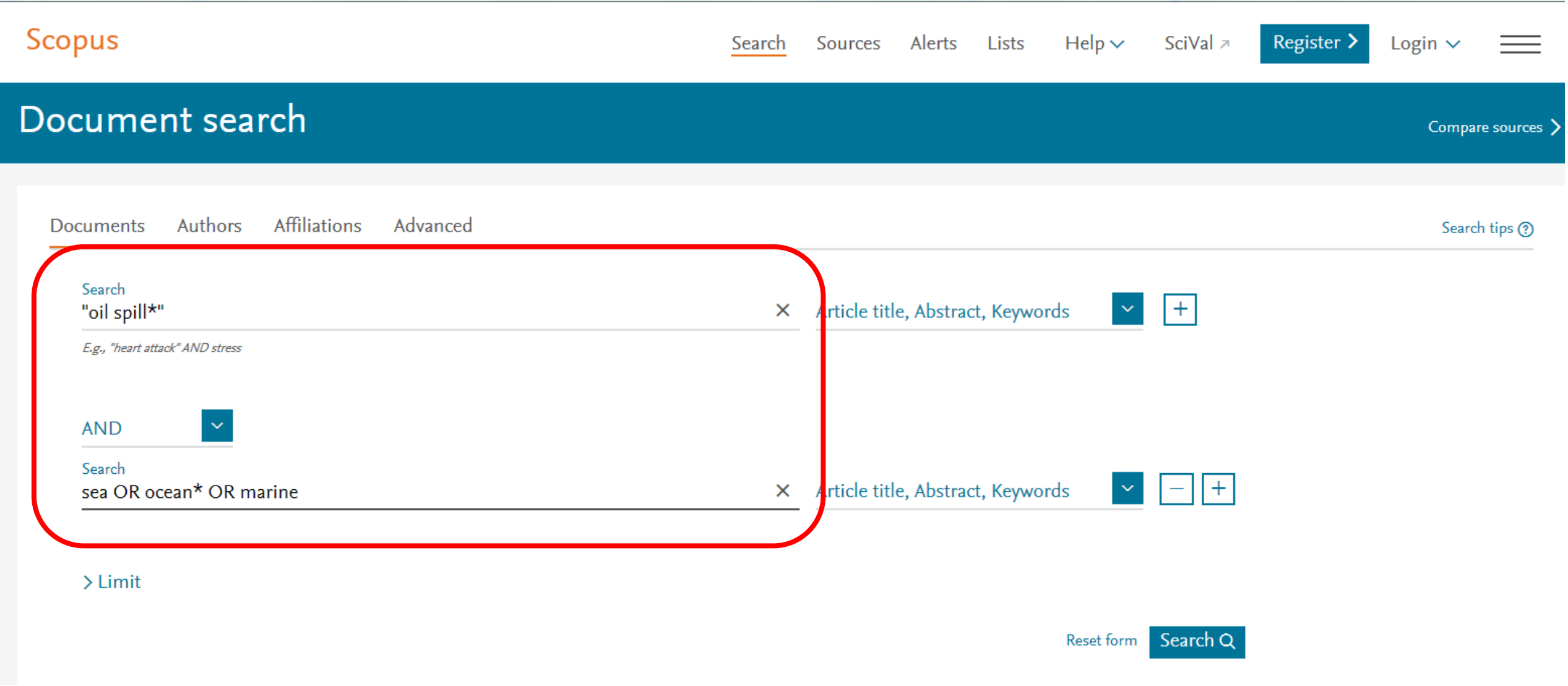
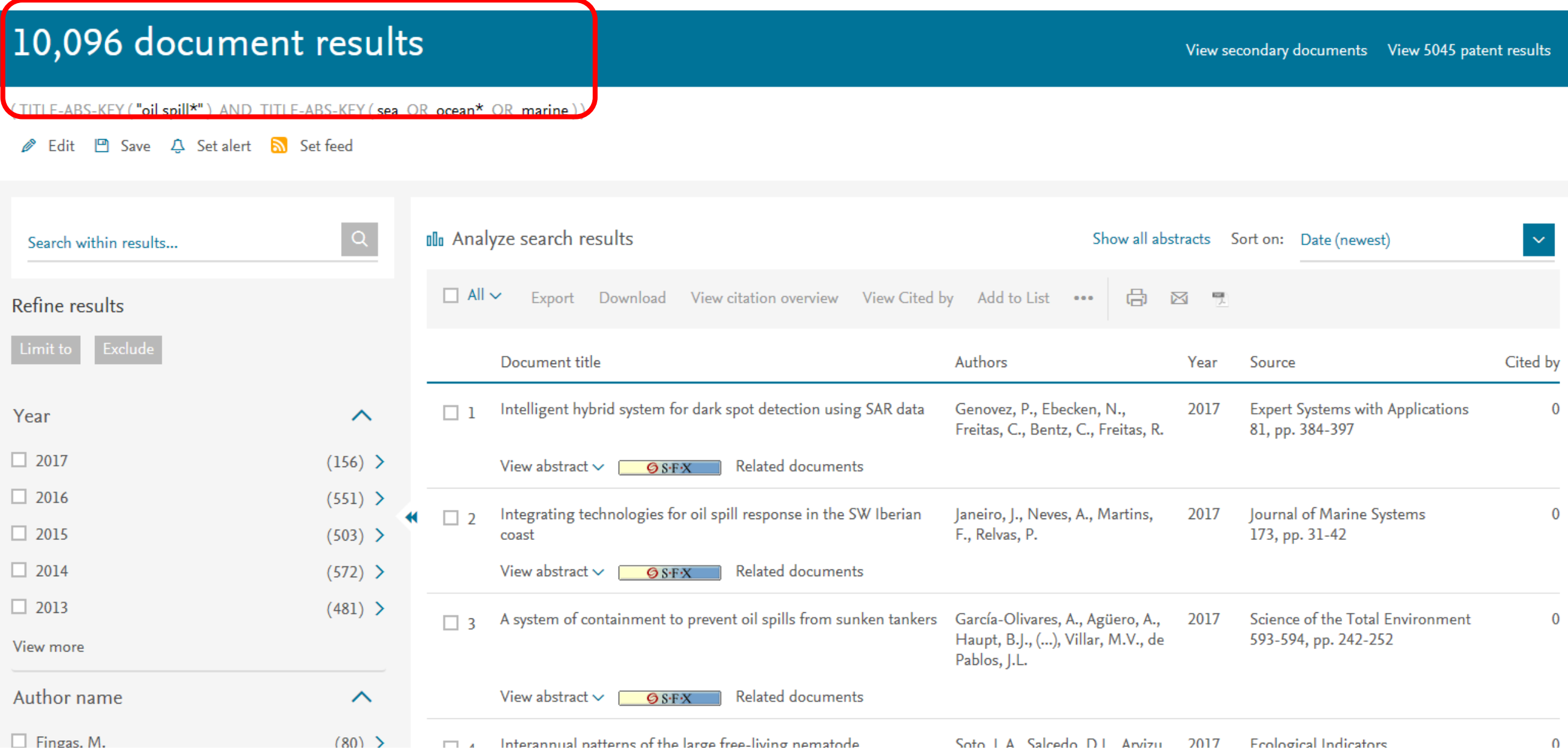


- Single search box = add more to replicate your search grid
- Different ideas on different lines



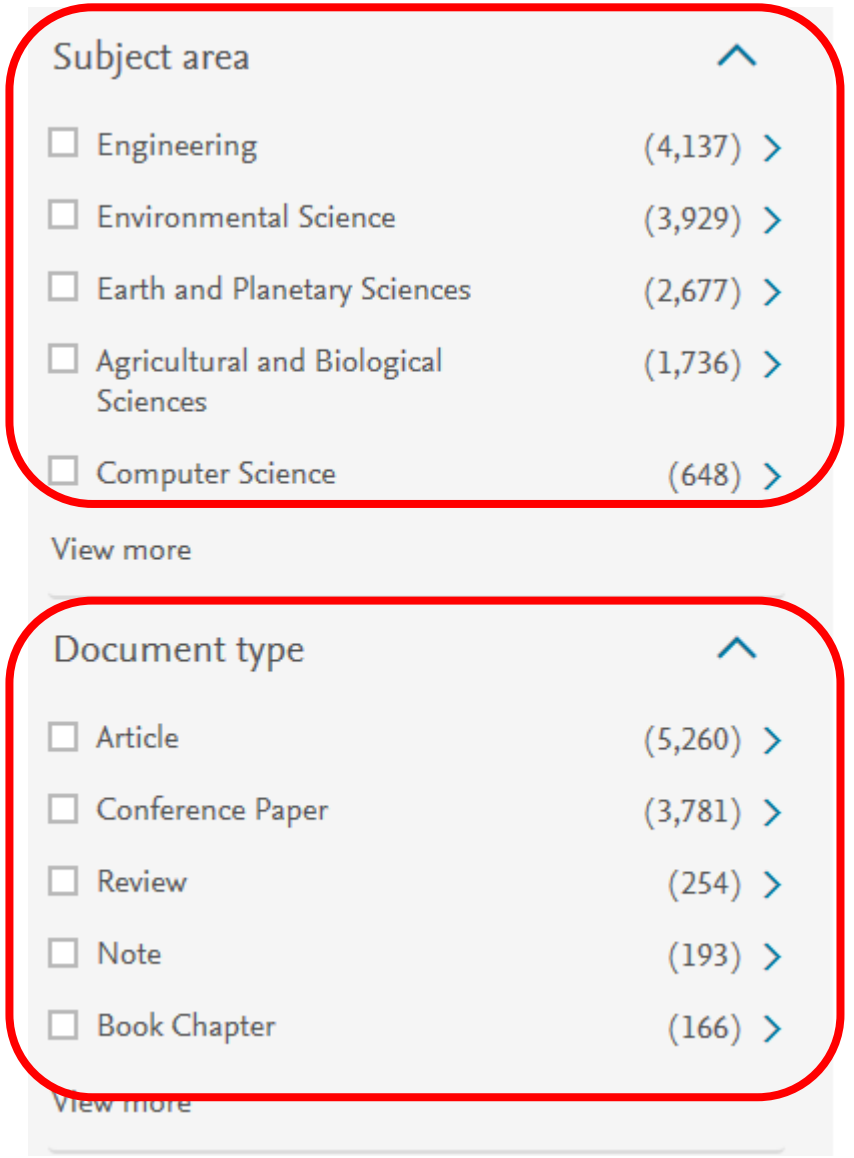
- Remember to apply the search rules correctly….



- Don’t worry if you get lots of results – can refine /narrow these

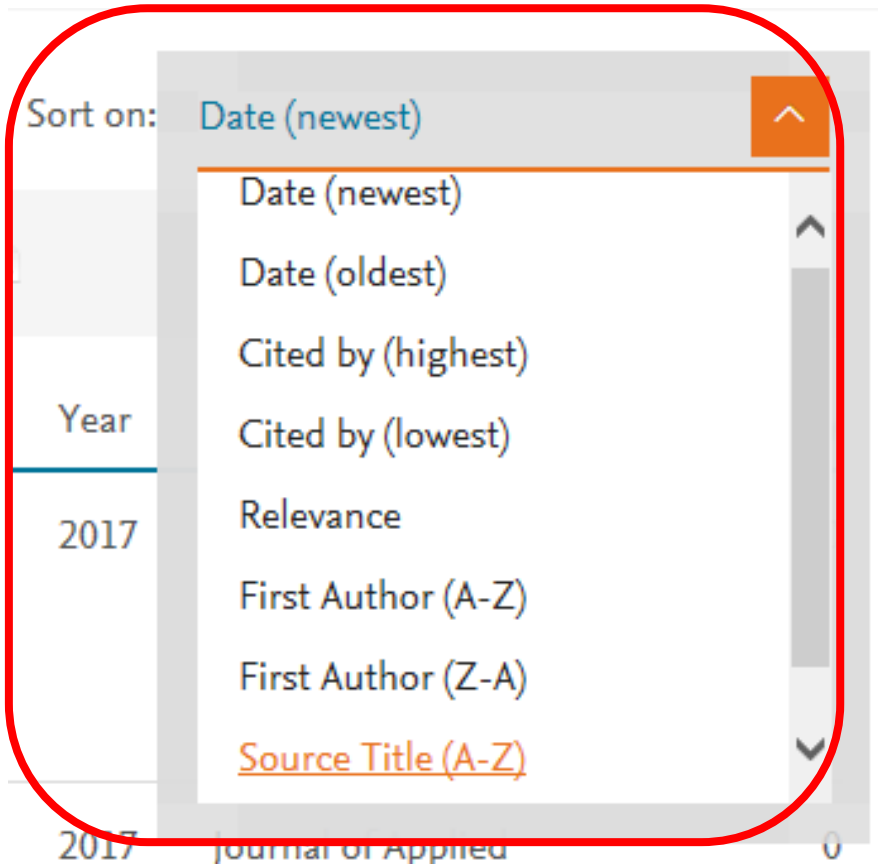
Refine/Limit/Narrow your results

- Add extra search terms – a third idea, a fourth idea?
  - Use your planning grid
  - Skim read some of your results to find additional search terms (keywords)
- Look at Limit/Refine options offered by the database
  - By Document type e.g. Review articles
  - By Subject area



Sort your results

- Don’t rely on the default (recent first)
- Up-to-date is very useful, but others can be helpful too:
  - Relevance
  - Cited by (highest)



When evaluating your results…

- Skim and scan results
  - Read the abstracts
  - Click on title to move through to more detailed record (with extra keywords)
  - Use SFX/Full text links
  - Keep a note of relevant material that is only available in paper format
  - Adjust and improve your keywords (write them down!)
- Mark relevant references
  - Send/export to RefWorks (or similar). Instructions in handout
- Set up Alerts – get new records sent to you
- READ WHAT YOU'VE FOUND…

	Document title	Authors	Year	Source	Cited by
1	The Deepwater Horizon oil spill marine mammal injury assessment	Takeshita, R., Sullivan, L., Smith, C., (...), Rowles, T., Schwacke, L.	2017	Endangered Species Research 33(1), pp. 95-106 Open Access	1
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2	Overview of optical remote sensing of marine oil spills and hydrocarbon seepage	Lu, Y., Hu, C., Sun, S., (...), Shi, J., Wen, Y.	2016	Yaogan Xuebao/Journal of Remote Sensing 20(5), pp. 1259-1269	1
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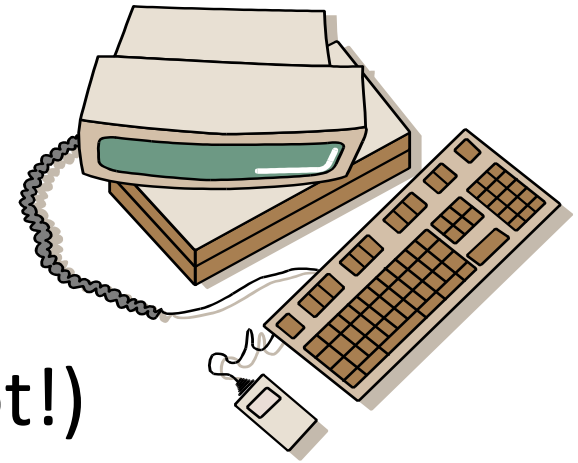
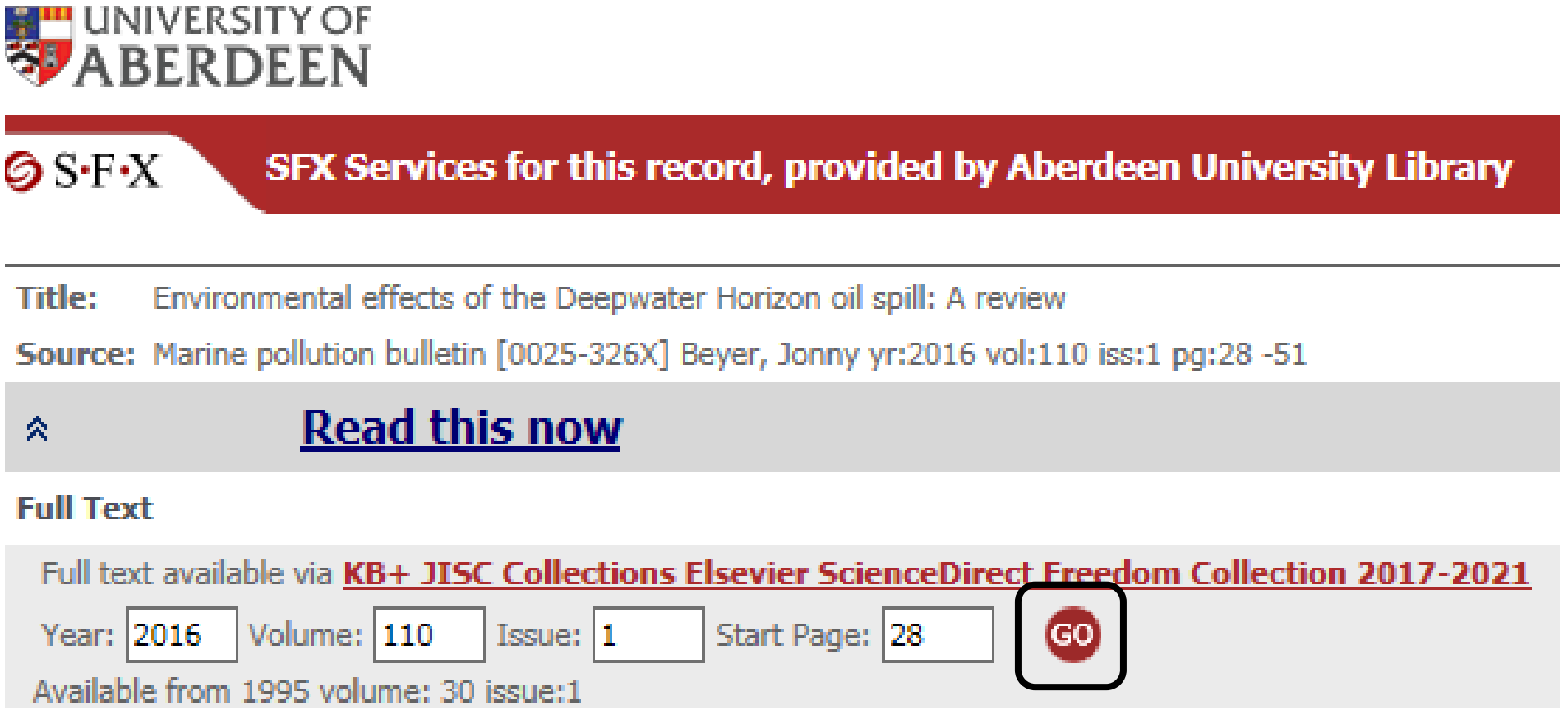
Practical session 2

- Follow the instructions in your worksheet, *Refresher Part 2: Databases*:
  - Use your search terms in Scopus or Web of Science (the two biggest databases that we have access to)
  - Refine and limit your results
  - Display using different Sort options
  - Link through to full-text where available

Later – we'll look linking through to full text (or not!)





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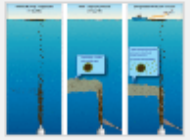

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- The biological/ecotoxicological effects in offshore ecosystems
- The effects in nearshore and coastal sites
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The Deepwater Horizon oil spill constituted an ecosystem-level injury in the northern Gulf of Mexico. Much oil spread at 1100–1300 m depth, contaminating and affecting deepwater habitats. Factors such as oil-biodegradation, ocean currents and response measures (dispersants, burning) reduced coastal oiling. Still, >2100 km of shoreline and many coastal habitats were affected. Research demonstrates that oiling caused a wide range of biological effects, although worst-case impact scenarios did not materialize. Biomarkers in individual organisms were more informative about oiling stress than population and community indices. Salt marshes and seabird populations were hard hit, but were also quite resilient to oiling effects. Monitoring demonstrated little contamination of seafood. Certain impacts are still understudied, such as effects on seagrass communities. Concerns of long-term impacts remain for large fish species, deep-sea corals, sea turtles and cetaceans. These species and their habitats should continue to receive attention (monitoring and research) for years to come.

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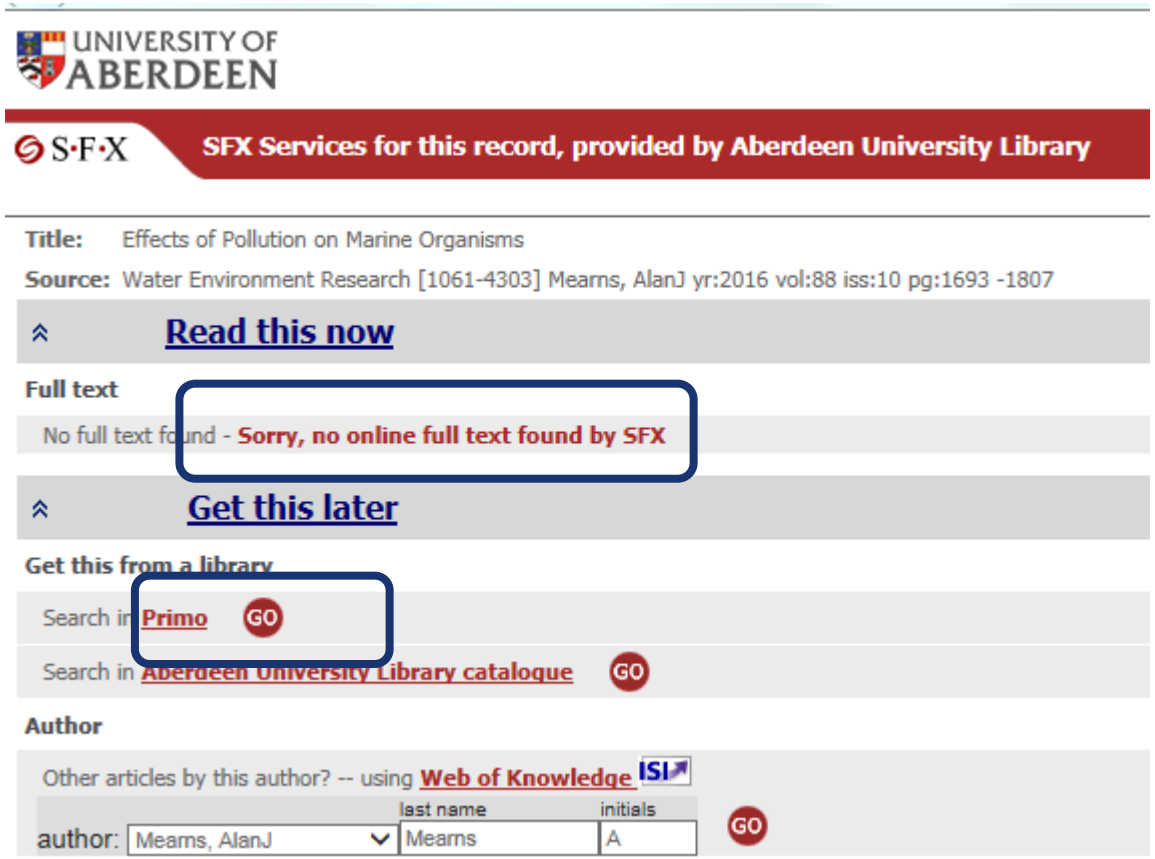

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- UoA based students – use the Primo link to check if we have access to it in print format
- Online students – if the item is very important to you write down the details and check if it is available from a local source (university or public library)

SFX: very important exception for oil/gas/energy

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- Conference papers (SPE & OTC) published by the Society of Petroleum Engineers and some other oil/gas/energy related organisations are listed in Scopus (and other databases) but no links are provided to the full text even though we have paid for these items
  - SPE do not allow the SFX service to link to this content
- **We do have access to this content in full text**
  - Contained in the OnePetro database
  - Copy the title from Scopus, open up the OnePetro database, paste the title. You should find the item there
- If you are a student member of SPE it would be really helpful if you could contact them to say how helpful it would be if they would “open up OnePetro conference papers to link resolver tools such as SFX” (Thanks ☺!)

We don’t have access to everything

- **Databases provide information on millions of articles and research papers**
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Practical session 3

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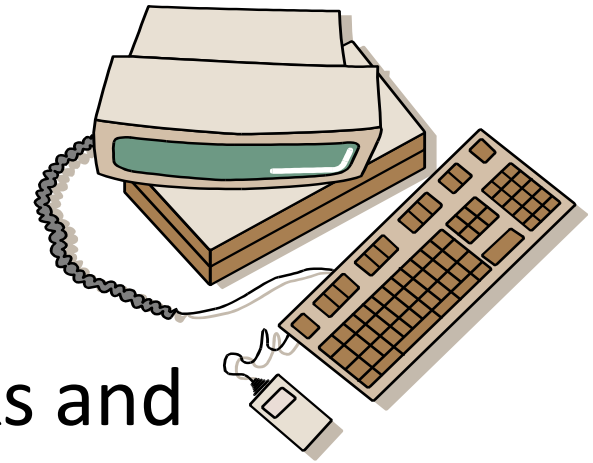


Later – we'll look at pushing records into RefWorks and searching other databases

Managing your results – using RefWorks or other products

Get organised

Q. How can I best manage the references I find?

A. RefWorks (or similar product) can be very useful. Apply a system/product that works for you. There are lots of web-based software that store references and create bibliographies

If you are using a manual process rather than software: make sure you note or store the bibliographic details of each reference as you read it. It is very time-consuming to have to find the source details weeks later when you start your write-up

What is RefWorks? Add filing cabinet graphic

- Web-based – access from any computer with Internet access
- 2 functions:
  - Electronic store or filing cabinet
  - Formats bibliographies + in-text citations
- Your own database of references
- No limit to number of references in your account

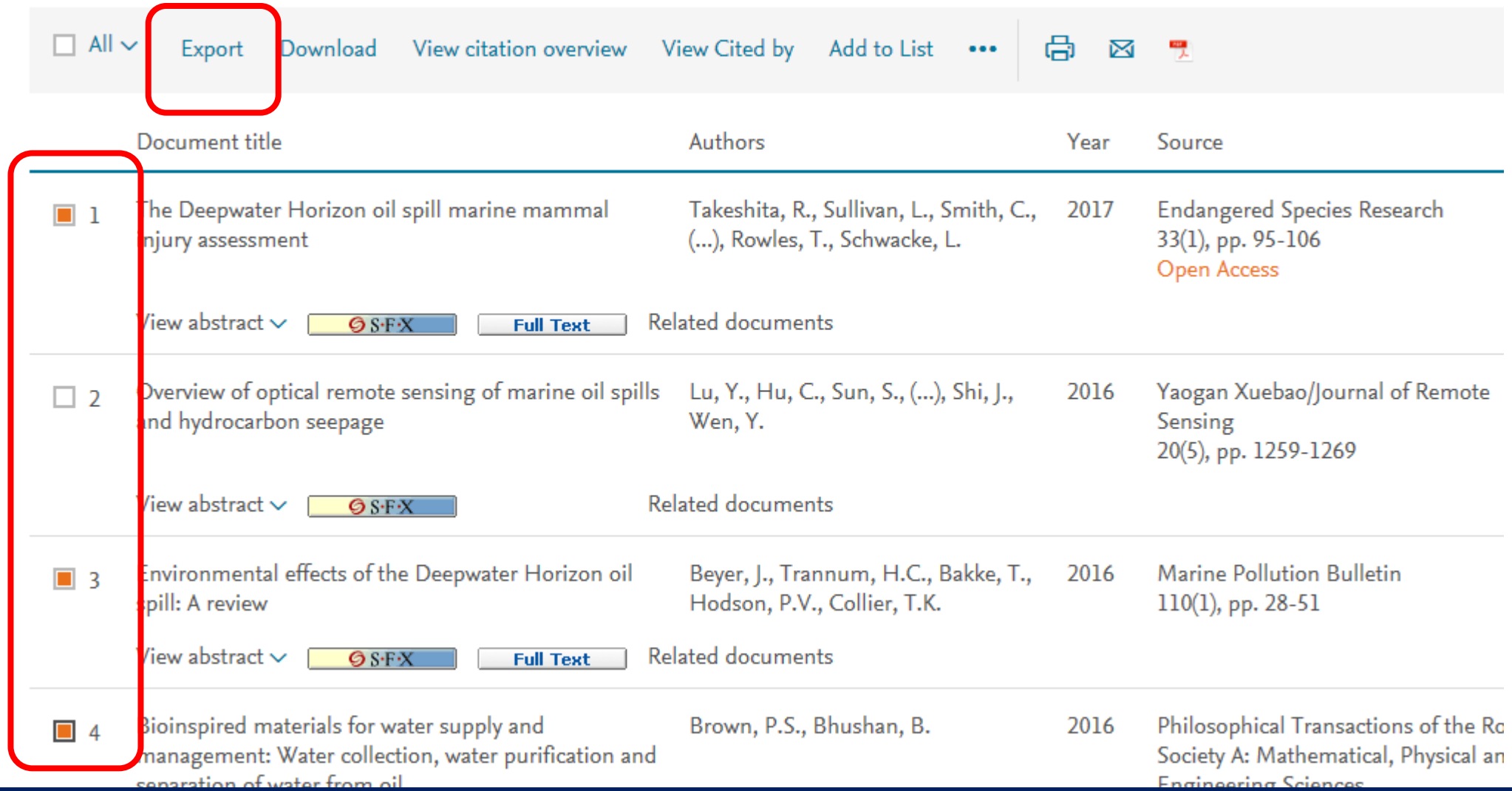
Why use it?

- Keeps all your references/citations safely in one place
- Saves time and effort
- Easy to create formatted bibliographies/in-text citations

Getting records into RefWorks and using folders

Creating records in RefWorks - 1

- You must bring in references for books, journal articles etc. into your RefWorks account for it to work
  - Export (push out) from databases
  - Import (bring in) from within RefWorks
- How? Depends on the database:
  - Handout pack – instructions for popular databases in *Managing References in RefWorks*
  - Web link - instructions on how to import records from all our databases available at www.abdn.ac.uk/library/guides/importing.pdf



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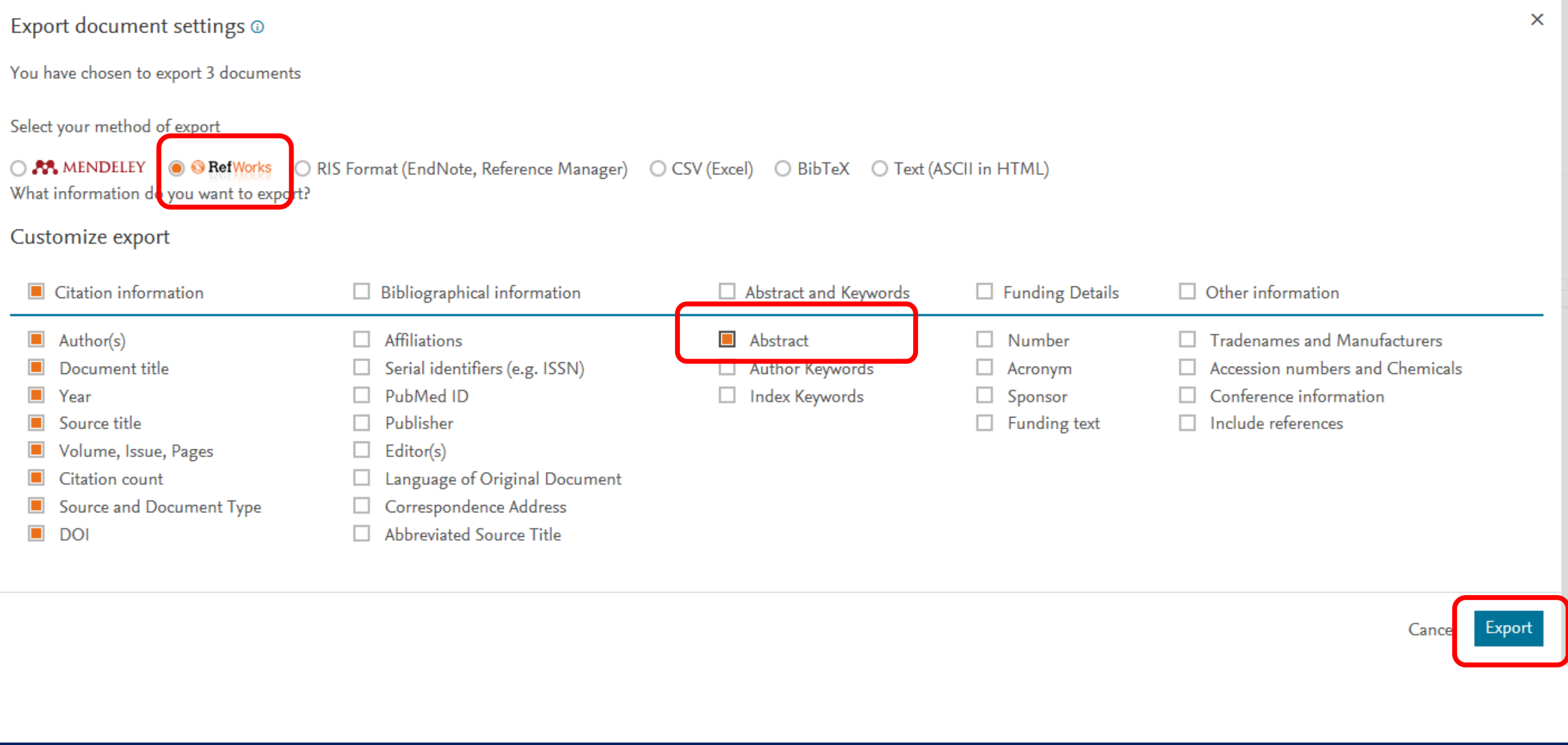

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Which version of RefWorks would you like to export to?

RefWorks

Export to legacy RefWorks

If you recognize the round orange RefWorks logo and have a legacy RefWorks account, select this version to export to. Legacy RefWorks is the version of RefWorks available at most institutions.

OR

ProQuest® RefWorks

Export to the new RefWorks

If you recognize the square blue RefWorks logo and have a new RefWorks account, select this version to export to. The new RefWorks is not yet available at all institutions and yours may not support it.

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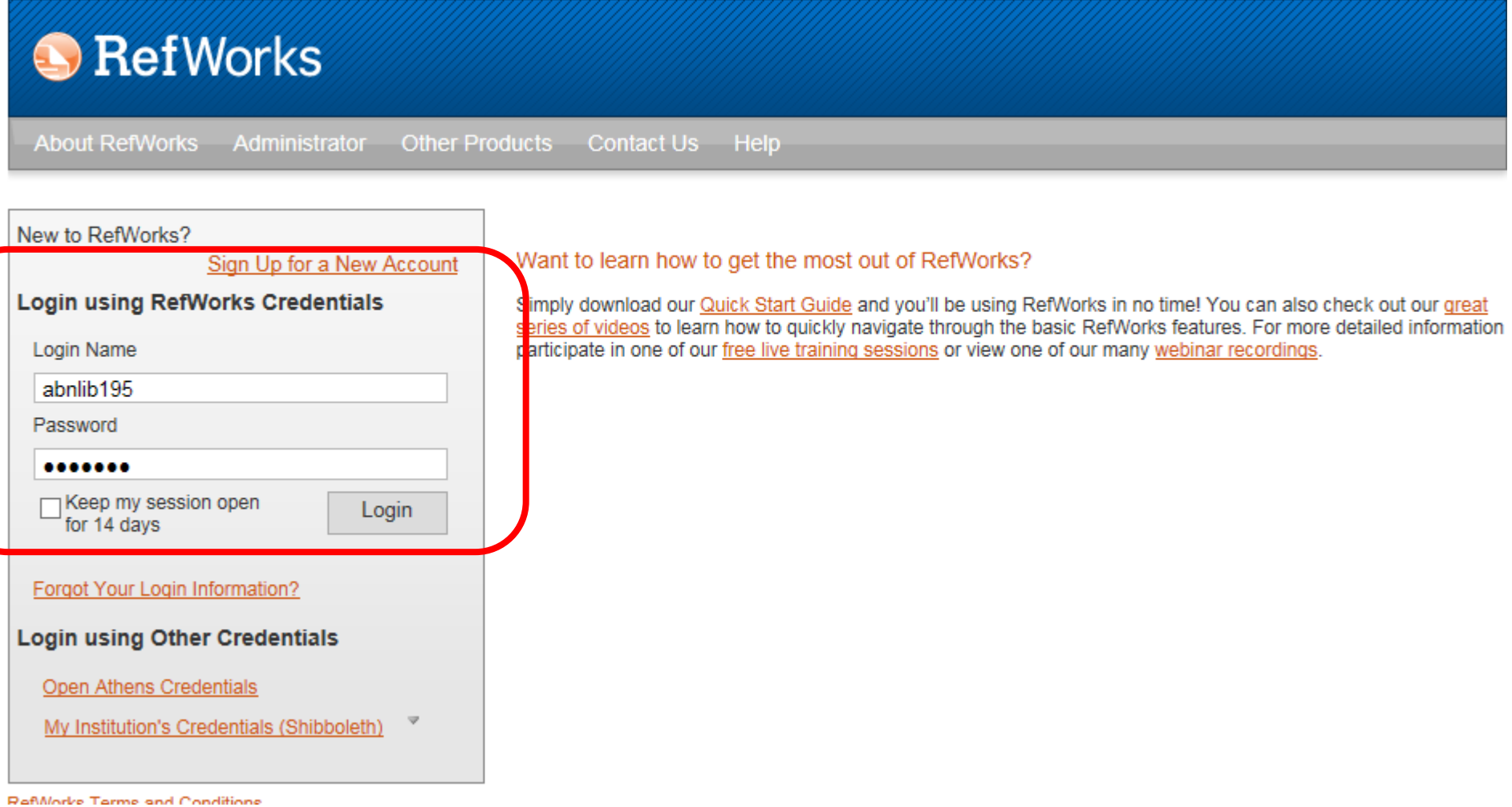

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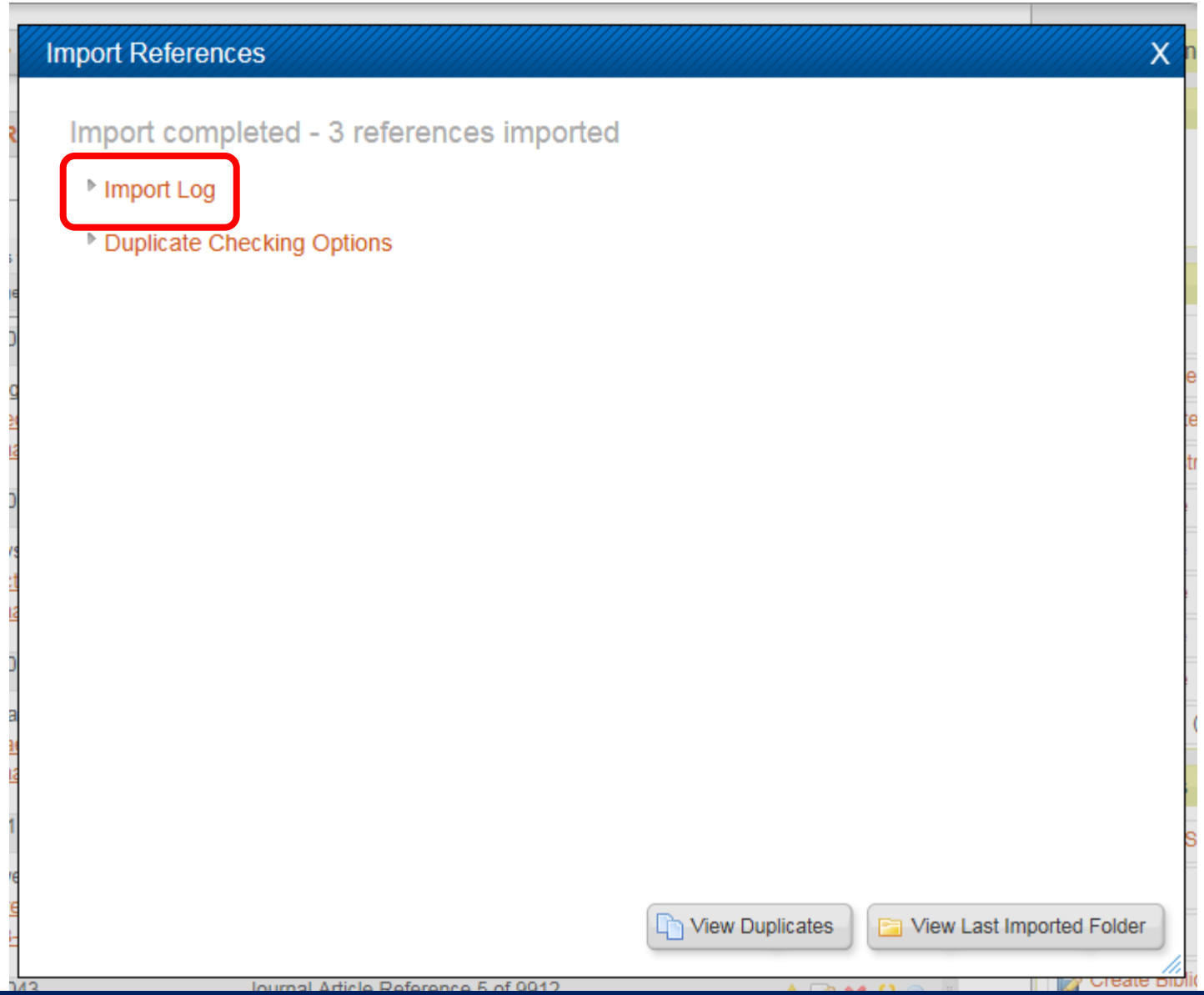

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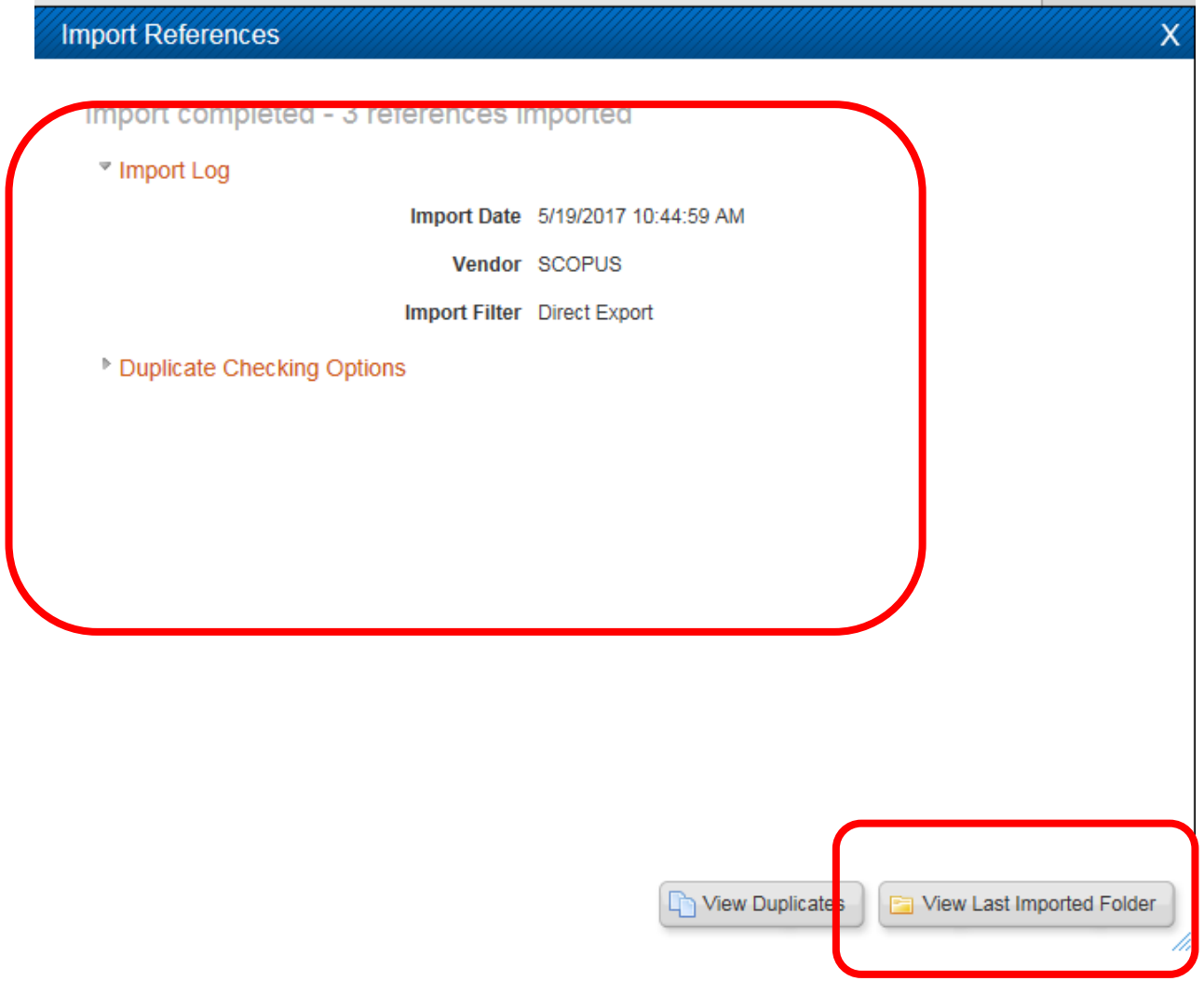

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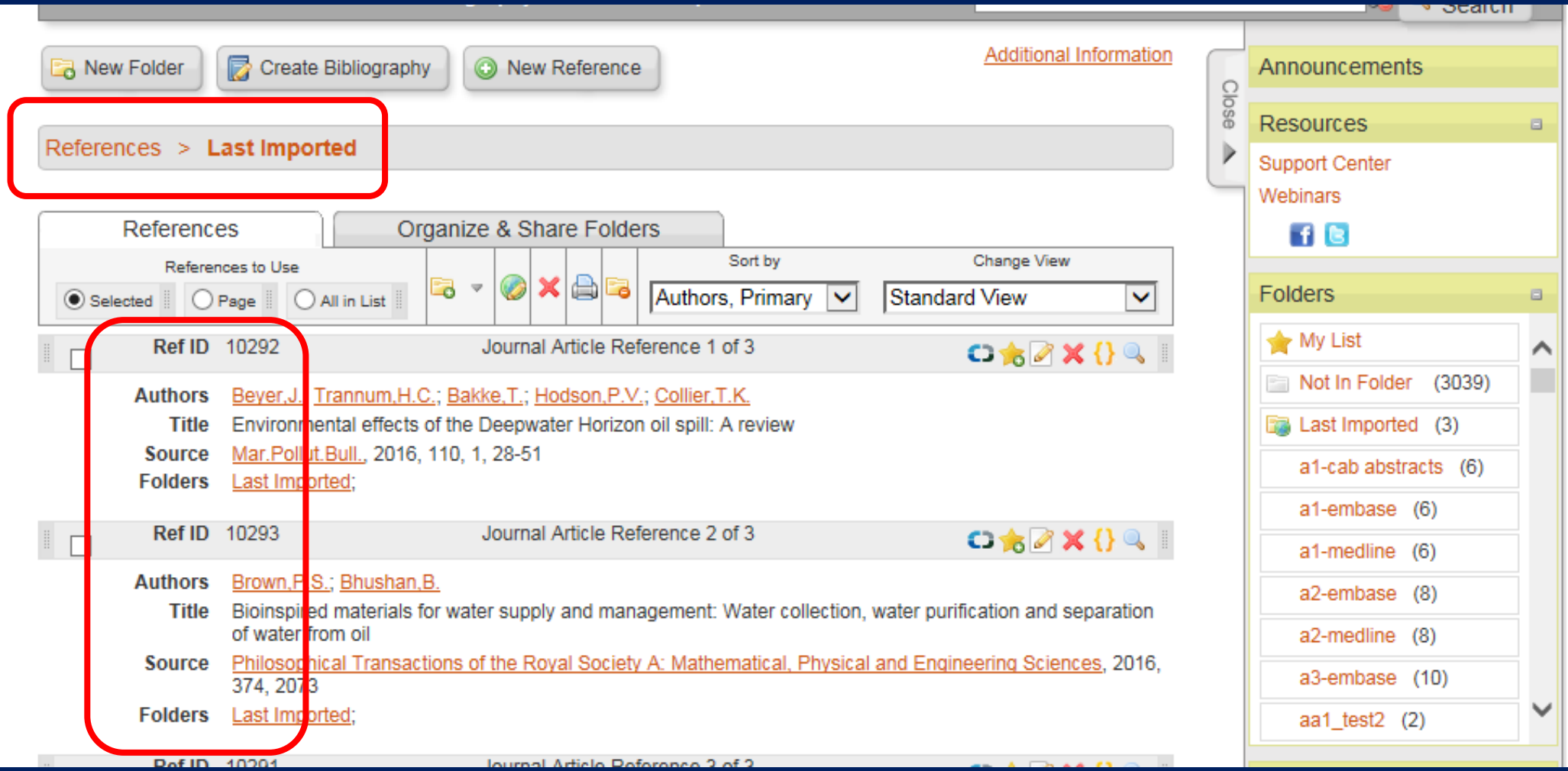
Click on View Last Imported Folder button

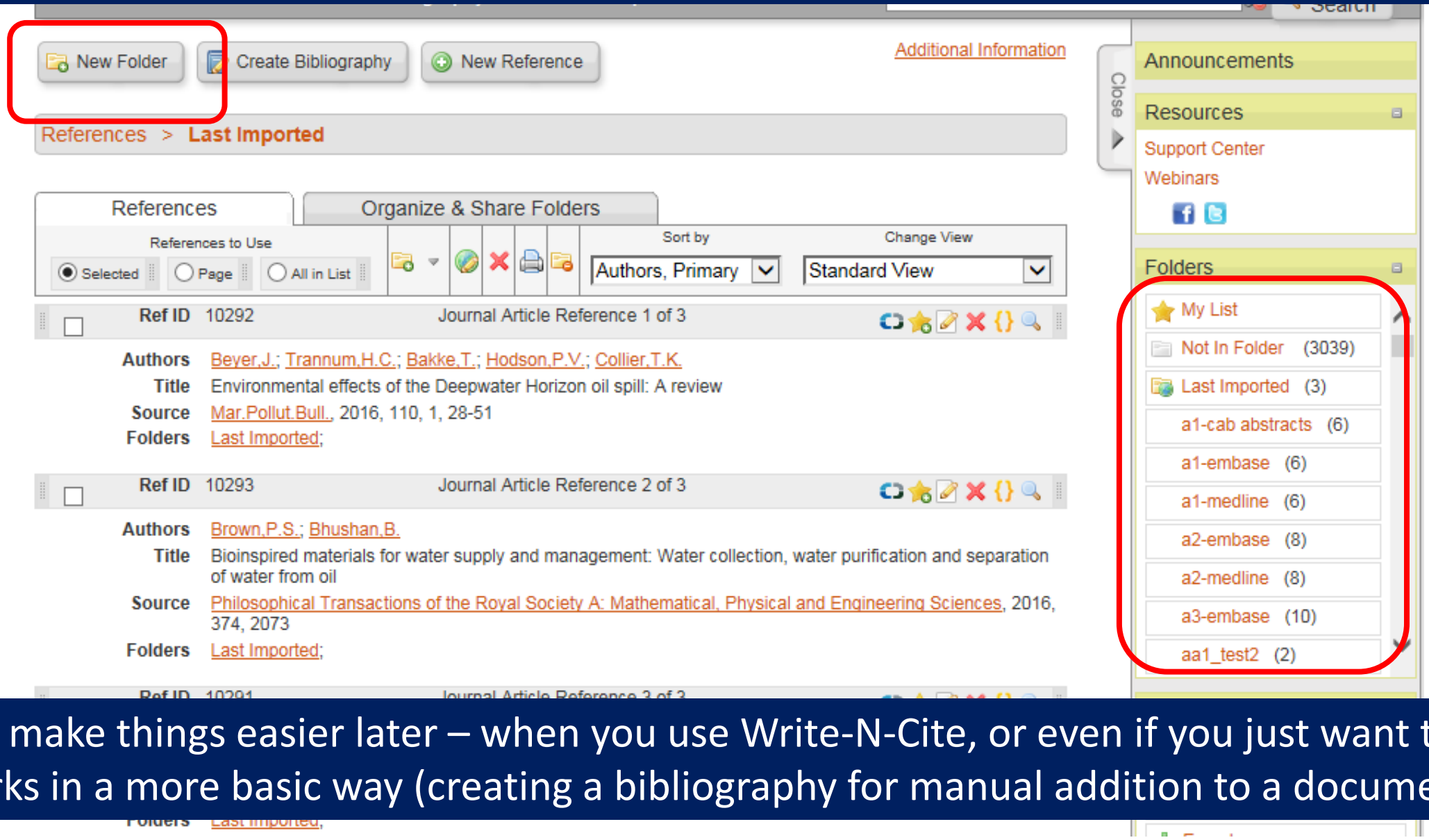
Last Imported folder is the holding folder for all new records coming in from your searches on databases



Each new set of records coming in replaces the previous set of records in this folder

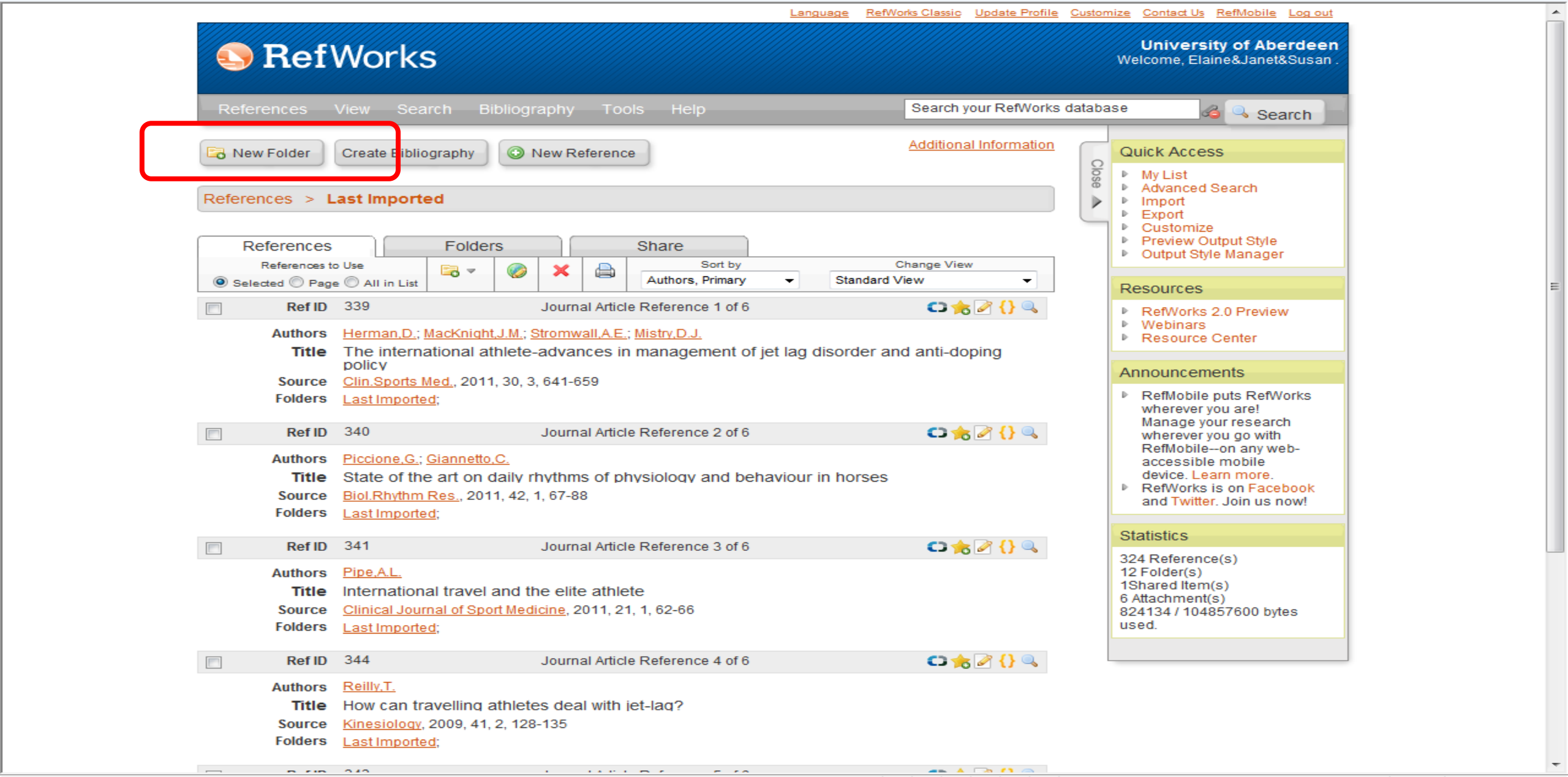
Older records stay in RefWorks either unfiled or in folders that you have created

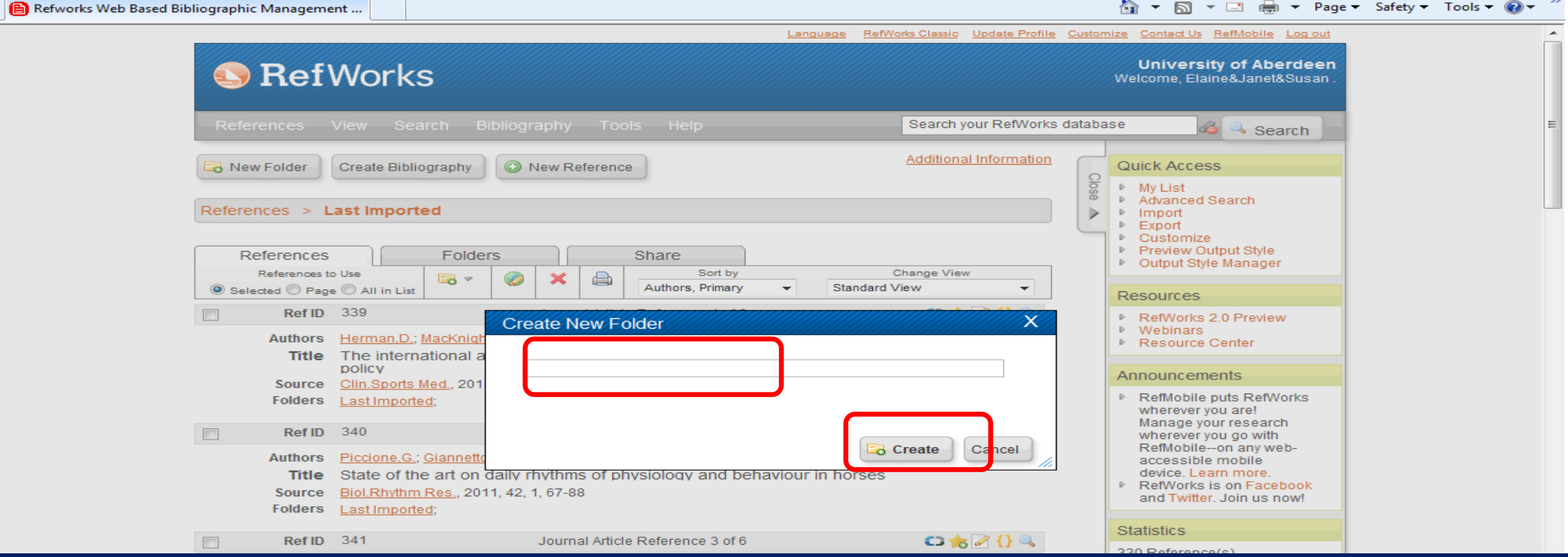
Get organised. Create folders and file/tag your records to folders. One record can be tagged to multiple folders



Folders make things easier later – when you use Write-N-Cite, or even if you just want to use RefWorks in a more basic way (creating a bibliography for manual addition to a document)

Storing records – creating folders



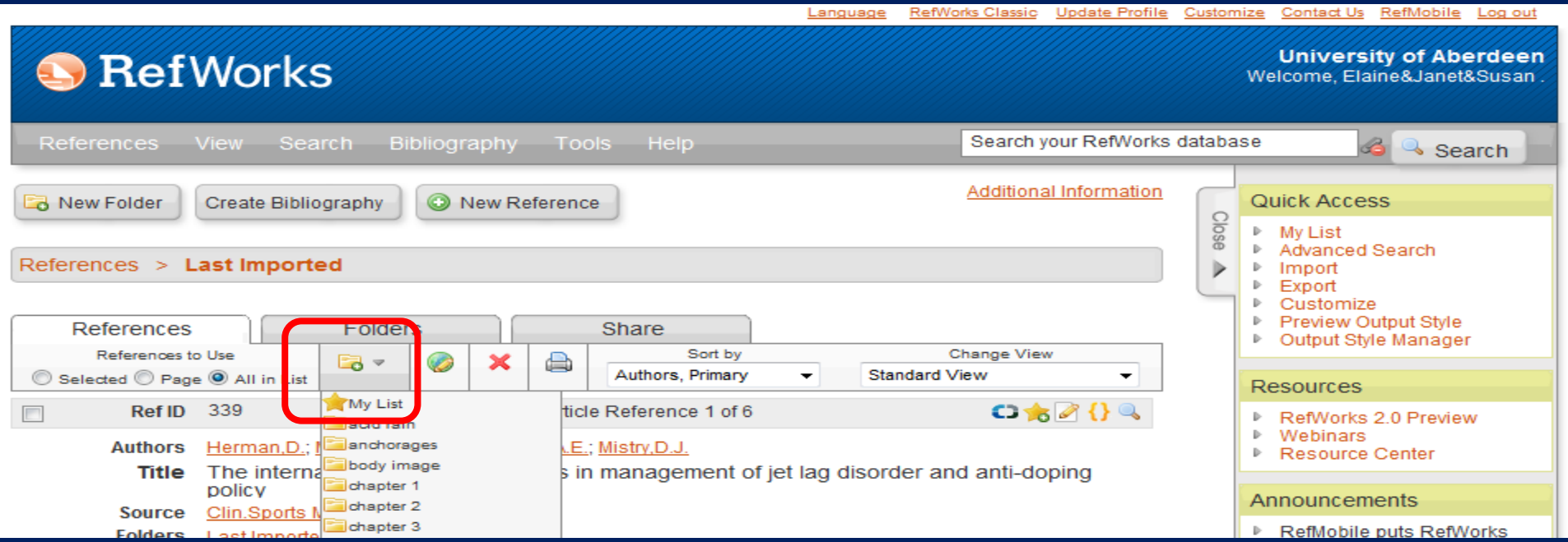


Can create folders in advance,

or when you need them.

Can create sub-folders of folders – use short names!

Record management – filing in folders

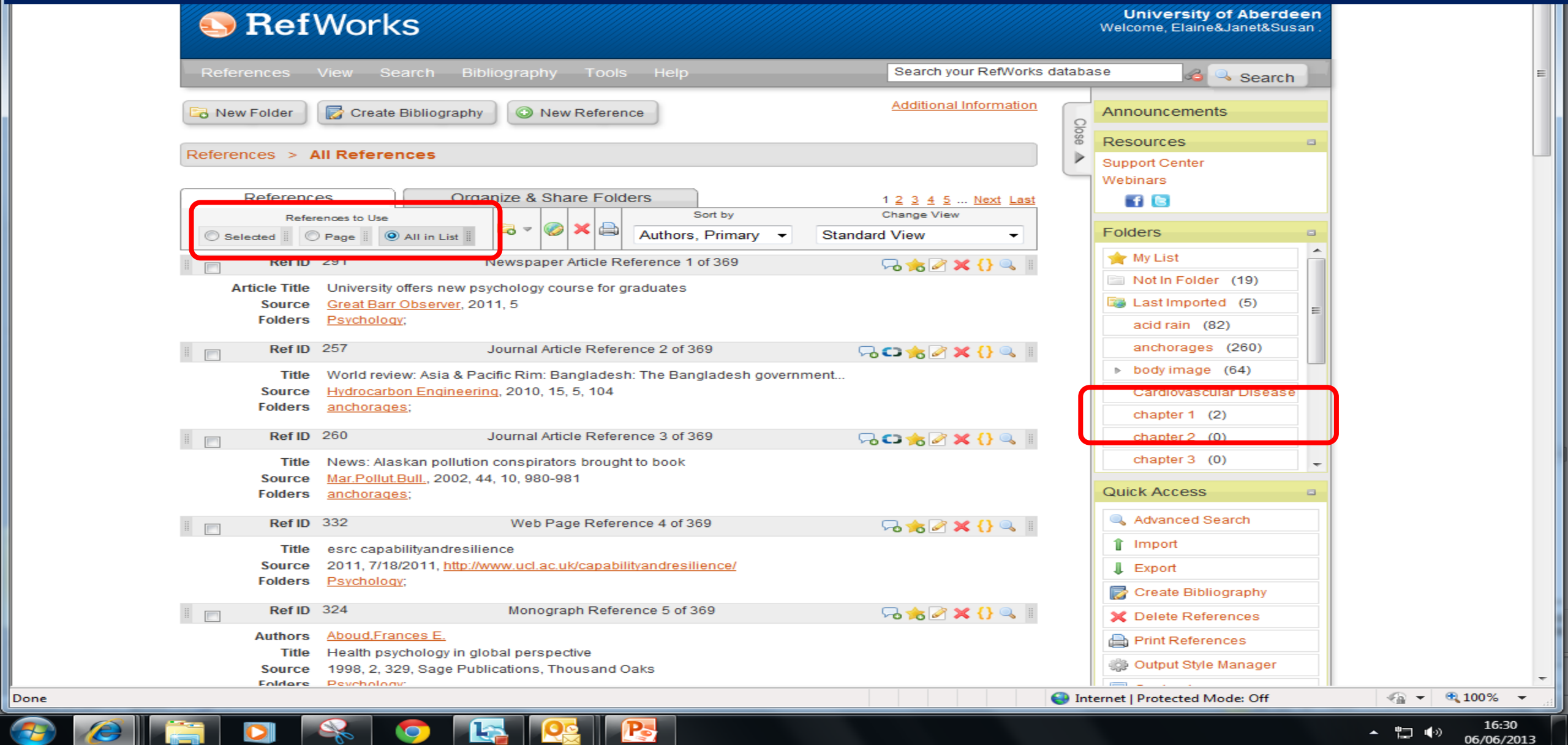


All records go into the Last Imported Folder when they are first pushed/pulled into RefWorks

From there you can file (tag) them into folders that you have created

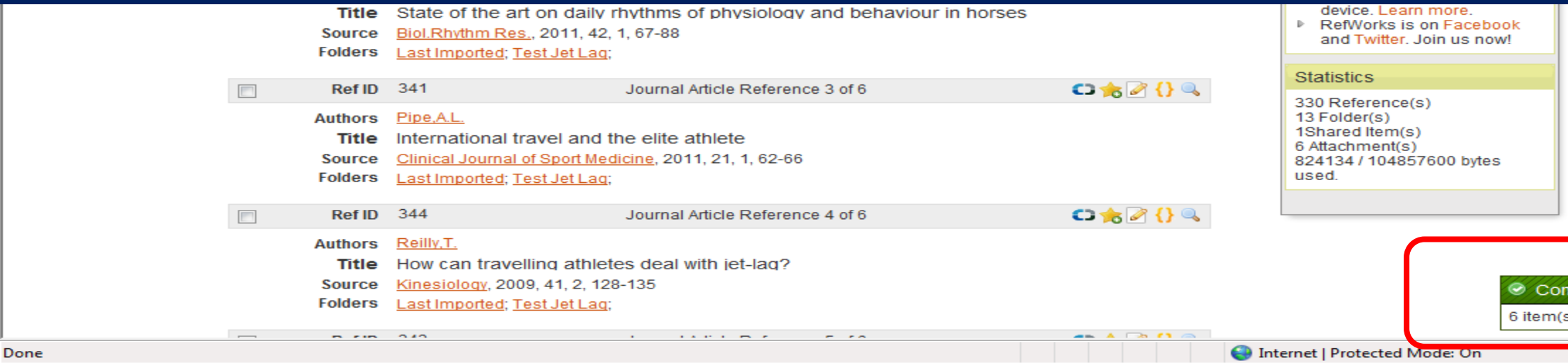
Each new batch of records coming in replaces the current ones in this Last Imported Folder

Selected relevant records:
drag and drop into folder name (this is simplest method)



Record management
- records saved successfully to folder

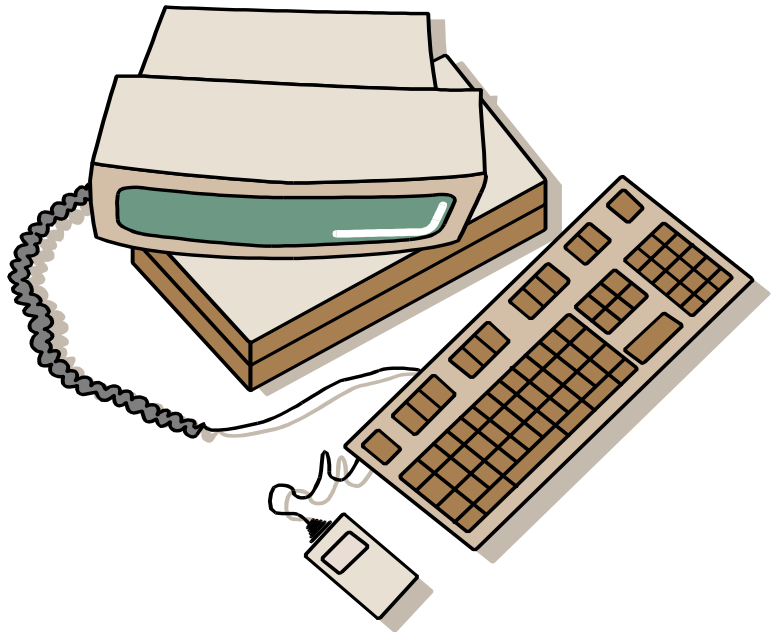
NOTE: A record can be tagged to more than one folder



Practical session 4

- **If using RefWorks:** follow the instructions in your worksheet:
  - Send relevant references to RefWorks (see handout *Managing References in RefWorks*)
  - Save relevant full text papers to your H drive (or memory stick)
- **If using a different system:** save records as required by the software/system
  - Save relevant full text papers to your H drive (or memory stick)

Later – we'll look at searching other relevant databases



Databases – beyond the big two

Suggested approach…

Use biggest and most comprehensive databases first and see what you get

- ✓ **Use Scopus or Web of Science**
- ✓ **For Law students – use Lexis and Westlaw**

Then move off into smaller or more specialised databases if you feel it is necessary

- ✓ **Use Primo–Find Databases to help identify these**

Beyond the big two…

- Many specialised databases are “hosted” on supplier/company “platforms” (search interfaces)
  - Each platform has its own search rules
  - Examples:
    - **ProQuest** (wide subject range, strong for Business and Biological Sciences)
    - **EBSCO** (wide subject range)
    - **Ovid** (for Medical related databases)
- **JSTOR** is an independent database – strong in most subject areas except Engineering
- **OnePetro** is an important database for any oil, gas or energy related discipline

OnePetro

- Specialist resource for broad range of technical literature related to the oil and gas exploration and production industry
  - Journal articles and conference papers
- SPE and OTC papers (plus others!)
- Searching – check the search rules as this database is different from most others
- If using RefWorks – please read the instructions in the OnePetro Library Guide as you will need to manually enhance the exported records

Practical session 5

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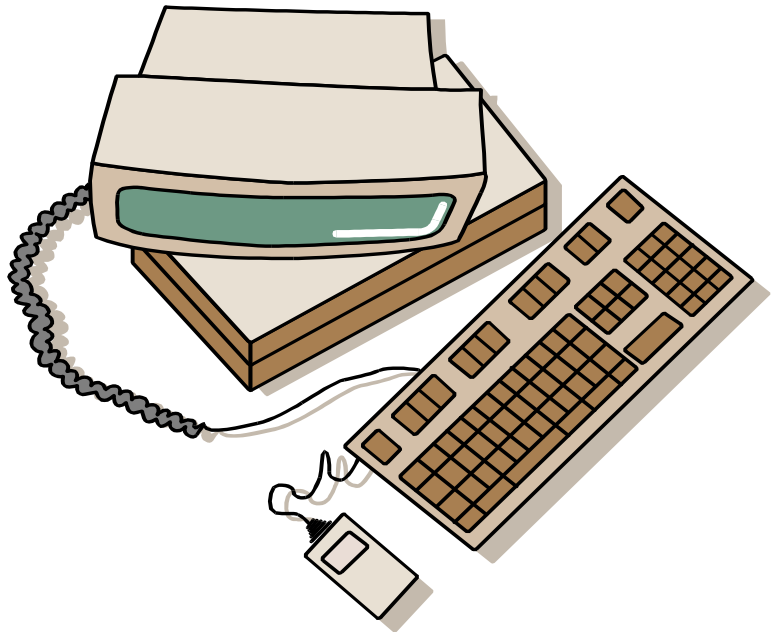
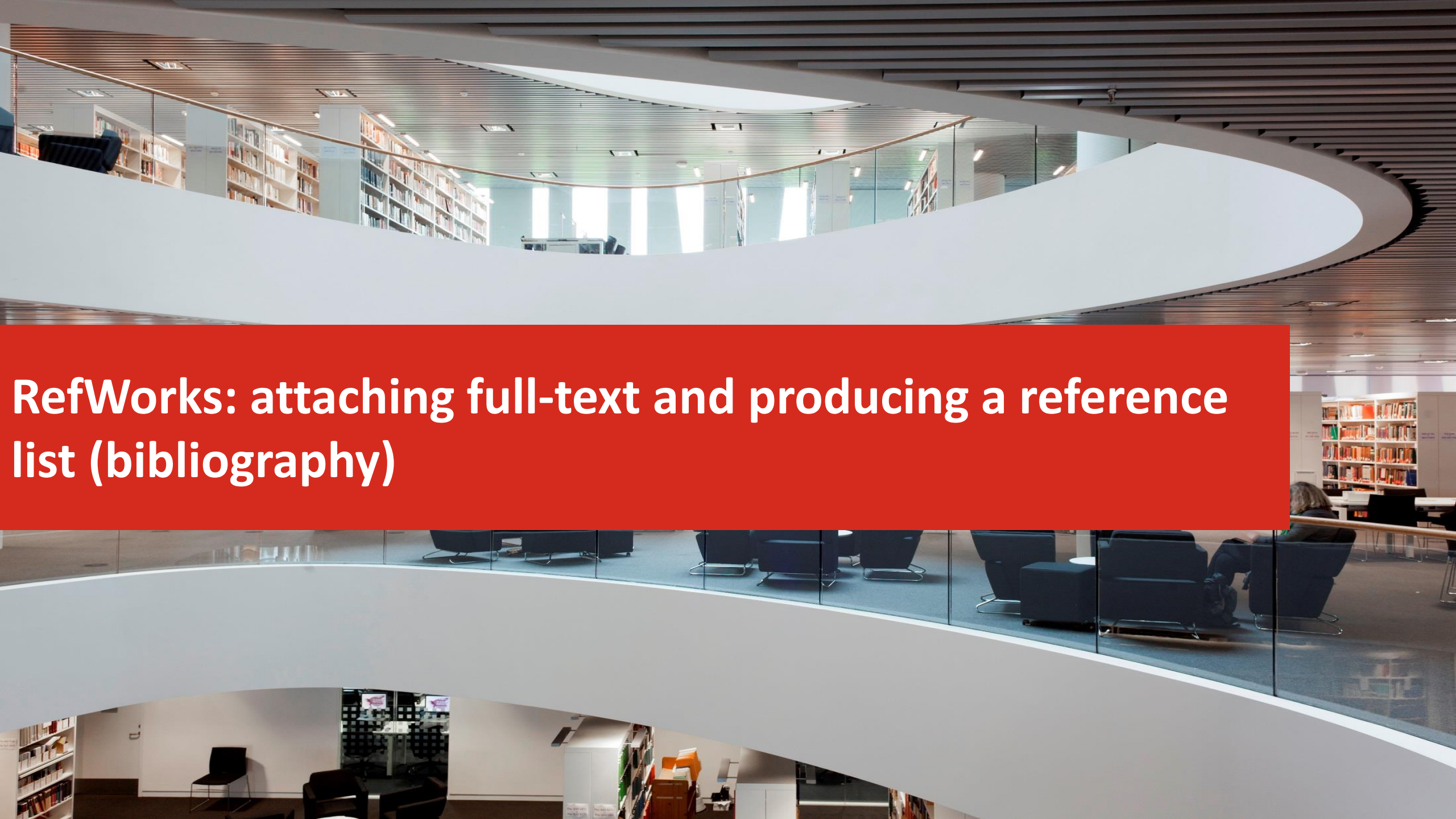
- Do more searching in databases!
  - Check your notes from the first hands-on section today. Do you need to use a database on EBSCO, ProQuest or Ovid platforms?
  - Collect worksheets for relevant host/suppliers/databases
  - Start searching – use your search grid
  - Send relevant references to RefWorks (see handout *Managing References in RefWorks*) or your preferred software
  - Save relevant full text papers to your H drive (or memory stick)



- Ask for help – that's what we're here for

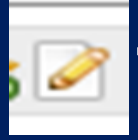


RefWorks: attaching full-text and producing a reference list (bibliography)

Q&A

I’ve got lots of electronic copies of papers. Can I store them in RefWorks?

- Yes – individual file size limited to 20MB each
- Upper limit on total attachment space – no-one has reached it yet!
- Record for the item must already be in your RefWorks account
- Edit the record to add the full text attachment

Click on the Edit icon  for an individual record to open it up.

Browse to where you have stored the full text

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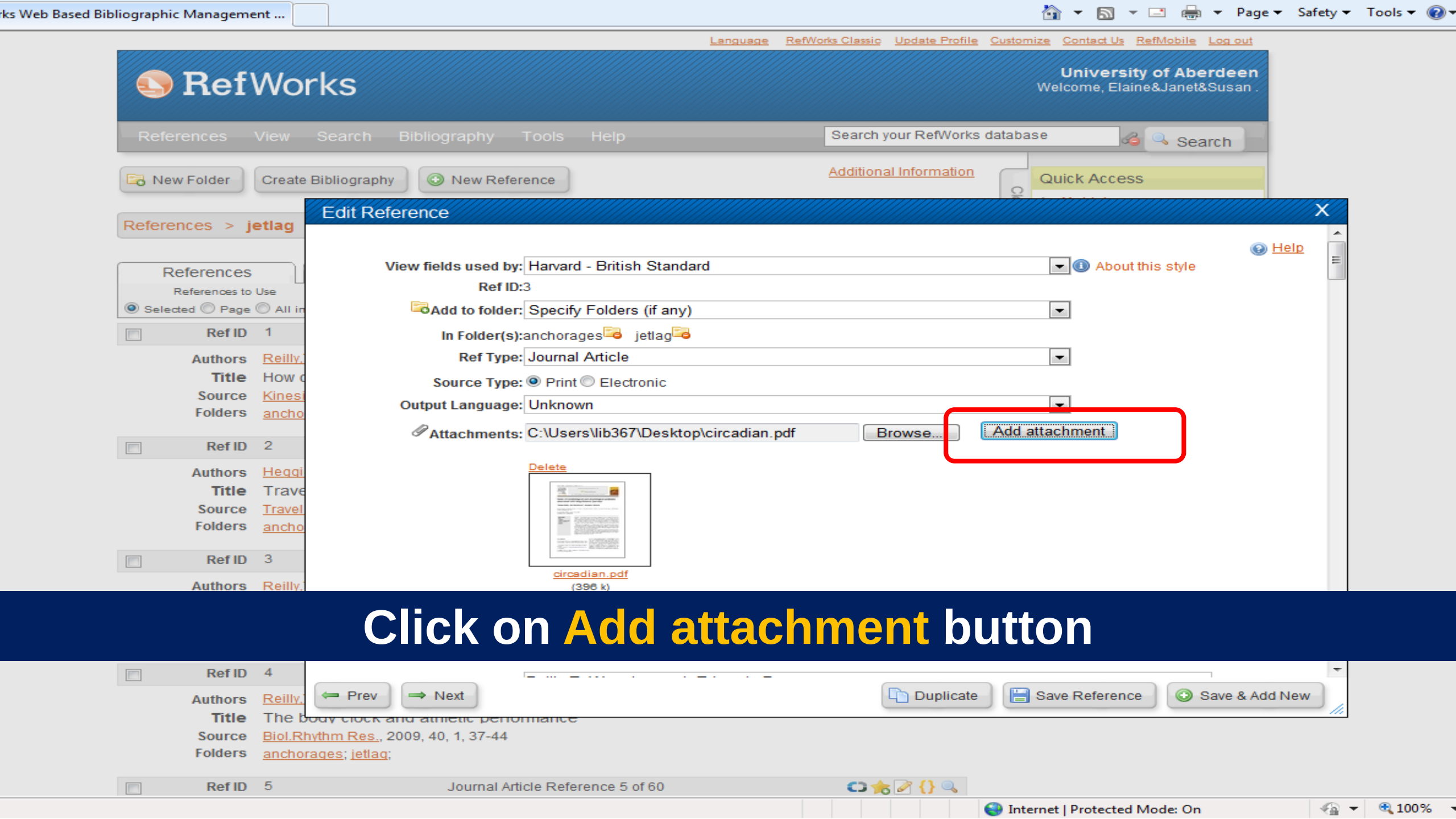
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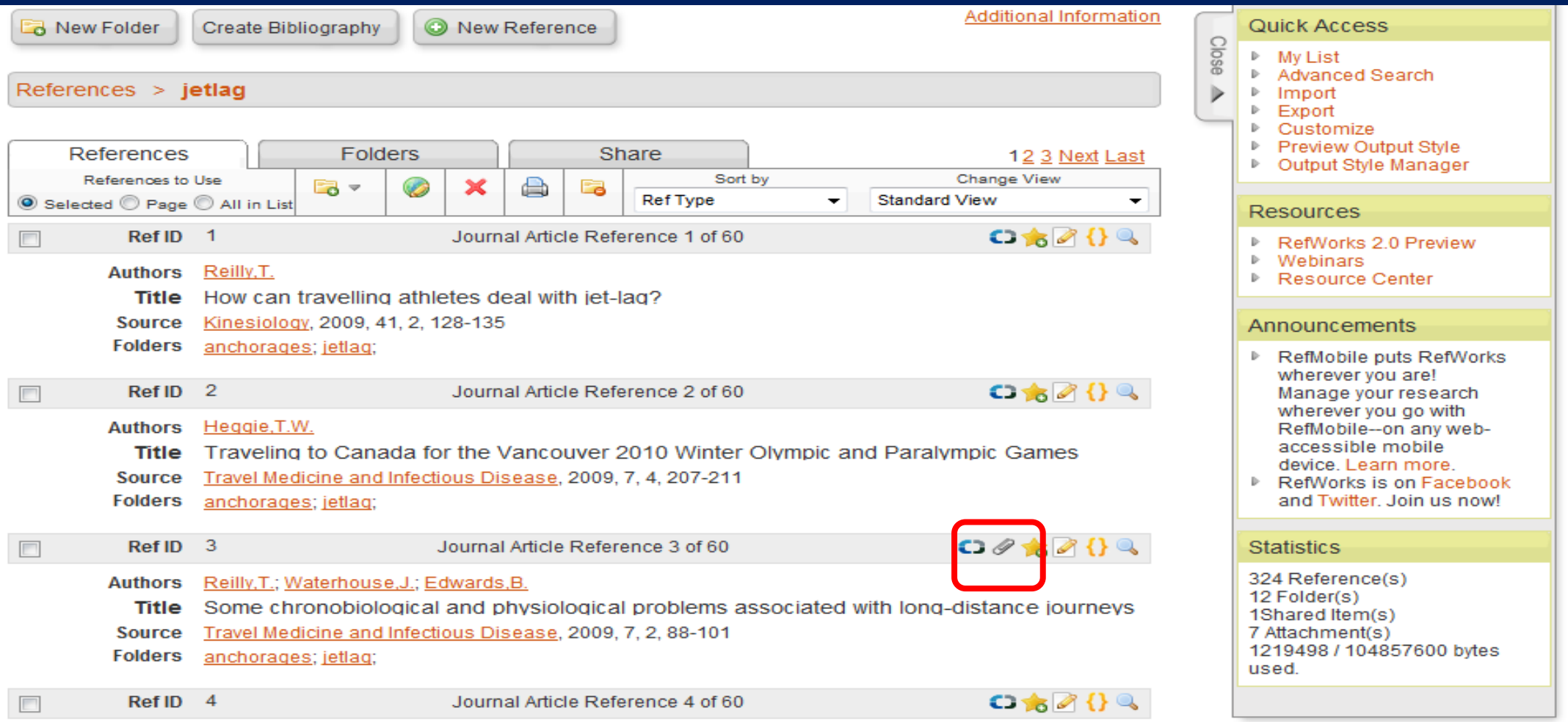

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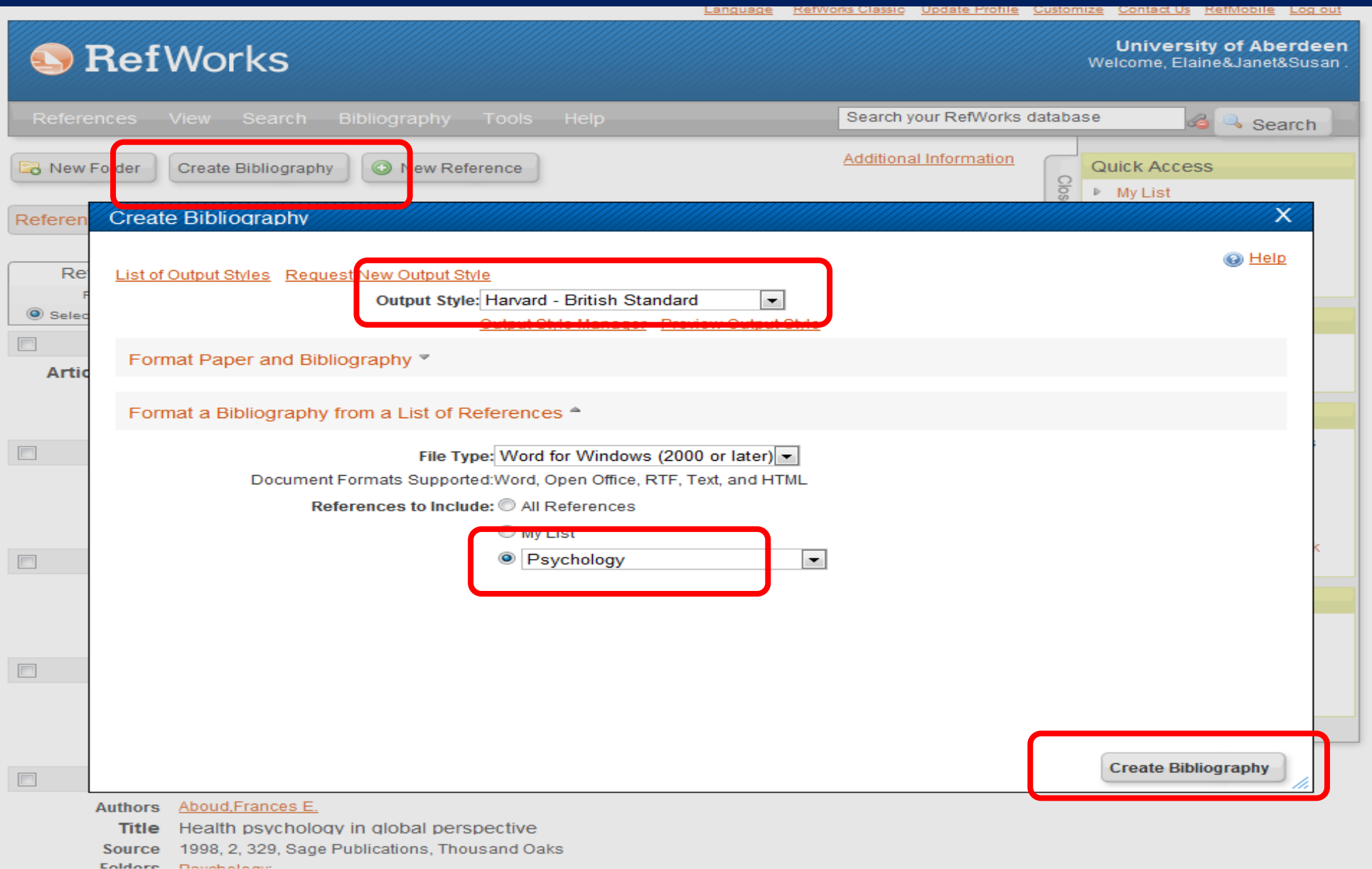

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Always check your bibliography – errors may occur. Depends on the quality of the record pulled/pushed from your source

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Creating records in RefWorks - 2

- Check the handout (*Managing References in RefWorks*) and the web document
- Records in Primo or library catalogue?
  - Instructions in your handout - use option within RefWorks to bring records in from library catalogue or Primo

- For some sources/databases there is no option provided for electronic transfer of records
  - Create records manually

Practical session 6

If using RefWorks:

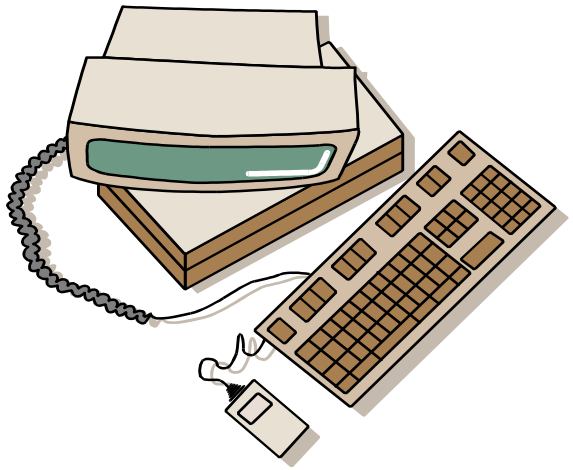
Got some records in a folder in RefWorks?

- Got some records in a named folder?
- No? Send 5-10 records into a folder called Test
- Yes? Produce a simple bibliography in two different styles e.g. Harvard British Standard and Vancouver

- Got some full-text papers on your H-drive?
  - No? Download a full-text paper for test purposes
  - Yes? Attach the relevant paper to the matching record in RefWorks – see Library Guide *RefWorks – attaching a file to a reference*

If not using RefWorks:

- Get records into your preferred system, or keep manual information
- Download relevant full-text items to your H drive



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Finishing off…

Journal articles and conference papers

Journal articles

- Specialised, detailed, specific
- Research level – generally written by individuals with postgrad qualifications
- Review journal articles – broad, overview, contain many references
- Generally go through a peer review process before being published

Conference papers

- Operational, practical slant
- Often written by practitioners rather than researchers
- Peer review process is much less common

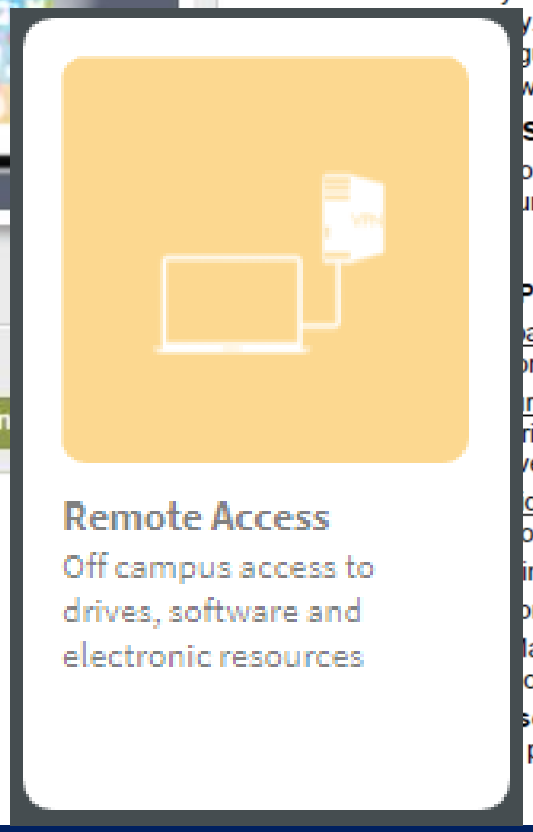
Searching databases - results

- **Decide on relevance to your topic**
  - Results: skim and scan title, authors, content, date
  - Change sort order
  - Refine, limit or broaden your search – use database features and new keywords
- **Check on availability**
  - Use **Full Text** and **SFX** icons
  - Not everything is available electronically…
  - Not everything is held by us…
  - Is information in the abstract enough?
- **Download, read and use in support of your assignment**
  - Do not plagiarise – keep track of sources (they are the evidence for your argument) and always acknowledge your source

Access when off-campus

- We spend £3m on library resources
- To access our electronic books, journals and databases you must prove that you are a student from University of Aberdeen (= authentication)
- Recommendation: use Primo > Find databases to link out to databases
- Several authentication methods used by suppliers
  - Use **Shibboleth/Institution login** route if offered
    - Works at home and on-campus
  - Use **VDI (Virtual Desktop Infrastructure)** to make your personal machine look as if it is a classroom PC (with access to classroom software)
    - **Using the VDI is essential if you are off campus and want to access full-text in the OnePetro database**
    - Access to H: drive

See library guide and Learners' Toolkit for details



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Accessing electronic information

Ewan Grant, July 2017

QG DBS005 [https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/documents/guides/qgdbs005.pdf]

The Library at the University of Aberdeen provide resources in a variety of formats and many are available
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guide provides general guidance on accessing electronic resources (e-journals, e-books and
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pay for full text material.

Accessing resources: detailed information is available in Learners' Toolkit and library guides

Reminder

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Aims

- Identify high quality information for your dissertation
- Build confidence in your information skills

Objectives

- **Apply your keywords (search terms)**
- **Find relevant journal articles and conference papers (using databases)**
- **Be aware of how to evaluate, sort and refine your results**
- **Use RefWorks to store information about what you are reading and produce a simple list of references**

Help and advice

Library: Subject support

- Information Consultants & Information Adviser
- Subject & Enquiry staff (TSDRL floors 4-6, Medical and Taylor Libraries)
- Worksheets in our wiki (FinditFast!)
  http://finditfastlibraryworkshops.pbworks.com

Access and IT:

- **MyIT** or Tel: 01224 27-3636 . Use phone for out of office hours (OOH) service (17.00-08.00 on weekdays and anytime at the weekend)
- Email: servicedesk@abdn.ac.uk
- In person: Edward Wright building (lunchtimes are very busy!!)

Library: Subject contacts

- Arts & Humanities
  - Ewan Grant – e.grant@abdn.ac.uk
- Business & Law
  - Janet MacKay – j.i.mackay@abdn.ac.uk
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  - Eleni Borompoka – eleni.boro@abdn.ac.uk

https://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/support/contacts-106.php#panel162

Other workshops in this programme

- Information Skills Refresher 1: Getting started with your dissertation research
- Information Skills Refresher 2: Going further with your dissertation research
- Information Skills Refresher 3: Managing your dissertation research (RefWorks – limitations for footnote styles)
- Word: Working with long documents
- Writing a Literature Review
- Writing your Dissertation/Project: Spelling, Paragraph Structure and Constructing an Argument
- LaTeX for PGT students

Check https://www.abdn.ac.uk/coursebooking for details

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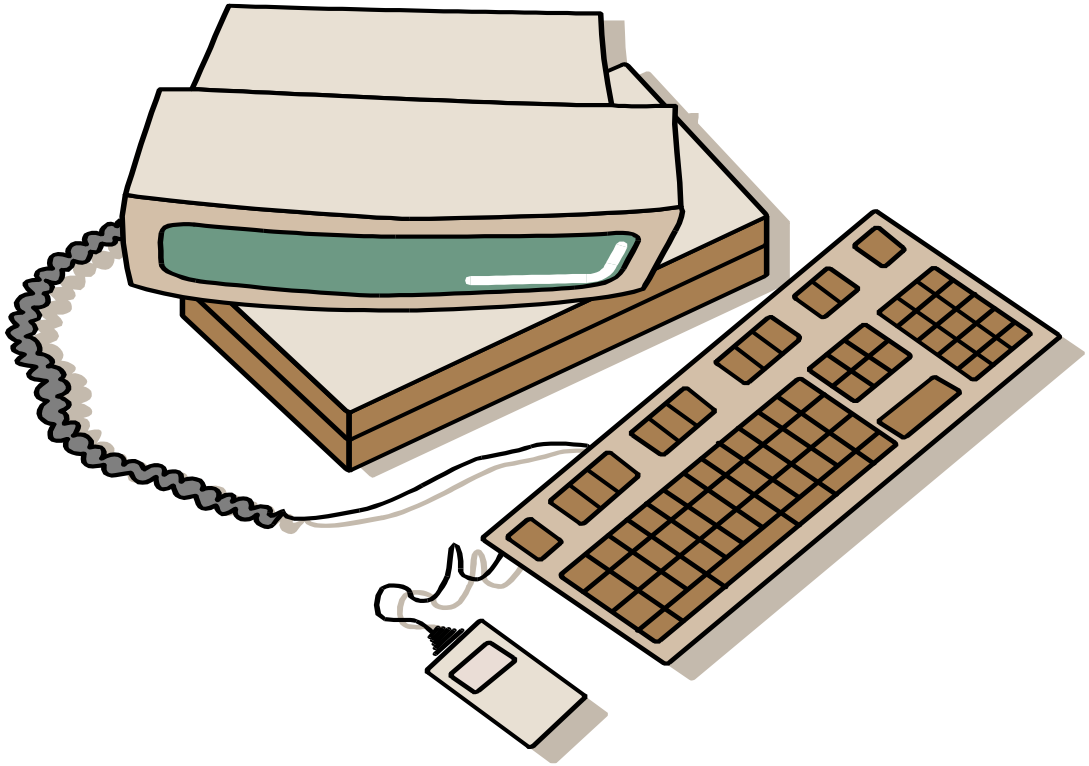

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Please complete the evaluation form

Refresher Part 2
Eleni, Ewan, Janet & Susan

If you are attending other library workshops this week – please bring today's handouts with you

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