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## SpringerLink User Guide for Easy Navigation with Helpful Tips & Tools

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## 1. The contents in SpringerLink

### 1.a How to find the contents

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## ***2. How does authentication for institutions work?***

### **Access via IP Authentication**

Access can be given via those IP addresses (class-B nets, class-C nets, IPs of single computers and/or proxy IPs) that belong to your institution.

### **Access via Dynamic IPs**

If your library has Internet access via a commercial provider, you do not have steady IP ranges. In this case we can grant access via a user ID and password.

The user ID and password have to be entered only once per session. They can be distributed to all users entitled to access the full texts via protected pages within your own home page.

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## ***3. How to get access to the electronic full-text articles***

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### **3.a Access for registered SpringerLink customers**

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## 4. Special features in SpringerLink:

### 4.a Online First publications in SpringerLink with the Digital Object Identifier (DOI)

**Online First** articles appear online in their final version before being published in the printed version of the journal. The electronic publication date is the official publication date, only the page number, issue and volume number are added in the print version.

Each **Online First** article is searchable and citable with the Digital Object Identifier (DOI), a unique and persistent identification code.

You will recognize **Online First** journals via the red  button in front of the journal title in the complete lists of titles.

## 4.b Reference linking

Springer-Verlag offers reference linking for Online First articles. Reference linking provides persistent links from primary article references in SpringerLink to the cited articles in SpringerLink and at other sites. In other words, you can go straight to cited articles with just a click or two. Each article is registered with its DOI – a unique and permanent identifier allocated to an online article.

For more information and examples please click [here](#).

## 4.c SpringerLink Search

### Easy Search

Search for any terms in abstracts and bibliographic data

### Expert Search

A structured search in bibliographic fields or an unstructured search in full texts, including search by DOI (Digital Object Identifier)

With the command-line search you can write your own search string to search in defined bibliographic fields using brackets and regular expressions. Please try the following example.

Search in Expert Search full text for  
Fermi AND  
Dirac OR  
Fermi-Dirac

Now please click on 'Command Line Search', which gives you

("Fermi") AND ("Dirac") OR ("Fermi-Dirac")

Now please edit this to: ("Fermi" AND "Dirac") OR ("Fermi-Dirac")

Then start the search.

## Site Search

Use this option to search in general information and service material (except journal contents).

The complete content available in SpringerLink is searchable!

## CrossSearch

**Your SpringerLink search criteria create a string for a search in PubMed.**

Your SpringerLink search in all libraries or the medicine library provides a field at the top of the hit list that includes the corresponding string for searching PubMed. A click on this search string will send the same search to Medline and the Medline search results right to your screen

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## 5. Customer services in SpringerLink

### SpringerLink Alert

With [SpringerLink Alert](#) every interested user can register for a free email with tables of contents and links to the abstracts of any journal.

The advantages:

- you will automatically be informed as soon as a new issue of a journal is available
- you receive this information right to your desktop
- you know that the articles are available and you can access and read them before they are published in print
- you can also receive information about Online First publications for the week.

SpringerLink Alert registration is also possible on the home page of each journal.

## **SpringerLink Alert registration**

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This service provides tips and tools for integration of information on e-content into libraries' web sites. We offer current alphabetical lists of journals containing URL's, ISSN etc. Tips for webmasters in **Best Practice** are also available.

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An overview of all these services and more can be found on our [Customer Service](#) pages.

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## 6. General information

If you wish to know whether a journal is already available electronically, please look at the icons in front of each journal title in the corresponding online library.

The  icon indicates that this journal is available electronically. If the button is grey, i.e. , the electronic version of the journal is in preparation.

The meaning of the icons in front of every journal title can be found in each online library at the top of the page.

To view the full-text articles in PDF format you need to install the Acrobat Reader. We provide an overview of all plug-ins used in SpringerLink with links to the download locations in our technical description [Setting up your System](#)

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## 7. Glossary

**IP** (Internet Protocol): A computer's address through which Internet access is possible.

Example of a B Net: 130.20.\*.\*

Example of a C Net: 130.20.10.\*

Example of an IP of a single computer or a proxy server: 130.20.10.5

**Invalid IPs within the public Internet, which can only be used within internal networks:**

10.\*.\*.\*

172.16.\*.\* - 172.31.\*.\*

192.168.0.\* - 192.168.255.\*

These IP ranges cannot be registered for access to the electronic contents in SpringerLink. If you have such IP ranges, please contact your system administrator.

**User ID/password:** Log-in codes enabling you to access the electronic full texts of a journal in SpringerLink.

**IP overlap:** IP ranges (of two or more institutions registered for SpringerLink) that are identical and/or overlap (in this case access is given via user ID/password)

**IP authentication:** Users of institutions are identified by their computer's or proxy server's IP address. User ID/password are not necessary.

**Proxy:** A computer within a library/institute through which every computer gets access to the Internet.

## 8. Helpdesk

There are two ways of obtaining help:

- Check the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- or contact the [SpringerLink Helpdesk](#)

The easiest and most efficient way to experience SpringerLink is to click through the service. Whenever you need assistance or have a question, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be glad to help you.

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