

# Getting Started

## Overview of Functionality

- **Searchable library** - with over 175,000 downloadable full text journals, magazines, conference articles and eBooks
- **Favourites** - allowing you to bookmark content
- **Email alerts** - automatically notifying you when new publications are uploaded
- **Sharing options** - letting you share links to your favourite articles and publications, via social media networks
- **Shopping cart** - allowing you to make multiple purchases and see all costs upfront

## Exploring the IET Digital Library

The IET Digital Library is designed to provide quick access to research and engineering literature. You can start exploring the website now - for free.

The IET Digital Library comprises of over 175,000 full text journals, magazines, conference articles and eBooks - including over 70,000 historical documents from the IET's archive, dating back to 1872.

## Create a personal account

You don't need to log-in to explore the IET Digital Library, but if you want access to the full range of services – including setting up free email alerts, and saving and purchasing content – it is recommended.

*If you are already a member of The Institution of Engineering and Technology (The IET), simply use the existing username and password.*

To create your personal account:

- Click on **Register** on the right hand side above the login area
- Fill in your title, name, address, email address and country, as prompted
- Create a personal username and password
- Complete the **security question**
- Click **Register**

## Searching

- To search the Digital Library, enter keyword(s) into the search-box at the top of the page
- Hit enter or click **Search**
- Content containing references to your keyword(s) will be displayed on a results page, ranked by relevance

*Use quotes (" ") to search for an exact phrase.*

- To search within a piece of content, use the smaller search-box under **Tools**

*An asterisk (\*) can represent any or no characters. For example, electric\* will retrieve results for 'electric', 'electrics', 'electrical', etc.*

- To help your search, search-boxes will automatically create suggestions based on your keyword(s)

## Advanced search

- To search for specific content, click on **Advanced search** on the page header

*With Advanced Search you can also search based on the names of specific authors and publication titles.*

From **Advanced search**, you can:

- Refine your search by entering a document type or searching by publication date
- Enter the ISSN, ISDN or DOI number
- Change how your results are displayed

*If you're searching with multiple keywords, you can change the search parameters to either 'all the words', 'some of the words' or 'the exact phrase'.*

## Further exploration

- Use the '**Journals & Magazines**', '**Conferences**' and '**eBooks**' tabs at the top of the page to browse the Library's titles by publication type
- Use the '**Subject**' tab to view content by subject area

## Managing results

- If you would like to save a publication, eBook or document click on **Save search** under **Tools** on the **Search results** page
- Tick the box next to search you wish to save
- Use the 'Save...!' dropdown to decide if you want to save the search as an individual item or into a folder
- Click the orange 'go' button
- To see the saved searches, click on the **Saved searches** tab
- To set up an email alert, simply tick the **Receive email alert?** box

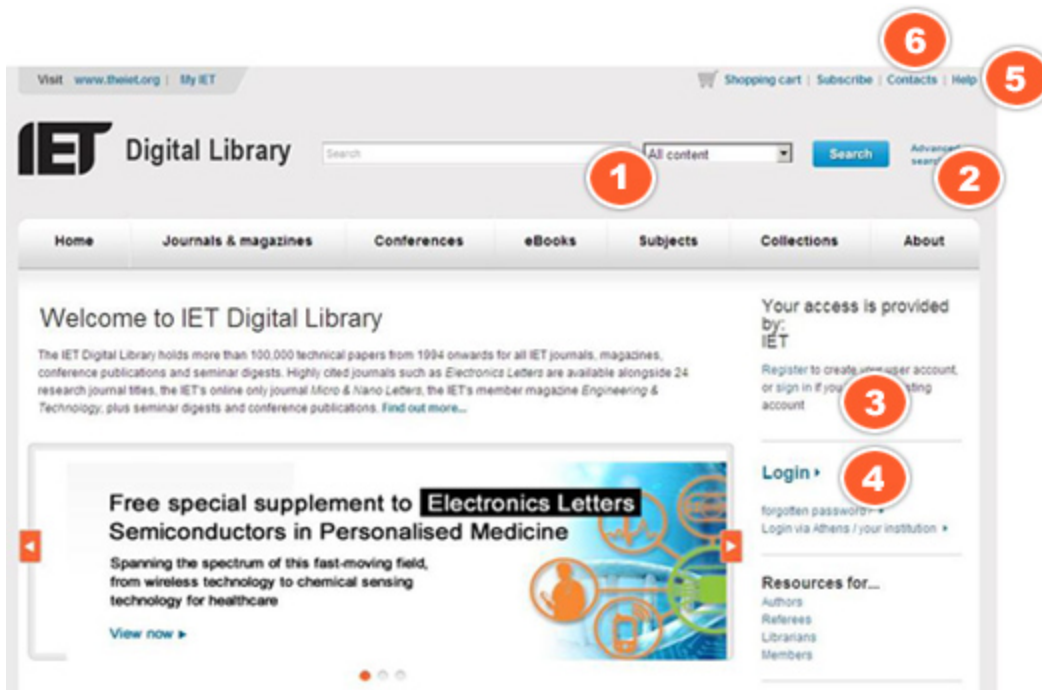
## Viewing, saving and sharing content

- Select content by clicking on its title and then opening it by clicking on the PDF icon

*Save content by opening the PDF and selecting Save a Copy from the menu at the top left of the screen.*

- Print or email links to content by using the icons at the foot of the article page





*Click on the social media icons at the foot of the page to share links to your content across your social media networks.*



1. **Search bar** - Enter keywords to search for content
2. **Advanced Search** - Narrow the scope of your search by adding more details into the Advanced Search fields
3. **Register link** - Click the link to register
4. **Login link** - If you have registered, click here to log in
5. **Help** – For Librarian and User help, as well as details on how to register, order products, and for a list of other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
6. **Contacts** - Click here for the IET's contact details

## Access Key symbols

### Key

-  Free content
-  Open access content
-  Subscribed content
-  Trial content

The Access Key symbols (next to the content) denote the level of access that users are entitled to.

- **Free content** - Free, unrestricted, full text content
- **Open access content** - Unrestricted content that is available under the Open Access model. Paid for by the author, and free for users
- **Subscribed content** - Normally-restricted content that is available as part of your subscription
- **Trial content** - Content that is unrestricted for a trial period