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STEPS ON ACCESSING SPRINGERLINK DATABASE

- 1. Go to Univen website http://www.univen.ac.za
- 2. Click on the library tab
- 3. Click on databases
- 4. Click on the URL/Web address (http://link.springer.com) on database number 7 Springerlink

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Once you have made your selection, scroll up and on the left hand side of the screen choose the content type you want to search (journal). Click on title of journal to view articles available in that journal.



Click on **Browse Volumes & Issues** to view volume and issues available in the journal. Click on issue to view table of content page. For example, click on **Volume 170 Issue 4 June 2013.** It displays articles available in this issue.



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By typing a word/phrase into the "search box" text field, you can click "go" to search all Springer Link content. Search engine will locate and match articles that cite your word or phrase.

Basic Search

Basic search textbox is available on the top left hand side at the home page. By default, it will search all words entered into the search box, without case sensitivity or spell-checking. Enter keyword in text box, it will show list of matching keywords. For example, a search for "Cell" will return matches that contain "Plant Cell Reports", "Cellulose" and "Plant Cell Tissue etc. Select **Cellulose** and click on "Search" button.



SEARCH STRATEGIES/ TECHNIQUES

Boolean search

Using Boolean search allows you to define the relationships between keywords and phrases by using AND, OR and NOT to enlarge or narrow the search e.g.



Truncation/ wild card symbols

Can be used to expand a search in cases where one is not sure of spellings. It is used to find different forms of words in a keyword search e.g. the use of **question mark?** or **asterisk** *



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