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Library comprises of over 175,000 full text journals, magazines, conference articles and eBooks - including over 70,000 historical documents from the IET's archive, dating back to 1872.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 a 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
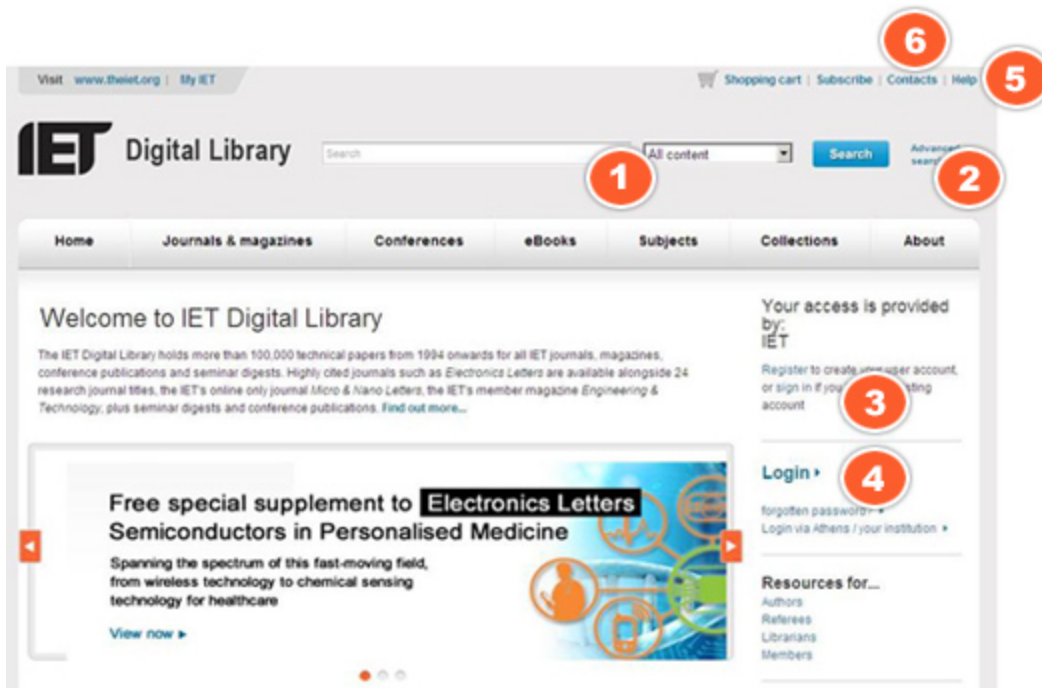- To set up an email alert, simply tick the **Receive email alert?** box

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

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