Finding information for your:

ORAL REPORT AND WRITTEN SUMMARY

MCD6080

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Objectives for today

• How to develop a search strategy
• Database search
• Start to critically evaluate information
• Find citing & referencing help
Finding journal articles in databases

For more information on using the databases check out iLearn

Module 4 – Databases
Using Search

Practice:
“Cyberpsychology and new media : A thematic reader” by Andrew Power and Grainne Kirwan.
In what formats is this book available?

“Australian psychologist” journal published by the Australian Psychological Society.
In what format is it available?
Where can you find this journal?
Finding Information

To gain an overview of your topic, read from:

• Textbooks
• Books
• Medical encyclopaedias
• Psychology or medical dictionaries

To find more detailed, specific information read from:

• Articles recommended by your teacher
• Articles from databases such as ProQuest, Academic OneFile, Ebsco or Google Scholar
Can someone’s personality traits, such as extraversion and openness, be accurately reflected in their use of social media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, etc.)?

Use one of the following databases to find relevant information:
ProQuest, Academic OneFile, EBSCOhost or Google Scholar
Accessing Resources

Library homepage
- Reading lists
- Databases
- Library guides
- Research & Learning Online
Analysing Your Topic

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Developing a Search Strategy

Brainstorm & identify key terms and concepts:

- Personality traits
- Social media
Developing a Search Strategy

Personality traits
- extraversion
- agreeable
- big 5
- openness

behaviour

Cyberpsychology

Social media
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
Developing a Search Strategy

Brainstorm & identify key terms and concepts

Personality trait(s)

Social Media

[Diagram with empty boxes for brainstorming and identifying key terms and concepts related to personality traits and social media]
Developing a Search Strategy

Brainstorm & identify key terms and concepts

Personality trait(s)
- Extroversion
- Conscientiousness
- Openness

Social Media
- Facebook
- Twitter

Cyberpsychology
Boolean Searching – AND

AND

A
Social Media

B
Personality traits

AND limits results as both terms must be present
Boolean Searching – OR

OR expands results as only one term must be present
Databases for Psychology

ProQuest, Academic OneFile, EBSCOhost or Google Scholar
personality trait/s OR extroversion
AND
social media OR social network OR facebook
Limiter: peer reviewed
400 results

Click the title for full details and summary of article
How Do Personality Traits Shape Information-Sharing Behaviour in Social Media? Exploring the Mediating Effect of Generalized Trust

Introduction: Personality and trust have been found to be important precursors of information-sharing behaviour, but little is known about how these factors interact with each other in shaping information-sharing behaviour. By integrating both trust and user personality into a unified research framework, this study examines how trust mediates the effect of personality traits (specifically, agreeableness and conscientiousness) in triggering information-sharing behaviour in an online social networking environment. Method: Integrating the Big Five theory of personality and the theory of generalised trust, a research framework is proposed for the determinants of information-sharing behaviour on social media. Data about personality trust, and information sharing were collected from Chinese youths through an online survey. Analysis: Structural equation modelling was applied to data from 311 valid questionnaires to verify the research framework. Results: Both personality traits and generalised trust have a significant impact on information-sharing behaviour on social media, and generalised trust plays a mediating role between personality traits and information-sharing behaviour. Conclusion: This research advances the understanding of why information is shared within social media contexts with regards to trust and personality traits. It also clarifies the connections between personality traits, information-sharing behaviour on social media, and generalised trust.

Check subject terms for other possible key words

Read the abstract to get a summary of the article

Link to full article
Evaluating Information

- Abstract
- 8+ pages in length
- Who wrote it?
- Lots of references
- Appropriate language
Academic vs Non Academic

Academic or scholarly items are peer reviewed.

These can be:

- textbooks (not just your own textbook)
- subject specific books
- academic journal articles
- conference papers.
Academic vs Non Academic

The are lots of resources that are not necessarily academic that are quite useful when starting research.

They include:

• newspapers and magazines
• trade publications
• industry and company reports
• statistics
• company website.

When using these items – it is essential to evaluate them effectively!
Additional resources

**Additional Help:**
Monash College Library Guide
Subject Librarians: Katie Julian
Samantha Helfrich
Ines Sincock

**Subject Specific Library Guides:**
Psychology Library Guide

**Assignment Help:**
[Research & Learning Online](#)