

Brief History	In the summer of 2012, DOAB conducted research on user needs, to evaluate the
	users' experiences of DOAB and to identify needs and expectations with respect to
	(a directory of) Open Access books.

Scope and Coverage DOAB supports the OAI protocol for metadata harvesting (OAI-PMH). Service providers and libraries can use the protocol to harvest the metadata of the records from DOAB for inclusion in their collections and catalogues. Aggregators can integrate the records in their commercial services and libraries can integrate the directory into their online catalogues, helping scholars and students to discover the books. Libraries and aggregators can also download the list of records in DOAB in a comma-separated format. Then they can import the file to Excel or some other software program for further use. As a whole, it covers information on 5658 academic peer-reviewed books from 167 publishers.

*Kind of Information* This directory gives information on a variety of subject disciplines. Those are :

<ul> <li>Agriculture and Food Sciences</li> <li>Arts and Architecture</li> <li>Biology and Life Sciences</li> <li>Business and Economics</li> <li>Chemistry</li> <li>Earth and Environmental Sciences</li> <li>General Works</li> <li>Health Sciences</li> <li>History and Archaeology</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Languages and Literatures</li> <li>Law and Political Science</li> <li>Mathematics and Statistics</li> <li>Philosophy and Religion</li> <li>Physics and Astronomy</li> <li>Science General</li> <li>Social Sciences</li> <li>Technology and Engineering</li> </ul>
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The names of publishers show the total no. of books under each of them. The numbers are given in brackets. Such as :

Academia Press (27 books)
Academic Studies Press (11 books)

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    African Minds (5 books)
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While books are browsed through their titles, alphabetical arrangement can be seen (under each alphabet). Browse results shows the total no. of found books. Each of the books provides information on its title, ISBN, author, publisher, subject, total no. of pages, DOI etc. Moreover, different facilities like abstract, keyword, free access, online purchasing and export citation etc. are available also. One example is shown below :

	Browse results: Found 263
	Listing 1 - 10 of 263 << page 1 of 27 >>
	T Cell Regulation by the EnvironmentAuthors: Anne L. Astier David A. HaflerBook Series: Frontiers Research Topics ISSN: 16648714 ISBN: 9782889197330 Year: 2015Pages: 115 DOI: 10.3389/978-2-88919-733-0 Language: EnglishPublisher: Frontiers Media SASubject: Allergy and Immunology Medicine (General)License: CorrectAbstract   Keywords   Free access   Buy the book   Export citation   Content of books. DOABblogs provides information on user need survey and user need support.It provides information on metadata harvesting and content dissemination.Information on the awards and other achievements are discussed also.
Special Features	<ul> <li>Names of books can be browsed either by titles or by subjects or by publisher.</li> <li>Advance search facility is available.</li> <li>RSS Feed facility can be availed.</li> <li>Pages of the books can be printed directly and can be shared through social media.</li> <li>Important links and links of sponsors are attached. Some of those are Springer, Brill and Open edition etc.</li> <li>FAQs &amp; feedback facilities are kept for users.</li> </ul>
Arrangement Pattern	The names of subjects are arranged alphabetically as shown below : Business and Economics Chemistry Earth and Environmental Sciences General Works Health Sciences History and Archaeology

Alphabetical arrangement can be seen in case of books also :

	Digital Classics Outside the Echo-Chamber: Teaching, Knowledge Exchange & Public Engagement         Authors: Bodard Gabriel Romanello Matteo         ISBN: 9781909188488 9781909188464 9781909188471 9781909188617 9781909188624 Year:         2016 Pages: 234 Language: English         Publisher: Ubiquity Press         Subject: Computer Science Arts in general Archaeology History         License: @v         Abstract   Keywords   Free access   Buy the book   Export citation   SHARE
	Don't Be Quiet, Start a Riot! Essays on Feminism and Performance         Authors: Rosenberg ,Tiina         Book Series: Stockholm Studies in Culture and Aesthetics ISSN: 20023227 ISBN: 9789176350232         9789176350201 9789176350218 9789176350225 Year: 2016 Pages: 264 Language: English         Publisher: Stockholm University Press         Subject: Arts in general Social Sciences Music Performing Arts         License: []]]         Abstract   Keywords   Free access   Buy the book   Export citation  ]
	Names of publishers are also arranged alphabetically like : • Austrian Academy of Sciences Press (2 books) • Berg Publishers (6 books) • Berghahn Books (5 books) • Bloomsbury Academic (138 books)
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Comparable Tools	<ul> <li>OAPEN (<u>www.oapen.org/</u>)</li> <li>Open Access Books   InTechOpen (<u>www.intechopen.com/books</u>)</li> </ul>
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