Full Text Finder: the Sci-Hub killer

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Discovery Strategy

19 student and faculty interviews

11 hours of recorded audio

183 topics coded

222 pages coded interview data
Full text access

Search term selection

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Concerted proton-electron transfer reactions in the Marcus inverted region

Parada, Giovanny A.; Goldsmith, Zachary K.; Kolmar, Scott; Pettersson Ringard, Belinda; Mercado, Brandon Q.; Hammarström, Leif; et. al.

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Ageism among physicians, nurses, and social workers: findings from a qualitative study

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How our search works

Bento Server
- Typeahead
- Best Bets
- Primo Search
- FAQ Search
- Librarian matcher
- Website Search

Bento Client
- Search Box
- Top Result
- Book Results
- Article Results
- FAQ Results
- Librarian Results
- Video Results
- Website Results

GraphQL
How full text finder works

1. Search terms
2. DOI?
   - Yes: Request link to Full Text from LibKey
   - No: Look for a strong match in CrossRef
3. Obtain complete metadata from CrossRef
4. Build Top Result with link to full text
Going Live

Why we built it

Over a series of interviews with the BC community last year about the research process, and some careful analysis of the obstacles we face, we have begun to identify improvements we can make. One thing we heard clearly was that users find the process of tracking down the full text of articles to be confusing and frustrating. The first project, a tool to make it easier to get to the full text of an article, launches today. We built it over a couple of rounds of prototypes and testing with users, using a variety of existing services and data sources. This is an answer to something we're currently doing with frequently requested internal titles and databases. Both answer to needs and frustrations expressed in the interviews.

What we built

You can now copy and paste a DOI or a citation into the main search box on beta.library.bc.edu.
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