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- [EThOS](#) – British Library service for download of digital theses.
- A University digital repository. E.g. [Repository@Napier](#)

Getting started

Go to <http://librarysearch.napier.ac.uk> and select 'Databases'. Select the letter 'I', then select Index to Theses. If you are off campus, you may need to login using your University login. On the ProQuest Dissertations and Theses page:

- Click the Log-in button in the Get Started box on the right hand side. The Search page should appear.
- In the Search Subject Areas box, click Dissertations and Theses.
- Click the link to ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: UK & Ireland. The database Basic search page appears.

Searching

Index to Theses has three different ways of searching: Basic, Advanced and Browse (by Subject or Location).

Basic Search

Enter a keyword and search. To find a phrase or words together in a certain order, add quotation marks eg. *"political philosophy"*. To combine words-

<i>If you want to...</i>	<i>Use...</i>	<i>Example</i>
Find both words	AND	Engineer and training
Find either word	OR	Language or speech
Find one word but not the other	AND NOT	beowulf and not computing

A word stem can be included, for example *nurs** will find *nursing*, *nurse* and *nurses*.

Advanced Search

This search allows you to search for theses by words anywhere or words in the title, author and abstract. You can also search by degree award, dissertation/thesis number or restrict your search to a particular university or location. In Search Options you can limit your results by publication date and author and there's also a handy tool to Look up Authors. Enter your keyword/s in the text boxes and highlight the appropriate line by scrolling down the choice boxes. Select 'Search'.

Command Line Search

This is the most precise search option, but requires familiarity with the correct method of entering searches. Find Command Line Search from the Advanced Search drop-down menu. On the Command Line Search page, see Help for more details.

Browse

With this option you can Browse by Subject or Browse by Location and narrow your results step by step.

Find the thesis full text

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