Creating your Google Scholar Citations Profile

Google Scholar Citations Profile helps you to keep track of citations to your articles, based on Google Scholar. This includes the number of citing publications, as well as your h-index and i10-index.

**H-index:** The h-index is a measure of the number of publications published (productivity) as well as how often they are cited (impact). Example: If your h-index is 20, it means that 20 of your publications have been cited 20 times or more.

**i10-index:** The number of publications with at least 10 citations. If your i10-index is 2, it means that 2 of your publications have been cited 10 times or more.

Go to Google Scholar: [http://scholar.google.com](http://scholar.google.com)

- You are asked to login. You can use an existing Google account, or create a new Google account.
- The **Citations sign up form** will ask you to confirm the spelling of your name, and to enter your affiliation, interests, etc. Google Scholar recommends that you also enter your university email address which would make your profile eligible for inclusion in Google Scholar search results.
- Click on **+Add**
- On the next page, you'll see groups of articles written by people with names similar to yours. Click **Add all articles** next to each article group that is yours (or the Author for whom you are compiling the citation report), or **See all articles** to add specific articles from that group.
- Once you’re done with adding articles, you will be asked what to do when the article data changes in Google Scholar. You can either have the updates applied to your profile automatically, or you can choose to review them beforehand. In either case, you can always go to your profile and make changes manually.
- Finally, you will see your profile. This is a good time to add a few finishing touches - upload your photo, visit your university email inbox and click on the verification link, double check the list of articles, and, once you’re completely satisfied, make your profile public.

**NOTE:** Some articles appear more than once in Google Scholar. (Tip: Articles are displayed by “Times Cited” by default. Change the display by clicking on “Year” which will make it easier to find duplicate articles.) You can merge the different versions:

- Select the duplicate versions of the article and click on Merge.
- Click Select next to the best citation to the article.
- In this case ‘best’ means most complete citation (and very often the most cited citation).

When you add your university email address to your profile and make your profile public, it will appear in Google Scholar results when someone searches for your name.

In Google Scholar, your name under the publication title will become an underlined link. This will guide Google Scholar users to your Google Scholar Citations Profile.

**Example:**

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