

This chapter describes the techniques needed for using electronic databases to locate and retrieve references to, and full text of, articles in journals, conference papers and chapters in books. It also gives a brief summary of techniques for storing references electronically. The following topics are covered in detail:

- using appropriate natural language and controlled vocabularies for efficient and effective searching;
- search using phrases;
- search using references that relate to your topic to find which other authors have also cited them;
- use of in-field searching;
- record your references using bibliographic software.