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• Keep Up-to-date by Using Alerting Services

Alert Services (also known as Alerting Services or Current Awareness Services) are services which researchers can use to keep up to date with the latest references, journal articles, or books in their areas of interest. They are particularly useful, especially when your research extends over a long period, e.g., working towards a dissertation or thesis. Please follow these steps for setting up the alerts.



* Register with Databases or Publishers

Many of the databases, which PolyU Library subscribes to, provide the option of setting up an alerting service. It is necessary to register with a database or publisher site in order to set up an alert. Please refer to the [table](#) that summarizes the availability of alert services across different database platforms. Notification of new research information will be delivered in the form of either regular email alerts or [RSS](#) (Real Simple Syndication) feeds.

* Set up Different Types of Alerts

- TOC alert: table of contents of newly released journal issues, e.g., in ACM Digital Library and RSC Journals;
- Search alert: recent articles matching previously submitted searches, e.g., in CSA databases and Journals@Ovid;
- Citation alert: get alert when the article you specified is cited by another article, e.g., in Scopus & Web of Science.

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