# Finding Conference Proceedings: Primo Part 1

This video will highlight how to search for conference proceedings using Primo.

Always start a search for conference proceedings using Primo, to determine if they are available through the library at the University of Waterloo.

Let’s begin from the library homepage, at [www.lib.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca)

To access Primo, select the Primo link, first on the left hand navigation menu.

You will automatically be taken to the basic search.

However, the advanced search will make it easier to combine search terms.

Therefore, select Advanced Search button, below the search boxes.

First, I’ll look for a proceeding article.

Here’s a quick look at the citation information given: [shown on PowerPoint slide]:

Zhang, X.P.

Energy loss minimization of electricity networks with large wind generation using FACTS.

Power and Energy Society General Meeting- Conversion and Delivery of Electrical Energy in the 21st Century

Publication Year: 2008

Publisher: IEEE

Pages 1-5.

It’s important to decipher the information provided.

A key point is to determine the proceeding title, as this is what will be used in a Primo search and not the article title.

In this case the article title is “Energy loss minimization of electricity networks with large wind generation using FACTS” and the proceeding title is “Power and Energy Society General Meeting - Conversion and Delivery of Electrical Energy in the 21st Century.”

However, it is not always best to search using the whole proceeding title; sometimes selecting important key words is a better strategy because the title in Primo may not be exactly the same as the one in the citation.

You may also need to know the publication date and the publisher or corporate author of the proceeding in order to find it in Primo.

Also note, the publication date is 2008 and the publisher is IEEE.

[Return to Primo Advanced Search screen]

I’ll start with a title search containing keywords from the proceeding name, including, Power and Energy Society General Meeting AND Delivery of Electrical Energy, by entering the terms into the first search box and selecting title from the first drop down menu.

[Enter terms into search box]

I need to click on **Go** to launch my search.

This search produces one result, which looks like the proceeding I want.

To access the content, follow the link for **available online**, located just below the citation information.

I’m now in the research database called **IEEE Xplore**, a resource for engineering related conference proceedings, available through the library.

The title of the proceeding is at the top and confirms that I’m looking at the correct one.

I can browse for the article I’m looking for or I can search the contents of the proceeding by using the search box at the top of the screen and selecting the **search within contents** option just below.

[Article title search for “Energy loss minimization of electricity networks with large wind generation using FACTS “]

Here is the paper I need

To view it, I can select the PDF located just below the article information and download it to my computer.

This search went smoothly as I was able to find the proceeding I was looking for and it was available online.

However, this isn’t always the case.

In parts two and three of this screencast series we’ll look at an example where the proceeding is available in print, as well as a more complicated Primo search with a different outcome.

To assist you with searching for proceedings, the library has created a library guide and several additional screencast videos.

You can also contact your subject librarian or get in touch with library staff using the “Ask a Librarian” service.