

Cited-by

Cited-by shows how work has been received by the wider community; displaying the number of times it has been cited, and linking to the citing content.

Researchers cite other people's work to acknowledge the material they used when writing their own paper. It's useful to see which articles go on to cite a paper you're reading, and how they may have built on, or challenged its ideas. That's what Cited-by does—it displays the number of citations and links out to citing papers.

References are important

Cited-by is reciprocal, which means everyone benefits. Members provide reference metadata when they register content with us, which enables them and other participating members to find out which papers are citing their own. Using this service helps users navigate to related research, see how the work has been received by the wider community, and explore how ideas evolve over time—by highlighting citations between works.

Getting started - how to use Cited-by

Members need to include references when they register their content, in order to be eligible for Cited-by.

We match as many of these references as we can to existing Crossref DOIs to establish a Cited-by relationship in our database. As new content is added we automatically update the relationships and notify members of new links.

Members who use Cited-by are encouraged to check regularly for new citations or, if performing XML queries, set the alert attribute to "true". This means the search will be saved in our system and alerts will be issued when there is a new match.

Once retrieved, Cited-by counts should be displayed and linked to and from participants' websites.

Members can only retrieve Cited-by metadata for their own content. Anyone can view Cited-by counts through our public APIs but the actual list of works is limited to the member.

Best practice

Adding references in the Crossref metadata greatly improves the ability to evaluate the reach of the literature and to discover related research. While Cited-by is optional, it is also strongly encouraged because—as with all Crossref services—the more members participate, the greater the benefit to other members and those in the wider scholarly communications community.

Cited-by: how it works



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Because of this it's also really useful to be able to see which articles go on to cite the paper you're reading and how they build on or challenge its ideas.



Our Cited-by service helps publishers find out who is citing their content. Publishers use this information to display and link to the citing content.



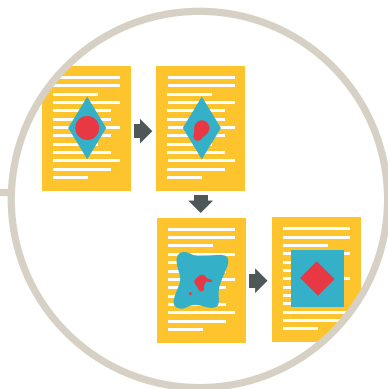
This helps readers easily navigate to related research on other sites, see how well and how widely the work has been received by the broader community,



Publishers tell us what works their papers are referencing by giving us that information as metadata when they register content.



In turn, we give them a way to discover which papers are citing their publications.



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