

## **Web Citations : Tracking Citation Impact**

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### **Abstract:**

This paper will introduce the Web Citation Index and other options for citation tracking such as Google Scholar, Citebase, Citeseer and Scopus. It will also discuss the involvement of the University of Melbourne as beta testers of Web Citation Index.

The above are all tools that assist researchers to establish and measure the impact of their papers to support the research quality framework requirements. To establish impact, researchers need to be aware of those papers that are citing their own work. This paper will provide a commentary about the different tools that are available to the research community. The library world needs to know what these tools are to be able to present a comprehensive suite of products to the research world.

Web Citation Index provides a citation index of scholarly material, with special coverage in subject-based and institutional-based repositories. Content of these repositories includes items such as technical reports, journal articles, theses and reports.

Thomson Scientific is creating the Web Citation Index to integrate scholarly web documents from selected repositories using the Thomson Scientific Web of Knowledge platform. The Web Citation Index links researchers to citations within digital repositories, providing a complement to the Web of Science which provides access to citation data from the peer-reviewed journal literature.

The Web Citation Index has many of the same capabilities as the Web of Science. Subscribers to both tools will be able to perform general searches, search and view cited references, see related records, and view citing records from repositories and the Web of Science. They can also cross link between these two resources. The Web Citation Index will be cross searchable and users will be able to use the Analyze Tool to reveal patterns and trends in their Web Citation Index search results.

The paper will report on the range of options to measure citation impact.