Basket, My Account, sign in

At the top right of the screen is where you sign in, check the status of your account, and the contents of the basket (e.g., items, search history, search results). Registered users have the option of saving their search results on a long-term basis.

My Account

My Account shows all your library activities (requests, loans, reserved items, interlibrary loans, cash transactions) in the FU library system.
This is where you can renew items that you have out on loan.

Basket

The basket can be used to save and export search results. Different fiolders can be created to organise the basket's contents. Data can be exported, for example, sent to an e-mail address, EndNoteWeb, Refworks, Connotea, and so on.

bX Recommender service

The bX Recommender assists users in discovering scholarly articles of potential interest. The recommendations are based on actual usage and are displayed after a very short time lag.

The Digital Library and the FU Catalog

http://digibib.fu-berlin.de
http://opac.fu-berlin.de
In the medium term, the Library Portal & Primo will replace the Digital Library and the FU Catalog. However, these search tools will continue to be available during the transition period.

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The Library Portal & Primo

http://primo.fu-berlin.de

The library portal's user interface provides access to the entire spectrum of the FU libraries' holdings and services.

You can search the FU Catalog Plus and/or the Primo Central Index or predefined sets of databases. Finding relevant literature, books, essays, e-resources (e-books, e-journals, CD-ROMs/DVDs, databases) is fast and easy.

You can request items from closed stacks or interlibrary loans from other libraries using your account.

FU Catalog Plus

The FU Catalog Plus via Primo is an enhanced version of the FU Catalog. In addition to the over 8 million volumes held in the FU libraries, it also includes electronic resources such as databases, e-journals, and e-books as well as references and literature covered by nation-wide licenses of the DFG.

Primo Central

The Primo Central Index is a mega-aggregation of hundreds of millions of scholarly e-resources from external providers. Its main focus is fulltext versions of essays in English from databases such as JSTOR, SpringerLink, IngentaConnect, and Thomson Reuters.
The number of information providers for Primo Central is continuously increasing.

Search Terms

Refer to the *Help* function for tips on search strategies.

Refine My Results

The sidebar on the left displays a list of choices so that with just a few clicks your results can be refined, for example, by date of publication, author, or keywords; or by formal criteria — book, journal, essay, etc.

Availability

The results list shows whether an item or fulltext is available or not. Results from Primo Central first retrieve fulltexts. If desired, non-fulltext results can be displayed by ticking the *Expand my results* box on the sidebar.

Database Sets

There are resources in certain databases that Primo Central does not retrieve. Thus the university library has compiled predefined sets of databases which include the most important databases for a particular subject to round off the search possibilities.

Find Databases

The Freie Universität Berlin has around 1,400 databases of references in its holdings as well as fulltext databases. Select the *Find Databases* option to see the entire list of databases available. Here you can also put together your own personal database set. If you want to search a number of databases simultaneously you will need to select appropriate databases for your set— it is technically not possible, for example, to search databases on CD-ROM together with others.

e-Journals

There are around 30,000 e-journals licensed to the libraries of the Freie Universität Berlin (20,000 of these are reserved for FU members only). The journals can be searched using a combination of criteria, such as title, subject, ISSN/eSSN, and provider.

e-Books

There are around 460,000 e-books in the holdings of FU libraries. You can filter these items out by refining your results with *Books* and *Fulltext Online*.

Access

There is unrestricted access to the electronic resources licensed to the FU via its campus network. Students and staff of the FU can also access these resources from other computers via VPN. External users can log on to the campus network as guests from the computers provided in the FU's libraries.

Other Services:

The link resolver SFX leads from the bibliographic record to the fulltext of an article or book when these are licensed to the FU, i.e., its members are granted access.

SFX can also forward a request to other library catalogs (see also Flyer No. 4: Interlibrary Loans).

Handy tips: Literature searches

You should also visit the websites of the providers of databases where you will find thesauri, filters. and e-mail notification services.
Searching just one database will give you results that do not contain irrelevant hits that the Primo Central Index sometimes delivers because there the fulltexts are also searched in part.