

**PsyDok:  
electronic full-text archive  
for psychological documents**

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## Scientific information supply in Germany

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Scientific information supply is based on a **distributed, supra-regional system** of **special subject collections**. These are building **collections** of subject related scientific literature that are **as complete as possible**.

Since 1966 **Saarland University and State Library (SULB)** hosts the special subject collection **psychology**.

1998: special subject collections start considering resources on the WWW by establishing **virtual libraries**. These provide **a central entry point** for subject specific information on the www (mostly via subject gateways and metasearch engines).

Usually virtual libraries **do not collect or save** any information. They often suffer from the **ephemerality** of online information.

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## The availability of information

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PsyDok was established within the joint project **Digital Psychology Information (DPI)** of **SULB** and the Institute for Psychology Information (**ZPID**).

The aim of DPI was to improve the **availability and accessibility** of psychological electronic information.

DPI was funded by the German Research Foundation (**DFG**).

PsyDok **offers much more than long term availability** of electronic psychological documents.

## PsyDok: a subject specific repository

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PsyDok ...

- is the nationwide and **central digital repository** for digital scientific psychological documents in Germany
- is an **Open Access** service
- guarantees **citeability, long term preservation, long term usability, digital durability**
- boosts the **value of electronic documents** (especially grey literature) within the scientific discourse
- offers **maximized visibility** and **dissemination**
- is integrated in numerous **disciplinary** and **multidisciplinary retrieval systems**

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## PsyDok: document types

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Most PsyDok documents belong to the genre **Grey Literature**.

### **Document types:**

diploma and master theses, dissertations, professorial dissertations, preprints, teaching material, psychological scales, reports, proceedings etc.

Monographs, bookchapters, journals and articles from journals may be published as well.

Each document obtains a **persistant identifier** in form of an Uniform Resource Name (URN) which guarantees **citeability**.

## PsyDok: quality and standards

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PsyDok is not a genuine publication platform: SULB can not influence the production of documents or their quality.

Nevertheless **quality control** can be derived from the nascency of a document:

By **Editorial Review** (with institutional series), by **document type** (with dissertations, professorial dissertations), by **later publication** (with preprints), by the **publishing houses** (with postprints), by **recommendation** (with diploma and master theses)

PsyDok is a registered data provider within the **Open Archives Initiative (OAI)**.

PsyDok features the **certificate** of the German Initiative for Networkinformation (**DINI**).

## PsyDok: dissemination

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PsyDok offers a **maximum of visibility and dissemination**:  
It is well integrated in many disciplinary and  
multidisciplinary retrieval systems.

**Multidisciplinary:** OAI-based search engines, Karlsruhe  
Virtual Catalogue, OASE, OPUS-Metasearch, Google Scholar,  
CiteSeer, Scirus & Scirus Repository Search, vascoda.  
PsyDok documents produce high rankings in www-searchengines.

**Disciplinary:** subject gateway PsychLinker, search engine  
PsychSpider, abstract database Psyndex, Diploma Theses  
database, OPAC of SULB.

**Planned:** integration into social science search engine  
(SOSIG), Psychcrawler (APA), PsycExtra (APA's GL-Database)

## PsyDok: the future

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Elements to be implemented:

- a print-on-demand service
- a creative commons license management
- a multilingual layout
- a cross-lingual search option
- the APA's PsycINFO Classification Categories and codes
- accurate statistics providing information about a documents usage
- techniques for citation counting and citation linking



**Thank you for your interest!**

**Further information:**

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