Quick start guide
Home page

The Home page is where you land after logging into Elements.

Click on EDIT MY PROFILE to go to your Profile page. Scroll through the MY ACTIONS prompts. Every item has a link that takes you to the section in Elements where tasks can be completed, including:

- Set up your search settings
- Add author identifiers
- Claim scholarly and creative works
- Deposit publications
- Add records of impact

Data types in each activity section are active links. Click on any one to go to that activity type or add manual records by selecting + ADD NEW.
Getting to know the Menu

Click on the Menu icon in the top left-hand corner to navigate around Elements.

The **My Profile** section contains various areas specific to you. You can either browse through the tabs or use the **Search** box in the upper right-hand corner to find pages.
Managing your Profile

Your **Profile** can be viewed by any other user in the system.

It contains your photo, email address, an overview statement, your co-authors at your institution, experience, and a list of your elements:

Publications, Grants and Professional Activities are grouped into **Recent**, **Favourites** and **All** tabs.

If you have added any author identifiers under your Search Settings, they will be displayed as links under **Other profiles**.
Claiming author identifiers

Elements will suggest **author identifiers** based on your name-based search settings, including identifiers from ORCID, Dimensions, Scopus, ResearcherID, arXiv, figshare and SSRN.

Approve or reject the identifiers using the Yes and No buttons. Elements will automatically retrieve publications in databases using these identifiers and place them in the ‘Mine’ or ‘Not Mine’ folders.

If the system does not find all of your identifiers, you can enter them by clicking on the “Add...” link.

The system will automatically import the address associated with your organisation but you can add additional email addresses you may have published with previously.
Claiming or rejecting publications

Elements will find new publications in the online databases that match your search terms. These will be placed in the Pending list of your records to await your approval. One of the actions in your My Actions list will take you to the pending publications.

Claim or reject individual publications using the tick or cross buttons. Or you can select a number of publications using the checkboxes, then claim or reject the marked publications with the large buttons at the top of the list.

Claimed publications will move to the Claimed list and rejected to the Rejected list.

If you have lots of items that do not belong to you, work with your System Administrator to clear the Pending list, modify your search settings to improve the accuracy of the searches, and re-run your search.
My Publications

Your My Publications page, you can view various forms of data about your articles by clicking on the tabs at the bottom of the record.

**Summary** shows the basic bibliographic data, while **Metrics** displays the Times Cited and Altmetric data. **Labels** presents all of the ontologies available to be associated with the publication, while **Relationships** lists all of the other Elements users who are linked to the record.

Finally, **Sources** shows a list of the data sources that comprise the publication object and **History** is the log of all activities performed against the record.

To change the publication type select the pen icon, once selected you have a drop down menu of available types, save the new type.

This change will be recorded in history notes. If you change your mind you can always change it back without any loss of data.
Depositing publications to your repository

After claiming a publication, upload it into your repository.

You are about to deposit this preprint to EPrints

Deposit advice

Institutional advice

Upload the accepted version of the publication, as this is the version most publishers permit us to use, and the version that meets funder requirements.

The accepted version is the version post-peer review, but before any publisher copyediting or layout work takes place (unless the publisher is providing a branded accepted manuscript). Proof copies cannot be used.

Library staff will check the publisher policy and apply the appropriate embargo period on the accepted version.

1. Prepare deposit (step 1 of 2)

Upload a file

Choose a file from your local machine:

Choose file: Choose file No file chosen

File version: [None]

Deposit Without Files Use this file

Leave without depositing
Adjusting your Search Settings

Your search settings are preloaded with your name (usually in the form of LASTNAME, IN and LASTNAME, FIRSTNAME), but you can improve these settings by adding Name variants or Address terms.

**Tip:** Use the smallest meaningful word or term in an address. For example, enter “Oxford” and not “Oxford University.”

**Tip:** Additional search terms are restrictive. If you add Keywords or Journals, then Elements will only retrieve articles that include those keywords or published in those journals.

Don’t forget to click Save when you’re finished editing your search settings!
Manually adding a publication

You can always add publications manually if they are not found in the online databases. Select + ADD NEW on the home page.

There is automatic checking to confirm you do not create a duplicate. Just enter the title and search.

Enter a title, DOI or ISBN, this will pre-populate the manual entry form, we hope this saves you time and improves the accuracy of the record!

You can claim or skip to continue to the next step.
Manual Entry Form

For some types you have no option but to fill in all the details manually. Required fields are marked with an * and essential fields displayed by default. All other fields are optional.

Guidance is provided for types at the top of the page in the blue information box and for fields where you see a large ?

Don’t forget to Save and continue, and follow the prompts to view your publication.
Contact

If you have any queries or issues using Elements, the Library's Elements team will be more than happy to help.

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