

# WebF1 Worksheet: Literature Review

In this task you can formally begin your Literature Review [Coursework](#).

## Task 0: How to begin

- The literature review coursework covers risk mitigation in personal online security. This is a technically complex subject, so you need need to do a little exploratory reading first, to expose common ideas and themes – these can be a source of search terms further on.
- In your work log, record your initial search terms, and any additional terms you discover.
- Start to think about
  - the core topical themes
  - the effectiveness of different search terms
- Make structured notes on what you read.
  - The template at <http://goo.gl/ZbUuZw> may be helpful for this.
  - Mind maps can be particularly useful for categorising search terms and organising your thoughts on emerging themes. There are several mind map tools available - the example in [the lecture](#) was generated using [coggle.it](#)

## Task 1: Research

- Plan your search.
  - Now that you've done some reading, write down at least three sets of search terms that you will use to find literature.
- Use the library website to find potential resources.
  - If you can't understand them, try to find materials (via the library website!) that you can understand, or read around the topic so that the bits you don't understand become clear.
  - You shouldn't use Wikipedia / other encyclopaediae / dictionaries as sources in a literature review, but they're fine if you need to begin understanding concepts that will enable you to interpret academic literature.
- Continue to make structured notes on what you read.
  - If you find you're making multiple documents, it will help to put them into a dedicated folder on your G drive.
  - Note that searching your G drive for key terms will bring up all matching documents.

## Task 2: Iterate

- Read and evaluate the sources you have found - then do the whole process again, several times more.
- With each iteration your understanding of the topic area will increase and the number of new terms

and themes you add to your notes will decrease.