

Data Management Plan

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Project title: *Bibliometric Analysis of European Research on Digital Divide: An Exploration of the Corporate Landscape*

Start and end of project: 01.11.2022 - 15.02.2023

Data summary: This bibliometric aims to examine the state of the art of European research in the field of the digital divide by combining data from the Web of Science, Scopus, and Dimensions bibliographic platforms. Additionally, this work seeks to explore the corporate digital divide. The limit of the search comprises authors with European affiliations within the business, management, economics, technology, and computer science disciplines. After processing, merging, and cleaning, a total of 1609 unique documents were incorporated into the final data set, including articles, book chapters, conferences, and proceedings. The results will be obtained by operating the R programming language using the bibliometrix package and the biblioshiny application.

1. Data Description

This research project will use secondary data collected by conducting a specific search on the digital divide using the Web of Science, Scopus, and Dimensions platforms. The three platforms have different graphic user interfaces that delimit the search and the supported formats in which bibliographical data is downloaded. The content of bibliographical data varies between text, numeric, and integers data types, and the formats that generate each platform will be readable using the R programming language

1.1 Data collection

Before collecting the data, access to the graphical user interfaces of each platform was granted through university affiliation. During this stage, the search criteria, the queries, and the formats downloaded are the following:

Web of Science This platform allows one to choose the formats and the fields. While exporting the data, a *plain text file* was chosen. The custom selection used all the Web of Science core collection fields for the record content.

- **Searched Fields:** Keywords and Title
- **Searched Text:** “digital divide*” OR “digital inequalit*” OR “digital gap*”
- **Document Types:** Articles, proceedings book chapters, review articles and early access
- **Web of Science Categories:** Computer science and technology, management, business and economics.
- **Region:** Countries in Europe
- **Time Frame:** 2001 - 2023
- **Date of Search:** 10.10.2022
- **Total Documents:** 1002
- **Query:** [Go to Web of Science Query Link](#)
- **Downloaded Data Type:** .txt

- **Download data and Size:** [eu_wos_1_500.txt](#) 2.5 MB and [eu_wos_501_1032.txt](#) 2.8 MB

Scopus

This database also allows one to choose the formats and the necessary fields to conduct a bibliometric analysis. In this case, all the categories of citation information, bibliographical information, abstracts, and keywords.

- **Searched Fields:** Keywords and Title
- **Searched Text:** “digital divide*” OR “digital inequalit*” OR “digital gap*”
- **Document Types:** Articles, proceedings, book chapters, review articles, and early access articles.
- **Scopus Categories:** Computer science and technology, management, business and economics.
- **Region:** Countries in Europe.
- **Time Frame:** 1981 - 2022
- **Date of Search:** 05.10.2022
- **Total Documents:** 952
- **Query:** [Vizualize query](#)
- **Downloaded Data Type:** .csv
- **Download data and Size:** [eu_scopus_1_1786.csv](#) 16.9 MB

Dimensions

This database has a less developed graphic user interface. Even though it lets one choose the format, it does not let one choose the fields. However, the search can be customized using the Application Programming Interface API.

- **Searched Fields:** Title and Abstract.
- **Searched Text:** “digital divide*” OR “digital inequalit*” OR “digital gap*”
- **Document Types:** Articles, proceedings, and book chapters.
- **Dimensions Categories:** (38) Economics, (35) Commerce, Management, Tourism and Services, and (46) Information and Computing Sciences.
- **Region:** Countries in Europe.
- **Time Frame:** 2001 - 2022
- **Date of Search:** 14.10.2022
- **Total Documents:** 970
- **Query:** Not available for graphic user interface.
- **Downloaded Data Type:** .csv
- **Download data and Size:** [dim_1_1467.csv](#) 8.3 MB and [dim_1468_3108.csv](#) 3.8 MB

1.2 Data Processing

The R programming language environment will be used during the data processing stage. After downloading, the raw files (.txt and .csv formats) from each platform will be converted into a bibliographic database format using the bibliometrix package. The volume of the generated data in this repository will be estimated between 0.7 to 1 GB.

After converting the downloaded datasets from the three platforms into bibliographic data frames, there were differences in column length and names, meaning the three platforms used different codebooks for naming the variables. For example, the [Web of Science codebook](#) contained 29 variables, the [Scopus codebook](#) 29 variables, and the [Dimensions codebook](#) 29 variables. To solve this problem, first, we followed the [Web of Science Core Collection codebook](#) to homogenize the variable’s names. Second, the [bibliometrix manual](#) suggests selecting the main variables to conduct a bibliometric analysis. As a result, the final bibliographic data frame contains 30 variables ([see codebook](#)).

This [script](#) contains the R-Studio workflow used to process, clean, and merge the bibliographic data frames from the three sources.

2. Documentation and Data Quality

The metadata creation will follow the Data Documentation Initiative DDI standards, including a codebook that describes the data and the variable types. To guarantee replicability both in the data collection and output, the reuse of data, and high-quality results, the following measures will be taken: pretests, data validation, peer review of data, repeat measurements, and the use of software and digital tools. This repository, [bibliometric_digital_divide_Europe](#), will follow the R-Studio workflow using the bibliometrix package and the biblioshiny application for data processing and analysis. An ordered structure of the folders with documented code will also be managed using the version control offered by GitHub to track changes and manipulate data responsibly.

3. Storage and technical archiving

This research project does not contain any sensible data; thus, throughout the project duration, data will be stored on the collaborative workspace R-Studio, GitHub, and Dropbox.

4. Responsibilities and resources

This bibliometric study is the initial part of a research agenda proposed by the principal researcher as academic work, which will be presented at the end of his doctoral studies. The principal investigator will collect, analyze, present, and write the study results in a scientific article format. In addition, this project will be oriented and guided by the supervisor and the co-supervisor.

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