

# ACM Digital Library: Expanding Access to Computing Research

## Driving Research Forward with Open Access

Since January 2026 ACM has transitioned to an Open Access publishing model, making all content in the ACM Digital Library freely available.

As part of this transition, there are now two levels of access to balance our mission of accessibility with the need to sustain publishing activities:

- **Digital Library Basic:** This establishes Open Access as the foundation of the Digital Library and ensures ACM content can be read, discovered and used by anyone, anywhere.
- **Digital Library Premium:** Builds on our foundations by offering enhanced discovery tools, research insights and analytics.

## ACM Digital Library: A Global Hub for Computing Research

The ACM Digital Library is the most comprehensive resource for computing and information technology, serving millions of researchers, students, and professionals worldwide:

- 3.8M Author Profile Pages
- 34K Institutional Profile Pages
- 83M Full-Text Article Downloads
- 4M Registered Digital Library Users

## Premium Access – A Complete Research Experience

Institutions subscribing to **Digital Library Premium** will retain unrestricted access to ACM's full suite of research tools and services, supporting seamless research workflows and deeper engagement and computing research.

- **Smarter Research Discovery** – Advanced search, expanded results, and personalized search alerts.
- **AI-assisted features** – Including summaries, podcasts and recommendations.
- **More Efficient Research Management** – Bulk download citations/PDFs, save searches, and set up alerts.
- **Stronger Collaboration and Connectivity** – Comment on articles, receive content recommendations, and share research.
- **Broader Content Access** – Including The ACM Guide to Computing Literature with articles from 8,000+ publishers, and ACM-IEEE co-publications.

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## Upcoming Digital Library Premium Features

We are continually working to improve the customer experience in **Digital Library Premium**, including creating innovative new tools and features to support the research community.

Upcoming new developments include:

- Altmetrics
- AI article chatbot
- ACM Open Reporting Dashboard integration
- COUNTER-like statistics on features usage
- Data publications
- Topical content alerts

## Sustaining High-Quality Research

**Digital Library Premium** supports ACM's ability to maintain a high-quality publishing program while keeping research openly available to the world. By subscribing, institutions provide their students, faculty, and researchers with the advanced tools needed for efficient research, collaboration, and discovery.

## ACM Open and Digital Library Premium

All institutions subscribed to ACM Open receive **Digital Library Premium** as part of their agreement, ensuring researchers are supported by ACM in all aspects of their work, from ideation to publication.



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