

# New catalogue of the German Union Catalogue of Serials: Productive use

Dear Sir or Madam

The new ZDB catalogue (<http://zdb-katalog.de/?lang=EN>) will replace the existing ZDB-OPAC (<http://zdb-opac.de>) at the end of the beta phase.

Following a transition period of about five months, the "old" ZDB-OPAC (<http://zdb-opac.de>) will no longer be available from mid-February 2018.

Further information and guidelines on the changeover for external services will be published in the next few weeks.

## 1. Significant new features (selection):

The new ZDB catalogue contains several features which have been requested by users. It also supports newspaper and journal-based searches, as well as information on their availability in German-speaking countries: <http://zdb-katalog.de/?lang=EN>

### 1.1. Unique URL parameters for links

The ZDB catalogue generates "bookmarkable" URLs in the web browser. This means that the query (including all parameters) is represented by the URL syntax; this can be used in unchanged form for the link. Also special views, such as holdings overview, holdings map, title history and title relations can be referenced directly from the URL.

Examples:

- | "Advanced search" with options for restricting the search to "Newspapers" and/or "Planned digitisation":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/index.xhtml?ext=true&lang=EN>
- | The expert search is based on the CQL syntax<sup>1</sup>:  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/expertsearch.xhtml?lang=EN>

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<sup>1</sup> Contextual Query Language: <https://www.loc.gov/standards/sru/cql/>

## 1.2. Holdings overview and holdings map

In the full title view, the tabs can be used to compare the holdings of the owning institutions and to view a graphical representation of the relevant libraries.

Examples:

- | Holdings overview "Neue Leipziger Tageszeitung":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=016292790&tab=1>
- | Holdings overview "Anhalt-bernburgische wöchentliche Anzeigen":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=010208909&tab=1#1797-1820;DE-34-35;DE-11;DE-51;DE-3>
- | Holdings map "Neue Leipziger Tageszeitung":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=016292790&tab=2>
- | Holdings map "Dialog mit Bibliotheken":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=993807593&tab=2>

## 1.3. Title relations and title history

A dynamic graphical representation of the title relations (predecessor & successor, supplements, parallel editions etc.), as well as a title history (predecessor, successor, chronologically arranged supplements) is also available in the full title view. The full-screen view can be referenced directly via the URL.

Examples:

- | Full-screen title relation "Bibliotheksdienst":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=010012052&tab=4#fullscreen>
- | Full-screen title relations "Neue Leipziger Tageszeitung":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=016292790&tab=4#fullscreen>
- | Full-screen title and supplement history "Neue Leipziger Tageszeitung":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=016292790&tab=3#fullscreen>
- | Title history "Zeitschrift für angewandte Chemie":  
<http://zdb-katalog.de/title.xhtml?lang=EN&idn=012655538&tab=3>

## 2. Institution code list/ISIL Agency

Searches in the ISIL and institution code list are no longer included in the new ZDB catalogue. The web page of the ISIL Agency allows extensive ISIL and institution code searches for unique identification of libraries, archives, museums and related institutions:

<http://sigel.staatsbibliothek-berlin.de/nc/en/suche/>

## 3. Contact Information

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