Elements Quick Start Guide



Home page

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

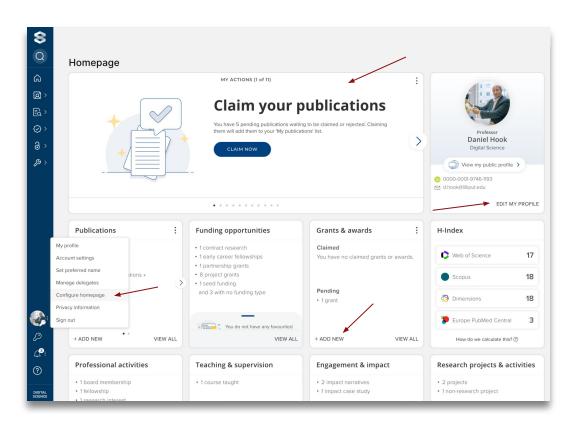
Select on **EDIT MY PROFILE** to go to your Profile page.

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

In each tile there are active links. Select any one to go to that type or add manual records by selecting + ADD NEW.

You can also change the default view of the tiles by selecting Configure homepage from your account menu.







Getting to know the Menu

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

The Profile & work section contains various areas specific to you. You can either browse through the sections or use the Search box in the upper left-hand corner to find pages.

Please note: The menu items available to you will depend on the configuration and licence at your organisation and your roles within the system.

Note also that your institution may have configured different content types in Elements with different names (e.g. Publications as Scholarly & creative works, Grants as Grants & contracts).

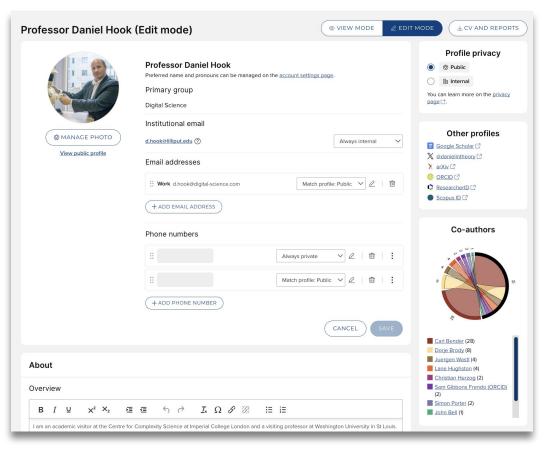
Managing your Profile

Your Profile can be viewed by any other user in Elements.

It may contain your photo, email address, your co-authors at your institution, experience, education, media links, labels, an overview statement and other summary statements (e.g. research interests, impact summary), and lists of your works (e.g. publications, grants, professional activities).

If your institution has configured the CV and Reports functionality, you will be able to export your Profile information in a variety of formats.

If you have added identifiers under your Research Identifiers, they will be displayed as links under Other profiles.





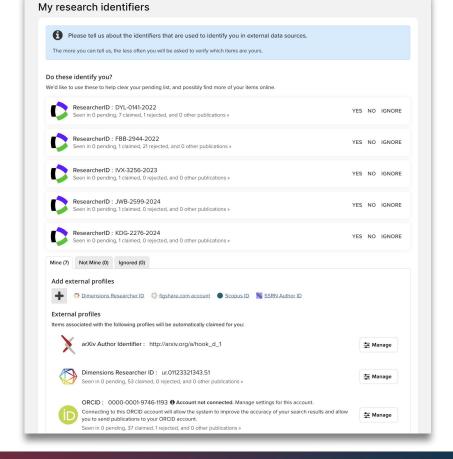
Claiming and adding research identifiers

Elements will suggest research 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 / No / Ignore 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 does not find all of your identifiers, you can enter them by clicking on one of the "Add external profiles" links.

Email addresses can also be used to autoclaim publications. The system will automatically add the email address associated with your organisation. You can add additional email addresses you may have published with previously at the bottom of the page.





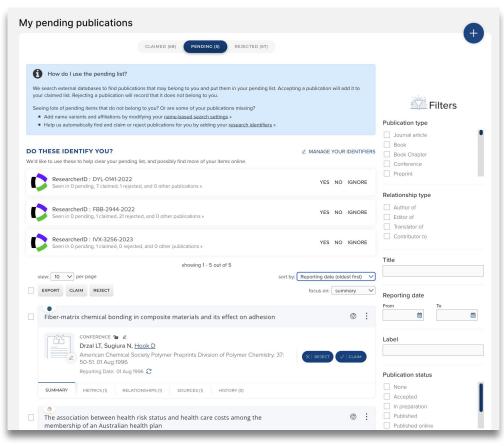
Claiming or rejecting publications

Elements will email you when it finds 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 homepage **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 reject or claim 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 or Research Manager 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 claimed publications page displays data about your articles in different formats. Select the tabs at the bottom of the record to change the display.

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 and content (e.g. Grants) that are linked to the publication.

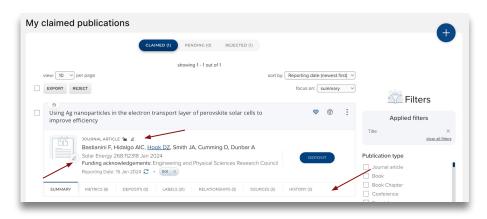
Finally, Sources shows a list of the data sources that comprise the publication object and History is the log of all activities performed against the item.

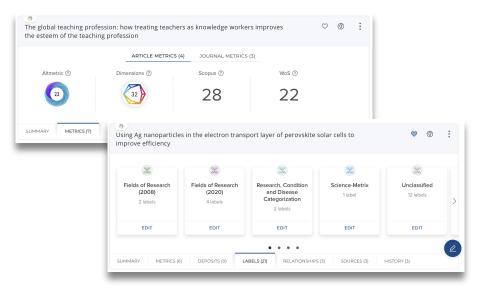
To change the publication type select the edit type pen icon, and choose from the available types, and then save the new type.

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

To add a thumbnail, select the edit thumbnail pen icon and upload your .jpg or .png file.







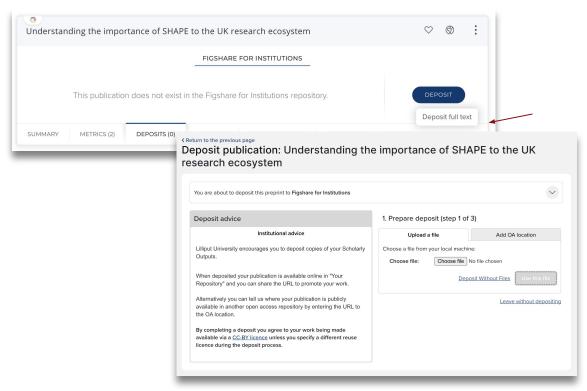
Depositing publications to your repository

After claiming a publication, upload it into your repository or enter an OA location (where relevant for that publication type).

Your institution can add customized deposit advice, as well as provide detailed SHERPA/RoMEO advice.

If your article is already available somewhere in Open Access form, you can simply enter the OA location URL.

If you need to set an exception for your article (embargo or other access restrictions), and your institution has enabled the application of exceptions, choose the most relevant exception from the pre-configured exception list and add a comment.





Adjusting your Search Settings

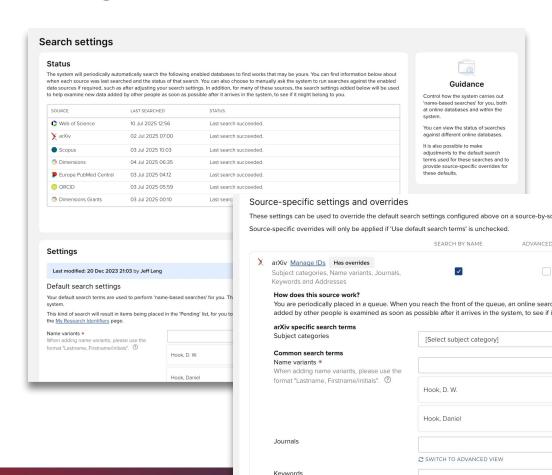
Profile & work > TOOLS & SETTINGS > Search Settings

Your search settings are preloaded with your name (usually in the form of Familyname, I. N. and Familyname, Fullfirstname), 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: Advance 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!





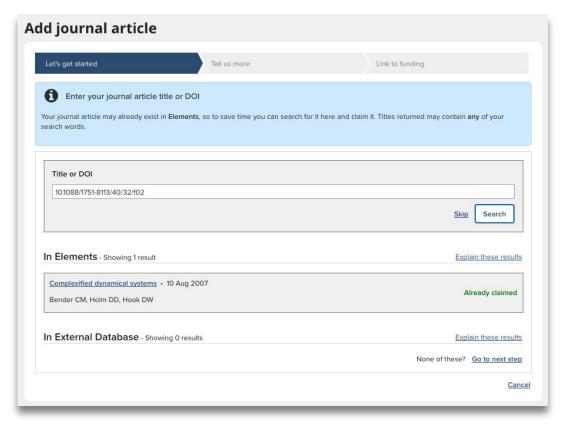
Manually adding a publication

You can always add publications manually if they are not found in the online databases. Select + ADD NEW on the Publications home page tile, or the + symbol on your Publications list page (top right-hand corner).

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

For some Articles, and Books you can use "Assisted Entry" to retrieve details from CrossRef or Google Books. Enter a title, DOI or ISBN and 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.



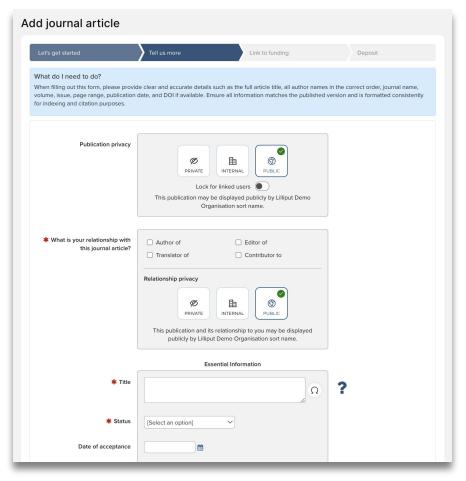


Manual Entry Form

For some publication types you have no option but to fill in 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 follow the additional prompts to deposit the full-text file (where relevant) and link to other content in Elements (e.g. Grants).

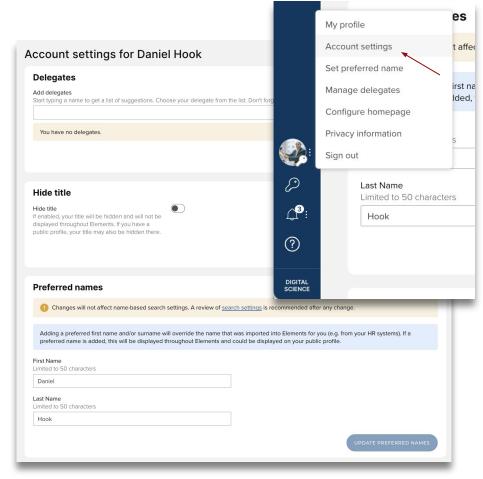




Account settings

In your Account settings you can:

- Grant a delegate (or delegates) editing rights to your account
 - Your delegate(s) will receive copies of your email alerts and will be able to log in (using their own credentials) and 'impersonate' you to manage and edit your records.
- Hide your title
- Set your preferred names
 - These setting will override the name that was imported into Elements from your HR system and will be displayed throughout Elements.
- Set your pronouns
- Configure whether to make Al-generated summaries available on public Discovery profiles for supported publications
 - If your institution licences the Discovery module and your institution has enabled Al-generated summaries functionality.





This guide was last updated on 15 July 2025.

Please note, functionality may vary depending on your organisation's configurations within Elements. For more information please contact your system administrator.

