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Introduction

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**CABI Choice Subject collections:** Pick from a selection of collections across all areas of applied life sciences covered by CABI's publishing program.

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System requirements

**Operating system**

*Windows*
- Windows XP with Service Pack 2 (SP2) or Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 (SP4) or Windows Vista or later.
- Both 32 and 64 bit versions are supported.
- 500Mhz or faster Intel Pentium processor
- 128MB of RAM

*Macintosh PowerPC*
- Mac OS X version 10.3.9 (or higher) or 10.4.8 (or higher)
- 500MHz or faster PowerPC G4 or G5 processor
- 128 MB of RAM

*Macintosh Intel*
- Mac OS X version 10.4.8 (or higher)
- 500MHz or faster processor
- 128 MB of RAM

*Linux*
- 2.4.37 or later
- 500MHz or faster processor

Note: If using Linux, you will not be able to download eBooks. This is because Adobe Digital Editions, the program we use to enable downloads, does not support Linux OS. You will, however, still be able to read eBooks online using your web browser.

**Other Software**

- Adobe Flash Player 9.0 or later
- Adobe Digital Editions 1.7.1 or later

**Monitor**

Monitor with at least 800 x 600 screen resolution

**Browsers**

- Microsoft IE 6 (Windows)
- Microsoft IE 7 (Windows)
- Safari 3 (Mac Windows)
- Firefox 2+ (Windows Mac Linux)
- Netscape 7.1+ (Windows Mac Linux)
- Google Chrome (Windows)
Accessing the patron portal

To access your institutions eBook collections visit the patron portal URL listed by your university. This can generally be found on your institutions library resources page but if you are unsure please contact your institution’s librarian.

There are two access methods of entering the patron portal via depending how your institution has set-up their account:

**IP range:** If your institution has set-up access via IP recognition you should automatically be logged on to the site when you visit the portal URL if you are within the range of the institution IP.

**Personal credentials:** If you are accessing the site outside the IP ranges your librarian can provide access credentials (i.e. username and password) to login to the portal.

To login with your credentials simply enter the username and password that has been provided by your librarian when you visit the patron URL as shown in the example below:
Browsing collections

Searching for eBooks

From the home page searches can be conducted to view eBooks in your institutions subscribed collection. Enter keywords in to the box to search across the field’s title, author, ISBN (print or electronic) or subject (Library of Congress Subject Headings).

To browse for eBooks within specific collections click on the Collections tab. This will display all the collections your institution is subscribed to. To view the full list of eBooks within the collection click either the Explore this collection link or the see all books logo.
From the collection view you can then see a summary of key information for each title from the books tab.

![Collection View Example](image1)

By clicking on an individual title in the collection view you can find further bibliographic information for that eBook as shown below.

![Book Detail Example](image2)
Accessing eBooks

eBooks can be viewed and read via either:

**Online reader:** read eBooks online through your web browser using the eb20 reader. This provides various extra referencing and reading aids for use when viewing eBook content.

**Downloaded eBook:** this allows you to save and view eBooks offline via Adobe Digital Editions on desktops or on mobile devices and e-readers.

**Online reader**

To view eBooks using the online reader simply click on the button from the book synopsis page in the patron portal as shown below.

To access the full features of the online reader such as annotation and referencing tools you must first create an eb20 account for free. Click on the eb20 icon in the top right corner of the page to register for a free account.
This will open up the eb20 reader in a separate browser window. The reader will display the eBook page in the centre of the screen. If you log back into the eBooks the software will automatically direct you to the last page viewed. The reader also includes a top bar menu with various reader and referencing tools and various display menus on the right of the browser page including a book contents menu.

Browsing and searching eBooks

From the top bar menu there are a number of browsing options to search for specific content within an eBook which can be found in the right of the top bar menu.

Navigating to pages

Using the icons you can scroll through eBook pages to read consecutive pages. From the page number icon, the shaded number indicates the current page you are viewing. To scroll a specific page you can also enter a page number into this shaded region to navigate straight to that page.
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Viewing eBooks in full screen mode

To view eBooks in full screen mode without menu displays simply click on the icon. You can also use the zoom function for closer inspection of eBook content using the icon.

Referencing tools

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- **Email & copy pages**
  Entire eBook pages can also be emailed or copied by clicking on the and icons.

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Other tools

There are a number of additional tools available on the eb2o reader to aid further workflows.

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This feature allows visually impaired users to turn on spoken word for the eBook. Simply click on the icon to switch on. Click it again to turn off.

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The in-built dictionary allows you to search for definitions for specific terms mentioned in the eBook content. Select a word from the text and under the menu click on the button.

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Appendix: DRM restrictions

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