

# Open Knowledge Maps

# A free and open search engine to create visual overviews of research topics

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M Kassas - Journal of arid environments, 1995 - Elsevier

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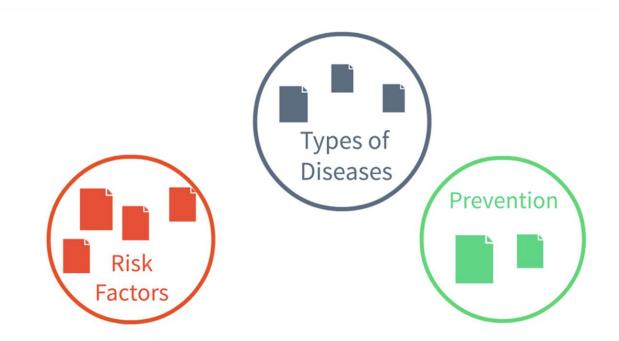
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# Advantages





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## How it works



An Open Knowledge Maps visualization presents you with a topical overview for your search term. It is based on the 100 most relevant documents for your search term.



We use text similarity to create the knowledge maps. The algorithm groups those papers together that have many words in common.



The visualization is intended to give you a head start on your literature search. You can also use Open Knowledge Maps to stay up-to-date - just limit your search to the most recent papers in the options.



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# Limitations

- Top 100 papers: important papers might be missing
- Only papers with an abstract can be used
- Visualization depends on the search results and metadata quality
- Different languages are not easy to handle



## Conclusion



- Helpful tool to create visual overviews of research topics, find papers and identify relevant concepts
- Good starting point for your literature search
- Advantages and limitations
- Interesting to see further development, e.g., collaborative editing

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Roadmap: <a href="https://github.com/OpenKnowledgeMaps/open-discovery/blob/master/roadmap.md">https://github.com/OpenKnowledgeMaps/open-discovery/blob/master/roadmap.md</a>

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### Further background information:

https://github.com/OpenKnowledgeMaps/Headstart#Background



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# Sources

<u>https://openknowledgemaps.org/community#training-materials</u> → Introduction to OKMaps

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