# Scientific Writing 3rd Edition Session III

## Using Rayyan for systematic reviews



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### Introduction

- What is a systematic review?
- What does "systematic" imply?
- What will we do today?



## Background



## Systematic Review - A Review

#### 1. Problem formulation

- a. Objective
- b. Research questions

#### 2. Article retrieval

- a. Inclusion and exclusion criteria
- b. Databases
- c. Query
- d. Retrieval

#### 3. Article selection

- a. Importing to Rayyan
- b. Inviting collaborators
- c. Duplicate removal
- d. Independent review
- e. Exporting to Mendeley

#### 4. Data extraction and synthesis



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"Systematically review the literature on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms for the design and development of software architectures"



Research Questions

- 1. Which AI algorithms are most commonly used?
- 2. When have they become more popular?
- 3. What impact do they have on software architecture design and development?





Inclusion criteria

- 1. Must analyse/study the use of an AI algorithm
- 2. Must apply such algorithm to the design or development of software architectures



Exclusion criteria

- 1. Does not analyse/study the use of an AI algorithm
- 2. Does not apply such algorithm to the design or development of software architectures
- 3. Is not in English
- 4. Is not an original research article
- 5. Is not a journal article



Databases

Required functionality:

- Advanced search
  - Keywords
  - $\circ$  Filters
- Reference exportation
  - $\circ$  Best if in bulk

Examples:

- ACM Digital Library
- Web of Science
- Scopus
- Science Direct
- IEEE Xplore
- PLOS
- PubMed

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Query

- Precise
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Minimize the number of articles that are "out of scope"  $\,$
- Broad
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Minimize the probability of leaving out relevant articles  $\,$
- Arguably the most important step in the process



Query

- In our case, we have two main axes:
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Software architecture
- Develop a set of keywords for each of the axes
- We are interested in articles that include keywords from **both** of the axes



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- machine learning
- deep learning
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#### Software architecture design

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in title/abstract

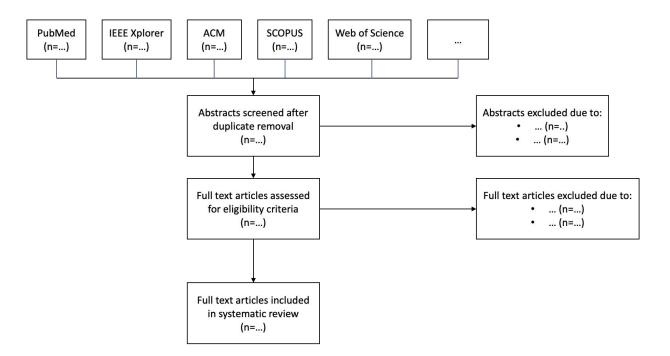


Retrieval

- Apply the query to the database advanced search tool
- Select all articles found with the query
- Export references to file









Importing to Rayyan

- Create systematic review project in Rayyan
- Import reference file (obtained in the previous step)
- Might be slow ...



*Inviting collaborators* 

- A systematic review requires, at least, 2 independent reviewers
- Rayyan lets you invite them to your project
- Remember to keep the blind ON during review processes



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- Independent title and abstract screening
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## Thank you!

