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- Some databases offer the option to search for “peer-reviewed” or “scholarly” articles.
  - These are articles that have been reviewed by experts in those subject areas.
  - They tend to be highly technical.
  - Your research needs will determine if such articles are what you need.
  - Note that not all articles in a scholarly journal will be scholarly, such as a book review. Review an article to see if it actually is scholarly.

### **Output Options:**

- Output refers to how you want to get full-text articles.
- Most databases offer at least one choice, some offer more.
- The most common options are:
  - Print
  - E-mail
  - Save (or download)
- Choose the option that will work best for you.
- Print is immediate, but may not be practical at the time.
- E-mail is a quick way to send your search results to yourself for later access, especially if you’re not at home; some providers also allow sending to more than one address (very useful for group work or if your instructor wants a copy, too). Some databases allow e-mailing several articles at a time.
- Save or download: if available, save it to your computer at home, or to a flash drive (highly recommended); if not at home, saving to a flash drive is your best choice.
- See the Help or Tutorials from specific databases for more information on using their features. Many are linked on the RPCC Library page, [How to Use RPCC Library Resources: Databases tab](#).

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