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While there is no lack of online sources that provide information, authoritative and well-researched specialist knowledge found in scholarly journals, business market reports and other such dependable resources might not be so easy to locate.

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In this issue of *BiblioAsia*, we focus on business information. To be able to use the right tools for business information research, it is important to first establish the scope of your research and determine the following:

1 TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED, FOR EXAMPLE:
- Company information
- Company executives
- Market intelligence
- Industry intelligence
- Qualitative data
- Statistics
- Expert analysis

2 TIME PERIOD, FOR EXAMPLE:
- Historical data
- Current figures
- Future trends

3 MARKET, FOR EXAMPLE:
- Geographical coverage by country, region etc.

4 OTHER RELATED DETAILS

Here are some useful reference tools for those interested in business research.

BUSINESS MONITOR
Business Monitor provides comprehensive industry information covering a wide range of countries with weekly, monthly and annual reports on the latest available data, forecasts and analysis on political risk; economic performance and outlook; and the business environment in the finance and leading industry sectors. Its strengths are country risks and forecasts covering more than 175 international markets, as well as company intelligence profiling over 500 multinational companies and their subsidiaries. Business Monitor also provides strong industry analysis comprising quarterly market research and independent five-year industry forecasts for 16 different sectors across 60 country markets worldwide. Users are able to easily compare and export data as well as build reference charts.

Available at all libraries and from home. Full version of the database is available at the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library only.

KOMPASS
Kompass provides company profiles, including their sizes, products and services. It contains information on over 19,500 Singapore companies' (including selected unlisted companies) and 1.8 million companies in over 75 countries. More than 3.6 million executives are easily searchable. The database also allows users to cross-reference other businesses thanks to its detailed classification system.

Limited to two concurrent access. Available at all libraries and from home.

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Login using your NRIC no., name and birth date
Use the Browse List to locate the database
Click on the database

ACCESSING eRESOURCES IN THE LIBRARY
From your laptop, select Wireless@SG from the list of wireless networks
Login to your Wireless@SG account
Go to http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg
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