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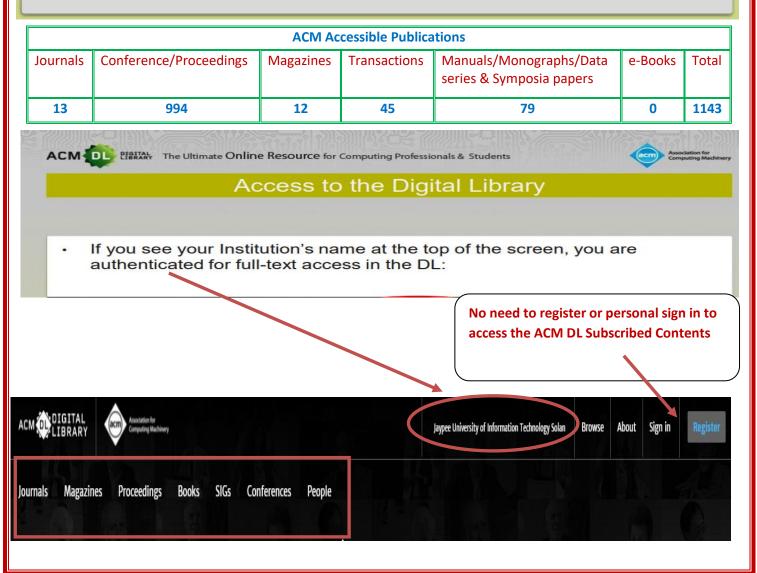
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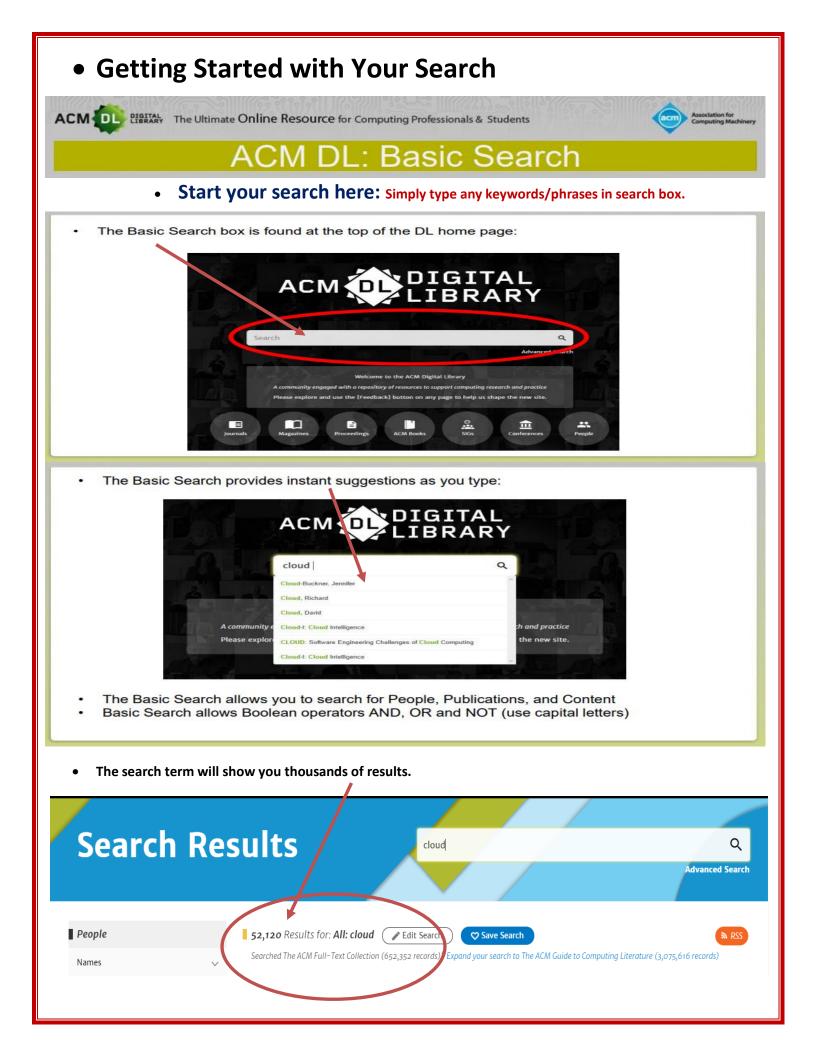
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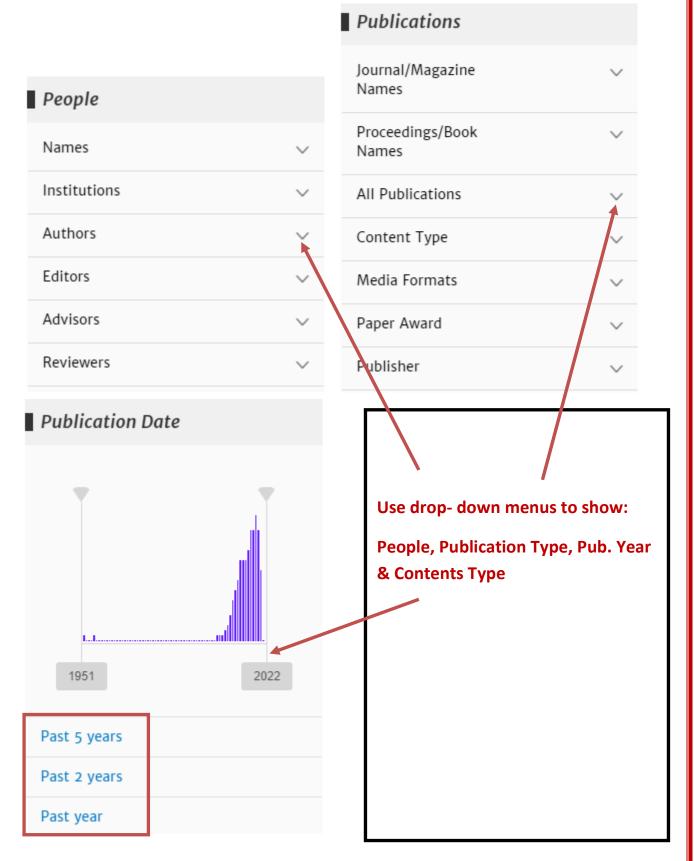
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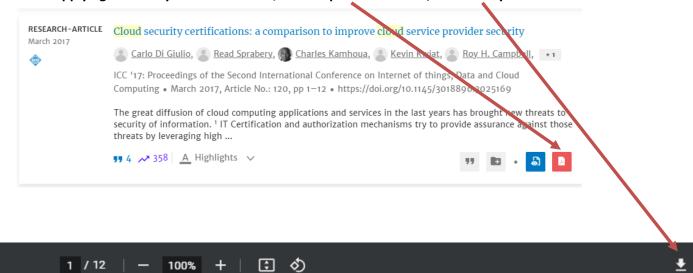


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### Cloud Security Certifications: A Comparison to Improve Cloud Service Provider Security

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#### ABSTRACT

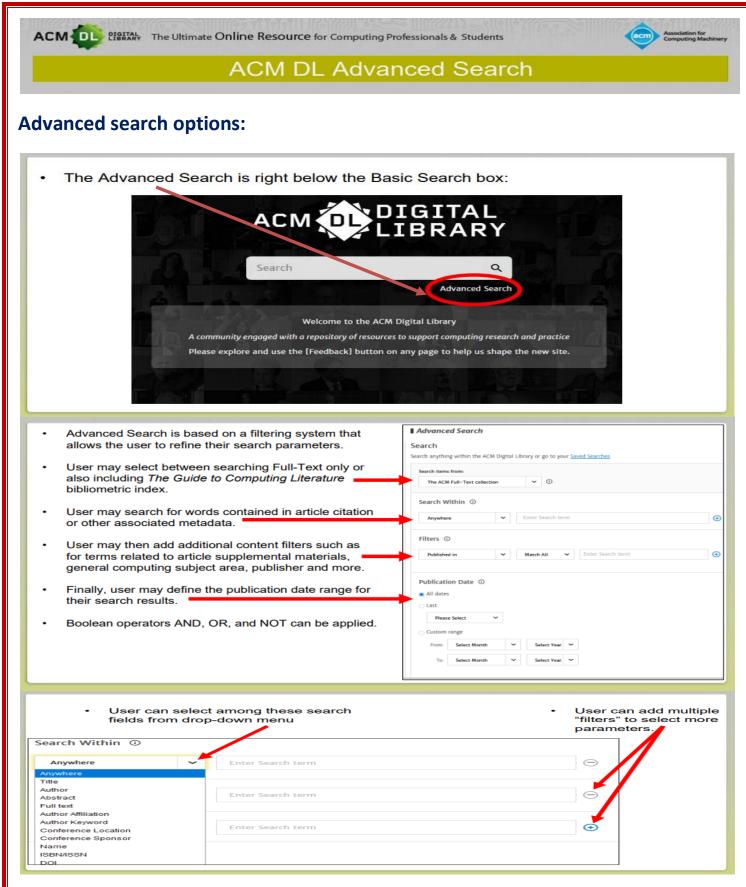
The great diffusion of cloud computing applications and services in the last years has brought new threats to security of information.<sup>1</sup> IT Certification and authorization mechanisms try to provide assurance against those threats by leveraging high security standards and controls. Two examples of such certification based on IT security controls are ISO/IEC 27001 and FedRAMP. While these two certifications largely share their scope it is important to note that ISO is a standardization adopted worldwide since 2005 whereas FedRAMP was developed in 2012 specifically for US Government Cloud Service Providers. New frameworks, however, are not always more effective than earlier ones, especially in the fast-moving world of cloud computing where IT security standards need to be constantly updated.

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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

Cloud security has become a serious concern in recent years. Governments, as well as the IT industry, have devoted considerable effort and resources to fighting against cyberthreats<sup>2</sup>. Not only does the study of cyber-threats have important budgetary consequences and possibilities for creating new countermeasures, but it also has a strong impact on security standards since security controls largely depend on the characteristics of threats.



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