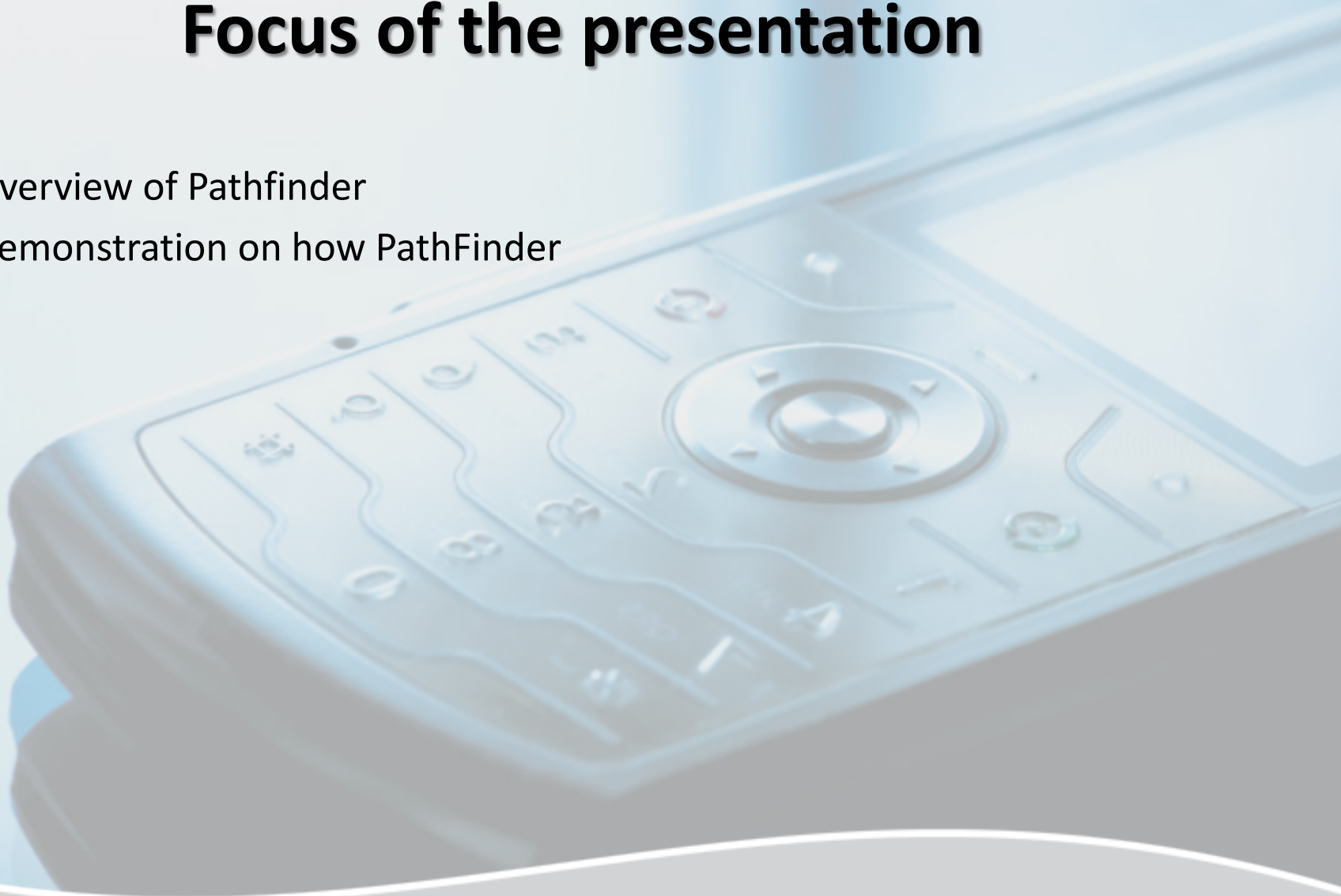# PathFinder

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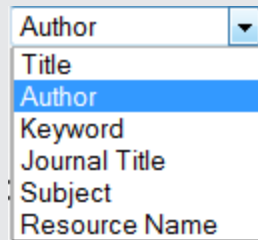
Focus of the presentation

- Overview of Pathfinder

- Demonstration on how PathFinder

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PathFinder

- A search tool that **expand** your Catalogue/Webpac search

- Another way of promoting the **usage** of our **e-resources**

- You can expand your [Author ▼] search by repeating a similar search through:

Title
Author
Keyword
Journal Title
Subject
Resource Name

  – **Google scholar**

  – **A selection of**:

    ▪ *Full text databases*

    ▪ *General reference databases*

    ▪ *Indexes & Abstracts databases*

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Available PathFinder Resources

1. **Google Scholar**

2. **Full Text databases**
   - Academic OneFile
   - Academic Search Premier
   - JSTOR
   - ProQuest
   - Sabinet: SA ePublications
   - Sabinet: SA Media

3. **General Reference databases**
   - Encyclopedia Britannica
   - Oxford Reference Online

4. **Indexes & Abstracts databases**
   - PubMed
   - Sabinet: Reference Platform

5. **Book Information database**

6. **Global Books in Print database**

7. **Link to RefWorks**

Selected based on popularity

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Browse Level View

- At the **Browse level** (of your catalogue search results) - *i.e when you see a list of **all** retrieved resources*

- **Pathfinder** takes your **search word /term** and provides an option to try a similar search in **Google scholar** ONLY

    - **WHY?** The *Other Resources* links are linked to **specific fields** within a specific record *e.g. the Subject / Title / ISBN* of a resource

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Bibliographic Level View

- You **select a specific title** from the list of your retrieved search results

- At the **Bibliographic level** (of your catalogue search results) - *i.e when you select a specific title,* you can then **expand your *Subject Title / ISBN* search** via:

  - **Google scholar + all the selected databases**

- It is also still possible to expand your ***search word /term*** via ***Sabinet: Reference Platform***

- You can also use the ***book information databases*** links:

  - *Global Books in Print > to check if the title is still in print*

  - *RefWorks > to export your title to RefWorks*

Google Scholar setup

- You can **setup GS** to give **search results preference** to Unisa resources:

  - *Go to Google scholar*

  - *Go to 'Settings'*

  - *Go to 'Library links'*

  - *Search for 'University of South Africa - Get This Item at UNISA'*

  - *Add (select) it*

  - *Save your settings*

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