

# User Manual

For <http://www.askzad.com>



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# **1. Introduction**

## **1.1 Overall Description:**

Welcome to AskZad! The World's first and largest Arabic Digital Library.

After launching in 1997, AskZad has consistently maintained its place in the Arabic digital community by boasting a vast amount of archived journals, articles, newspapers, books, and other forms of media, all concerning the Middle East.

Designed with the needs of researchers in mind, our library contains scans of original articles going as far back as 1823. Our collection strives to include everything published in the

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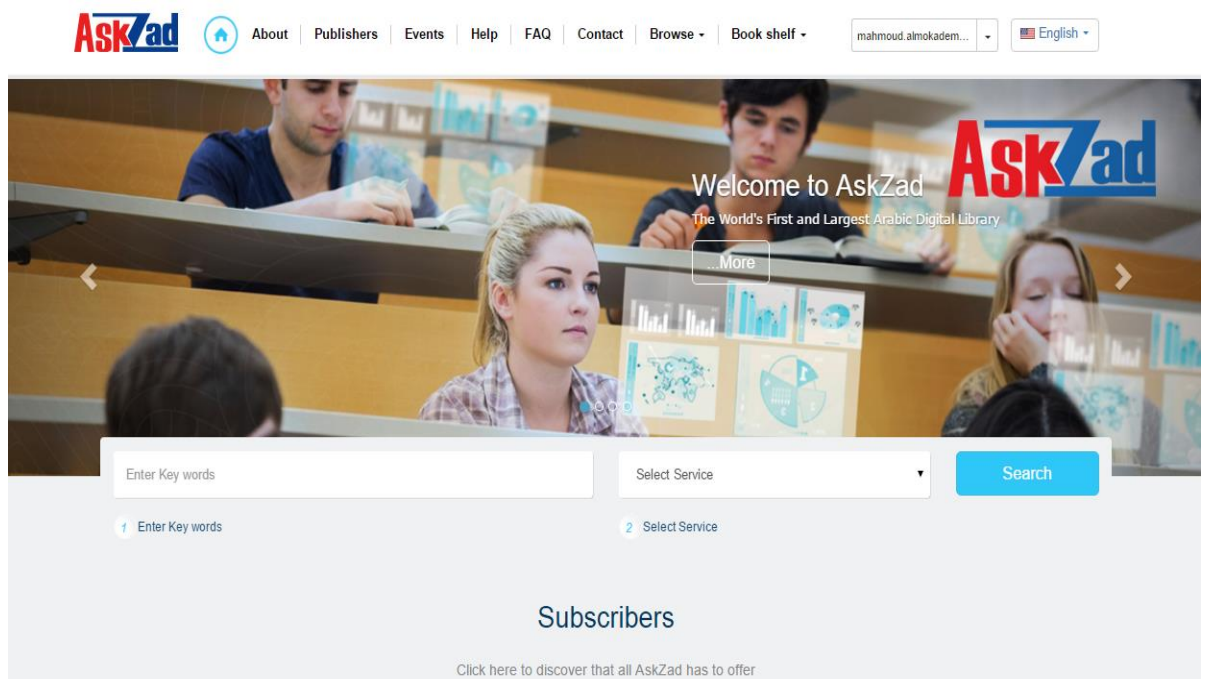
Middle East in any language as well as anything published in Arabic worldwide.

Most of our content is in Arabic, but there are also texts in English, French and German.

## 2. System Specification

### 2.1 Component Description

#### 2.1.1 [Home Page](#)



- 1- The page displays ([AskZad](#)) website interface which include a number of menus (About Us, Publishers, Events, Help, FAQ, Contact Us)

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- 2- The search box enables the user to search for broad keywords or specific titles from any of AskZad's extensive databases. Simply type in what you're looking for, and select the appropriate database from the dropdown menu. Accessing content is only available after sign in.

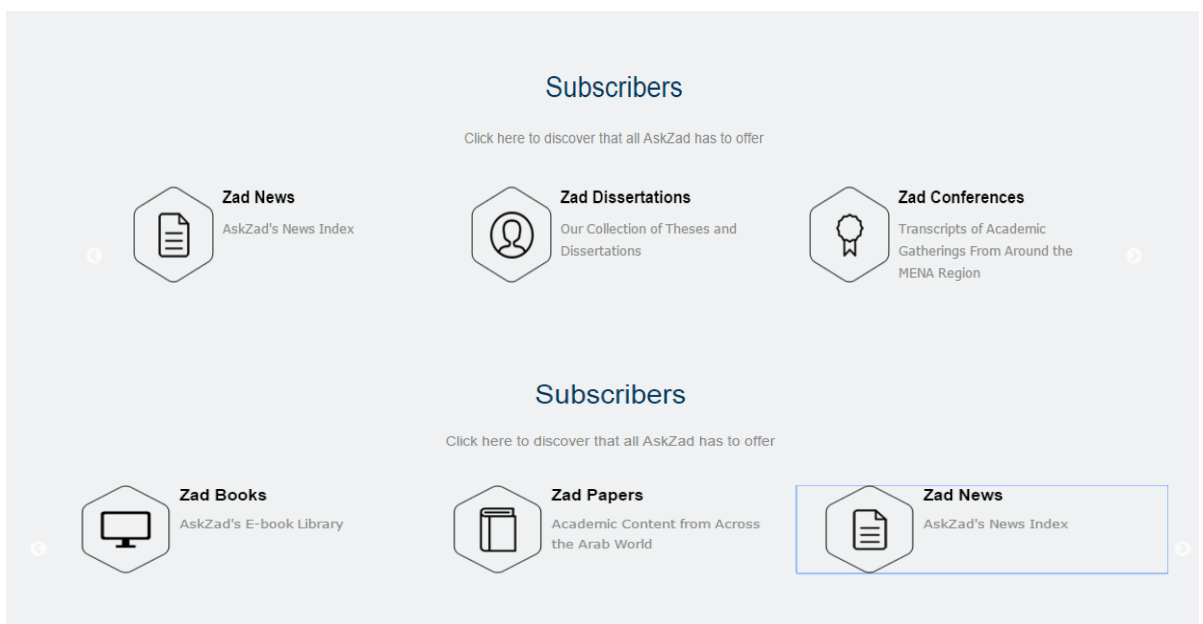


- 3- The [Home Page](#) is divided into specific sections to help our visitors find what they are searching for easily and speedily, and it includes the following sections:

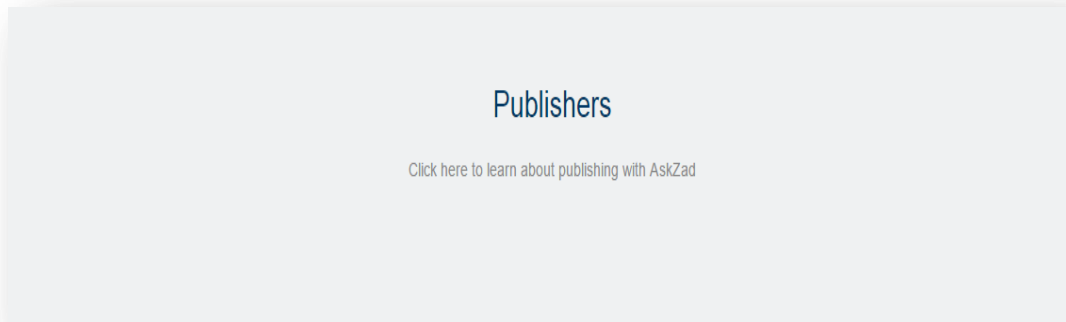
### 3.1 [Subscribers:](#)

Contain the Following Services:

- 1- [Zad News](#)
- 2- [Zad Dissertations](#)
- 3- [Zad Conferences](#)
- 4- [Zad Books](#)
- 5- [Zad Papers](#)



### 3.2 [Publishers:](#)



### 2.1.2 [Login](#)

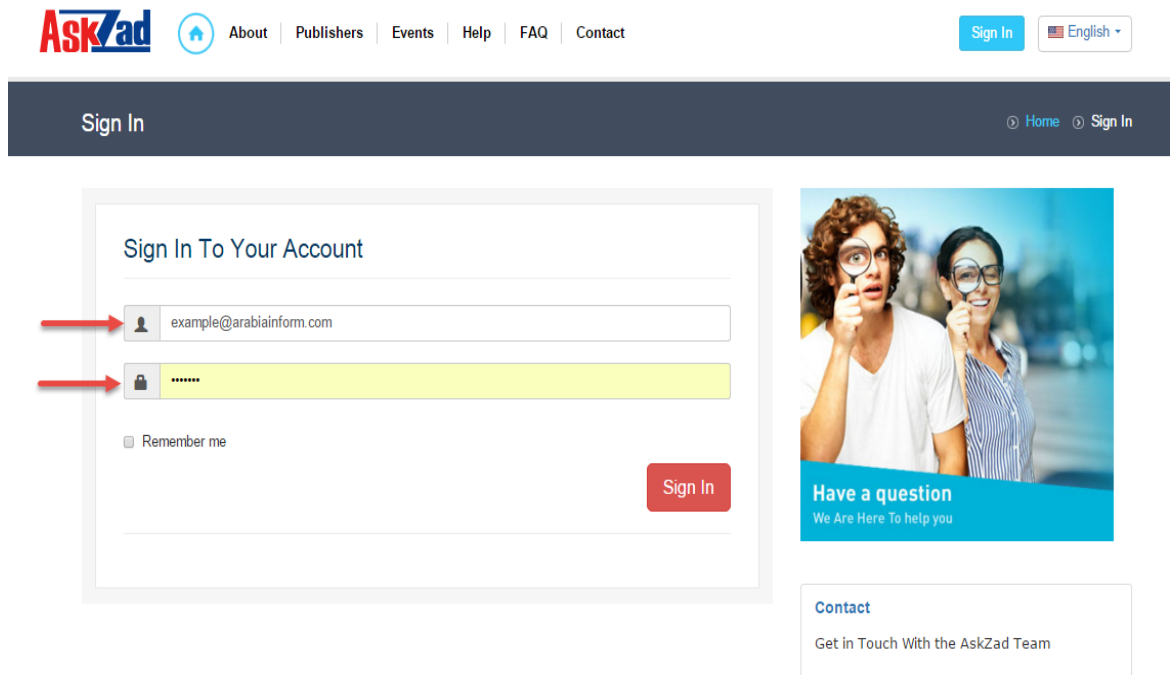
#### Sign In

#### Sign In To Your Account

Remember me

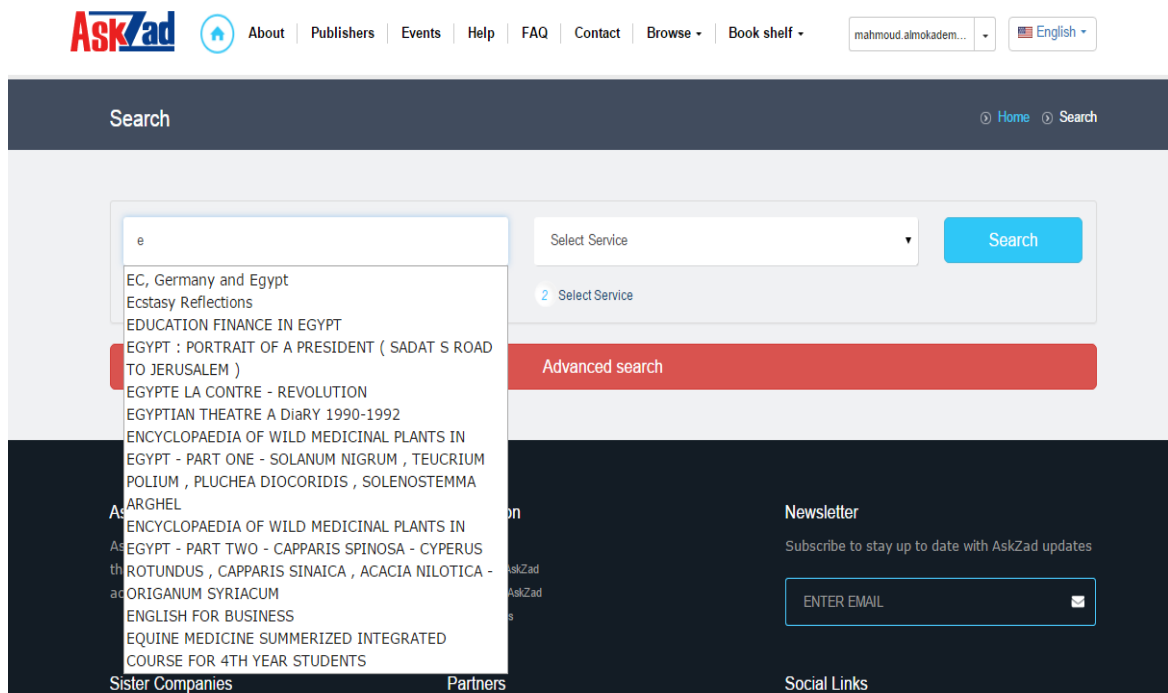
[Sign In](#)

- 1- The “[Log in](#)” button enables our users to log in to their account using their username and password as shown below:

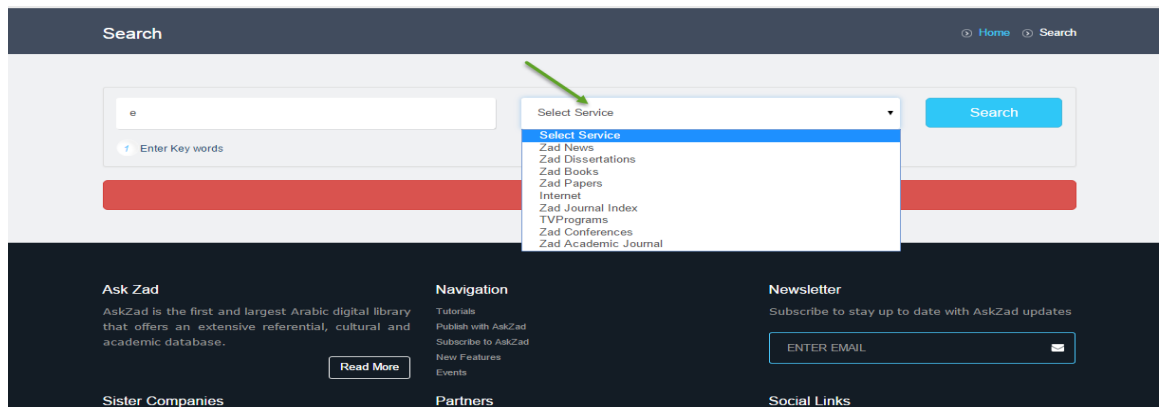


- 2- After successfully signing in, the website brings you to a page containing ([Search](#) and [Advanced Search](#)) buttons. After entering your search terms choose the database containing the appropriate content - dissertations, books, scientific researches, online press/journalistic article directory/index, science magazine archive and/or index, TV shows, conferences and click “Search”

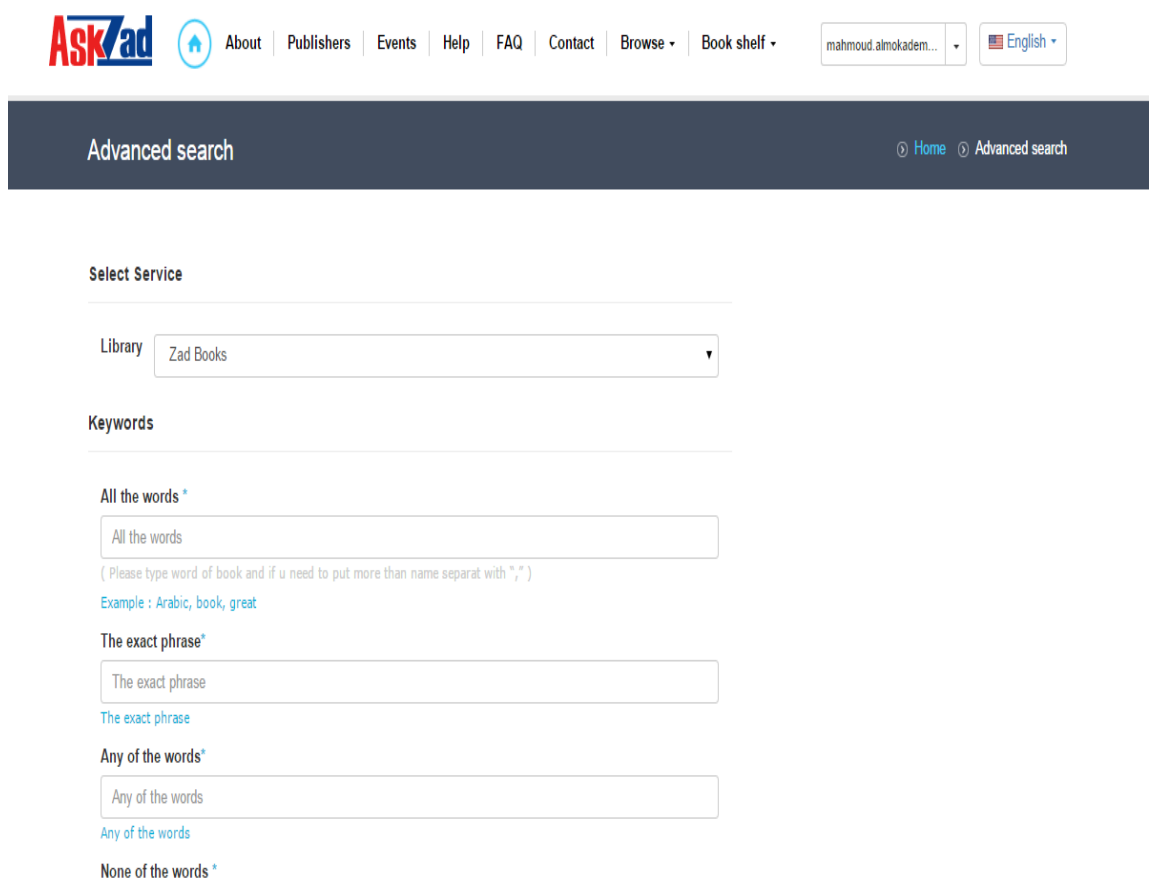
### 2.1.3 Search



- 1- Before searching begins, users can click on “[Select Service](#)” to choose from the services we provide for a faster and more accurate search



- 2- “[Advanced Search](#)” features new upgrades that enable users to perform precise searches. After clicking on “[Advanced Search](#)”, you will be referred to the this page:-





3- The user can enter “**Search Details**” in the previous fields: All words or a whole sentence.

AskZad [About](#) [Publishers](#) [Events](#) [Help](#) [FAQ](#) [Contact](#) [Browse](#) [Book shelf](#) mahmoud.almokadem... English

### Search Details

- AND Title
- AND Key Words
- AND Author
- AND Broad Subject Category
- AND Abstract
- AND Date of Publication - Print Version
- AND Publisher - Print Version
- AND Language
- AND Publishing Place

4- **User** can also utilize the Search Criteria option in the above figure, such as “Book Title, keywords, author, specialty, etc....”

4.1 Returning to the normal search, we find that user can browse any book on **AskZad**. When clicking on the book title, it displays as below:

AskZad [About](#) [Publishers](#) [Events](#) [Help](#) [FAQ](#) [Contact](#) [Browse](#) [Book shelf](#) mahmoud.almokadem... English

### Search Results

Home Search

Search:

Source Type:  Select  Sort by:   Results 2

**EGYPTIAN THEATRE A DiaRY 1990-1992**

**Summary:** This specialized research aims to study the egyptian theatre that introduce set of short stories that useful to readers . this is not a book about contemporary egyptian theatre , nor it is a chronicle of its activities in the years it covers . it is simply what it says it is

**Title (Glossing):** 1992-1990 مسرح المصري، مذكرات  
**Author(s):** Nehad Muhammad Khaliil Seilha  
**Publisher(s):** الهيئة المصرية العامة للكتاب  
**Printing Houses:** الهيئة المصرية العامة للكتاب  
**Broad Subject Category:** Art  
**Date of Publication:** 1993

Filter your search

4.2 We will find more than one button below the book title, click “[Read](#)” to browse the book, “[Full Bibliographic Data](#)” to display book title, an extensive summary, and other information for citations. Clicking “[Citation](#)” shows the book title, author’s name and publishing date.

4.3 After searching and finding the right book, the user can save that book, send it to a friend, or add it to the favorites using the “[Action](#)” menu.

The screenshot shows a search results page with a search bar containing 'egy' and a dropdown menu set to 'Zad Books'. The 'Actions' menu is open, showing options: 'Save PDF', 'Send', and 'Add to Favorite'. The book details for 'EGYPTIAN THEATRE A DIARY 1990-1992' are visible, including a summary and metadata. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Read', 'Full Bibliographic Data', and 'Citation'.

4.4 **Adding** a book to your favorites is done as follows, (you can add to a preexisting favorites or create a new favorites

This screenshot is similar to the previous one, but the 'Add to Favorite' dialog box is open, showing a 'Select Bookmark' dropdown menu and 'Add to Favorite' and 'cancel' buttons. The book details and search interface remain the same.

4.5 The user can send a copy of a book or a dissertation or any other type of content to a friend using the “Send” option.

The screenshot shows the AskZad website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'egy' entered, a dropdown menu set to 'Zad Books', and buttons for 'Search' and 'Advanced search'. On the left, a 'Source Type' sidebar lists categories like Zad News, Zad Dissertations, Zad Books, Zad Papers, Internet, Zad Journal Index, TVPrograms, Zad Conferences, and Zad Academic Journal. The main content area displays a search result for 'EGYPTIAN THEATRE A DiaRY 1990-1992'. A modal window is overlaid on the page, containing fields for 'From', 'To', and 'Subject', along with 'Send' and 'cancel' buttons. Below the modal, the book's metadata is visible: Title (Glossing): 1992-1990 مسرح المصري: منكرات; Author(s): Nehad Muhammad Khalil Seliha; Publisher(s): الهيئة المصرية العامة للكتاب; Printing Houses: الهيئة المصرية العامة للكتاب; Broad Subject Category: Art; Date of Publication: 1993. At the bottom right, there are buttons for 'Read', 'Full Bibliographic Data', and 'Citation'.

## 2.1.4 View Book

- 1- Only while reading a book, the user can click on the “[Read](#)” option to view the book in a reading mode

The screenshot shows the AskZad website header with the 'AskZad' logo and navigation links: About, Publishers, Events, Help, FAQ, Contact, Browse, and Book shelf. A user profile dropdown shows 'mahmoud.almokadem...' and a language dropdown shows 'English'. Below the header, the search results for 'EGYPTIAN THEATRE A DiaRY 1990-1992' are displayed. A large window shows the book's title page in a reading mode. The title page text reads: 'NEHAD SELAIHA', 'EGYPTIAN THEATRE', 'A DIARY', '1990 - 1992'. The reading mode interface includes a PDF icon, search icons, page navigation, and options for 'Add Comment' and 'Bookmarks'.

- 3- On the bottom of each page are helpful links to navigate the entirety of the site.
- Also News Letter **Subscribe** and receive it on your E-mail

