



# Getting started with PsycSCANS

- Go to <http://my.apa.org/> and sign in.
- Scroll down to “my Subscriptions”
- Click on **PsycSCANS**.
- This will take you to the PsycSCANS search page.



You will see the **Advanced Search** screen.

SEARCH TERM FINDER MY PsycNET

Select PsycSCANS:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied Psychology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Developmental Psychology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychoanalysis
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behavior Analysis and Therapy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LD/IR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Psychopharmacology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Psychology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Neuropsychology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select ALL

All Databases

Easy Search Advanced Search Citation Finder Recent Searches My List

LOOK FOR

In: Any Field

and  In: Any Field [Add a row](#)

[Authors Lookup](#)

ONLY SHOW CONTENT WHERE Hide

None selected is

None selected is  [Add a row](#)

DATE Hide

Published:

All years to present

From  to

Added to PsycNET:

in the last 30 days

DISPLAY Hide

SEARCH

Enter a word or a phrase in the **Look for** box and then select the appropriate field from the drop down menu next to it.

For example, to search by author

- Authors are listed last name, first initial/first name.
- Enter the author's last name only, or first and last name in the **Look for** box.
- Choose **Author** in the drop down menu.

The screenshot shows a search interface with tabs for 'Easy Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Citation Finder', 'Recent Searches', and 'My List'. Under the 'LOOK FOR' section, there are two rows of search criteria. The first row has the text 'Schmidt' in the input field and 'Author' selected in the dropdown menu. The second row has an empty input field and 'Any Field' selected in the dropdown menu. To the right of the input fields are links for 'Add a row' and 'Clear form'. A red 'SEARCH' button is on the far right. Below the input fields is a link for 'Authors Lookup'.

You can also use the **Authors Lookup**, which is an index of the author names. You can add author name variations from a browsable list of authors. Click **Authors Lookup** to view the list.

This screenshot is identical to the previous one, but the 'Authors Lookup' link is circled in red to highlight it.

Type an author name into the Jump to box, or browse the alphabetical list.

The screenshot shows the 'Author Index' section. At the top, there is a 'Jump to' input field followed by a red 'GO' button. Below this is an alphabetical list of authors from 'A' to 'Z'. The text 'Authors A - Z' is displayed on the left side of the list.

The screenshot displays an 'Author Index' search interface. At the top, there is a search bar with 'Schmidt' entered and a 'GO' button. Below the search bar, a navigation bar shows 'Authors A - Z' and a list of letters from A to Z. The main area is titled 'Select Author(s) to Search' and contains a list of authors with checkboxes. A yellow arrow points from the text 'Select author names and add them to your "cart"' to the checkboxes. On the right side, there is a 'Selected Authors (3)' box containing three authors: Schmidt, André P., Schmidt, André Prado, and Schmidt, André Preto. Below this box is a dropdown menu set to 'OR' and a red 'ADD TO SEARCH' button.

Select the author(s) name by clicking the checkbox and the name will be added to the cart. When you have the name(s) selected, you can select a Boolean operator "and" or "or" and add those names to the search by clicking the Add to Search button. This will add the authors to your search form.

## Definitions of selected terms

**Any field:** searches all fields in the expanded citation with references

**Author:** searches for cited authors in the citation and references

**Journal Title:** searches journal titles

**Book Title:** searches book titles

**Title:** searches the title of articles or book chapters

**Keywords:** this field searches three fields simultaneously, the natural language terms describing document's content, the Title, and the Index Terms

**Index Terms:** terms from the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*

**Abstract:** searches the brief summary of the articles

**Affiliation:** institutional affiliation of authors

**Publisher:** journal or book publisher

## Limit your search

You can also limit your search to a specific age group, population, publication type, research methodology, and more using the **Only Show Content Where** feature.

1. Select the limiter from the first drop-down menu.
2. Select "is" or "is not".
3. Select the value.

The screenshot displays the 'Advanced Search' interface of the APA database. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Easy Search', 'Advanced Search', 'Citation Finder', 'Recent Searches', and 'My List'. The main search area is titled 'LOOK FOR' and contains two search rows. Each row has a text input field, a dropdown menu set to 'In: Any Field', and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the search area is the 'ONLY SHOW CONTENT WHERE' section, which is currently expanded. It features a 'Hide' button and two rows of filters. The first row is for 'Age Group' with a dropdown menu set to 'is' and a list of age categories: Childhood (birth to 12 yrs), Neonatal (birth to 1 mo), Infancy (2 to 23 mo), Preschool Age (2 to 5 yrs), School Age (6 to 12 yrs), Adolescence (13 to 17 yrs), and Adulthood (18 yrs & older). The second row is for 'Methodology' with a dropdown menu set to 'is' and a list of study types: Clinical Case Study, Empirical Study, Experimental Replication, Followup Study, Longitudinal Study, Prospective Study, and Retrospective Study. There are 'Add a row' and 'Clear form' buttons for each filter row.



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