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April 2007 Reload of the PsycINFO® Database



The American Psychological Association (APA) is scheduled to reload the PsycINFO® database in April 2007. A reload or upgrade of the database has been an annual event since 2002. A reload provides new features and enhancements to the database such as new fields, corrections to existing data, and other changes that supplement weekly releases and corrections. The new version of the database will be made available to all PsycINFO vendors and will be loaded on PsycNET, APA's own product delivery platform. Visit our web

site at www.apa.org/psycinfo/products/vendors-all.html for a listing of all PsycINFO vendors.

Because the PsycINFO bibliographic record is the foundation for all the PsycINFO products, the changes that will be implemented for the reload will affect PsycARTICLES, PsycBOOKS, and PsycCRITIQUES, as well as PsycINFO. The PsycINFO bibliographic records for items in PsycARTICLES, PsycBOOKS, and PsycCRITIQUES provide the necessary metadata to support comprehensive searching capabilities for the family of APA databases.

New Fields for the 2007 Reload

Other Publishers Field: A new Other Publishers Field is being introduced as part of the 2007 PsycINFO reload. This field consists of variations of the publisher name, resulting from publisher changes or publisher name changes occurring over the course of a publication's history. This field is separate from the current Publisher field. For example, the journal *Cultural Diversity & Ethnic Minority Psychology* was first published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., and then changed its publisher to the Educational Publishing Foundation. Records produced while John Wiley & Sons, Inc. published the journal will have John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in the Publisher field and Educational Publishing Foundation in the Other Publishers field. Records produced after the publisher change will have Educational Publishing Foundation in the Publisher field and John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in the Other Publishers field.

This new field will help searchers track the publisher history for a particular serial title. It can also be used to retrieve all serial titles that have ever been published by a particular publisher.

Other Serial Titles Field: The Other Serial Titles is APA's second new field for the 2007 PsycINFO reload. Similar to the Other Publishers field in design, the Other Serial Titles field has been requested by our users for the last several years, and we are delighted to offer it to our customers. The field consists

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of variations of the serial title name (also known as journal name), resulting from serial title changes over the course of the serial's publication history. This field is separate from the existing Serial Title field. For example, take the case of the *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. This journal was first published under the name *Journal of Consulting Psychology*. After a period of time, the journal changed its name to *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*. Bibliographic records that were produced while the journal was named *Journal of Consulting Psychology* will continue to have that name in the Serial Title field, while the current title, *Journal of Consulting Psychology and Clinical Psychology* will be captured in the Other Serial Titles field. The converse is true as well. Records that were produced after the journal changed its name will have the current title, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology* in the Serial Title field, and the previous title, *Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology*, will be captured in the Other Serial Titles field.

This enhancement will be useful for users who want to do comprehensive searching of a particular serial title throughout the course of its publication history. By including the Other Serial Titles field in your search along with the Source or Serial Title field, you will increase the number of hits for your search.

Updates to Existing Fields

Reviewed Item Field: To help users formulate more specific and accurate searches, the Reviewed Item field has been revised for the 2007 reload. The revisions include individually capturing each author name and author role and creating a separate ISBN subfield. The ISBN was previously captured in the Other Information subfield. Each of the subfields, including author, title, ISBN, year, and Other Info, are searchable.

Reviewed Item Example:

Authors: Gary R. VandenBos (Ed.)

Title: APA Dictionary of Psychology

ISBN: 978-1-59147-380-0 (hardback)

Year: 2007

Other Info: Washington, DC: American Psychological Association. 1,024 pp. 49.95.

Document Type Field: This field, which was introduced in 2005, will be upgraded for the 2007 reload. New values will be added to the field and other values will be deleted.

The document types, Original Chapter and Original Journal Article, will be replaced by Chapter and Journal Article. Reprinted Chapter and Reprinted Journal Article will be replaced by a combination of two document types, the aforementioned Chapter and Journal Article, and the new value Reprint. These changes will allow for more comprehensive yet simplified searching for chapters and journal articles. For example, if a user searches for Journal Articles, all journal articles will be searched, regardless if they are reprints or not. The user will have the choice to exclude reprints from the search if needed. If the user wants to search for only reprinted material, then the Reprint document type can be used.

Searching and retrieval will also be enhanced by replacing the document type value Review with three more precise values: Review-Book, Review-Media, and Review-Software & Other. This level of specificity will help users search and retrieve the exact kind of review that they need, and should prove very useful to advanced users.

Methodology Field: A new value, Systematic Review, will be added to the Methodology field. This value is a subfield of Literature Review in the Methodology hierarchy. Systematic Review has been requested by many of our advanced users, and we look forward to making it available to them. This new value will be mapped back to older records, which will allow users to retrieve older content even though this is a new value.

Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms

The 2007 PsycINFO reload will contain an update to the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*. This update

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The End of a Journal, the End of an Era



An era ended in December 2006 when APA published the last issue of *Psychological Abstracts*. First published in 1927, the journal was the repository for the psychological literature for much of its 80 years of publication.

The need for a finding tool emerged not long after the relatively new profession of psychology was established. In 1881 Wilhelm Wundt in Leipzig established *Philosophische Studien*, the first journal in the new science of psychology, and six years later G. Stanley Hall published

the first issue of the *American Journal of Psychology*. As the science of psychology grew, psychologists came together to form the American Psychological Association in 1892.

Two years later the now venerable journal *Psychological Review* came into being. By then, there were a dozen psychological journals in Germany and France and others elsewhere.

First, a Bibliography

Scholars needed a way to stay in touch with their literature; consequently, psychologists established a journal of bibliographies with *Psychological Index*, first published in 1895. From the beginning, the index included an international focus with the publishers arranging for exchange journals from Germany and other countries. The coverage demonstrated the growth of psychological literature with 3,445 documents covered in 1905.

First published as an adjunct to *Psychological Review*, the index evolved into a separate print journal, which was published for 42 years, ending in 1936. The journal never contained any descriptive material, simply authors, titles, and bibliographic information, nor did it include indexing. Content was grouped according to broad categories; each volume contained an author index.

After World War I, the literature literally exploded, and a bibliographic citation was no longer sufficient to help scholars determine what they should read. The National Research Council, then part of the National Academy of Sciences, issued a call for an abstracts journal in psychology in 1919, and the following year an APA committee began discussing the possibility of publishing an abstracts journal.

Adding Abstracts

Abstracts of the literature were first published in *Psychological Bulletin*, generally in every other issue or six of 12 issues. The first abstract related to an obituary of Wundt that had appeared in *Science*. In 1921 *Psychological Bulletin* published 729 abstracts. Unlike the brief documents of today, these abstracts were substantive summaries, often two pages in length. APA started adding abstracts to journal articles in 1963, and the practice did not become commonplace until the next decade.

Early in 1927, APA published the first issue of *Psychological Abstracts*. That year's volume covered 268 journals and included 2,730 records. Walter

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will include changes from the 11th Edition of the Thesaurus, which will also be available in print. As with all other reloads, new terms will be mapped to previously released records. To learn more about the 11th Edition, read the article featured in this issue or visit our web site at www.apa.org/psycinfo/products/thesaurus.html.

Global Corrections

As PsycINFO strives to produce the best quality database records, global corrections are being made to existing records in the database. These corrections include an extensive clean-up of miskeyed special characters, correcting missing or inaccurate data in records, replacing *et al* in the author field with the actual names of the authors in many records, providing indexing for some backfile records, verifying "see case" references in abstracts, and updating our DOIs.

Timing of New Version

The new version of PsycINFO will be released to vendors on April 23, 2007. This is one month earlier than the 2006 reload. Releasing the reload earlier will give vendors additional time to process the reload and update their platforms in time for the start of the 2007 fall semester. APA will be tracking when the vendors load the new version and will post that information on the Librarian's Resource Center on the APA website, www.apa.org/librarians/. The updates to the other databases will follow in the weeks after April 23; details will be available soon. ■

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Hunter, who was also the editor of *Psychological Index*, became the founding editor and held the post for 20 years. He received a travel stipend to go to other countries to recruit members of the editorial board, and he succeeded in recruiting many distinguished editors from various countries in Europe, including Germany, Switzerland, Russia, Italy, France, and others. The subject of the first published abstract was Psychoanalysis.

In 1947, the new editor, Charles Louttit, sought feedback from his readers and learned that they were concerned that the content was too European-centric. They also wanted more coverage of the post-war growth in applied psychology. Louttit emphasized the non-evaluative nature of the abstracts. They were to be neutral condensations, he said, not critical reviews, and the practice of neutrality has continued to this day.

In the post-World War II era, once again the literature began to grow at a very fast rate. In 1951, Louttit published 8,322 abstracts. Thus began a struggle to cover the key literature within the constraints of page limits. In 1952, the APA Council imposed a limit of 848 pages, not including the index. In the first of many subsequent content limitations, abstracts of APA meeting presentations were eliminated.

Developing an Electronic Database

In the 1960s, psychologists were actively seeking ways to improve the dissemination of knowledge. From 1961 to 1965, the National Science Foundation funded a “coordinated study of information in psychology.” Then in 1966 a task force of psychologists worked with the National Institute of General Medical Sciences to develop a 5-year program to support basic behavioral science research. APA studied the potential for a retrieval system that would produce “on demand” abstracts for individual psychologists.

In 1967 APA leased abstracts on computer tape to the National Institutes of Mental Health and to Syracuse University in the first commercial delivery of psychological abstracts in electronic form. By 1971, APA was delivering electronic abstracts in several programs. APA staff would do research for a fee in the Psychological Abstracts Search & Retrieval (PASAR) program. Or individuals could do their own research in the Psychological Abstracts Direct Access Terminal (PADAT) program. APA also leased abstracts to institutions in the Psychological Abstracts Tape Edition Lease or License (PATELL) program. The

organization’s philosophy of being where a customer might want to find them started early, as APA offered abstracts through a variety of services including Dialog and BRS.

APA was an early adaptor of the new CD-ROM technology, releasing the first edition of PsycLIT in 1986. However, it was not long before customers wanted even more. PsycLIT was originally conceived of as an in-the-library, stand alone product — one workstation, one customer at a time, but customers very quickly demanded more access. What users wanted was the ability to get access at any point in time, anywhere. Consequently, in 2000 APA discontinued PsycLIT and offered only PsycINFO, the web-based product that enabled remote access for all authorized users of an institutional customer.

Struggling with Page Limitations

From the 1970s on, APA struggled with covering the constantly growing body of literature in psychology. In 1979, APA decided to include dissertation abstracts only in the database and to do the same with book abstracts. Then in 1989, APA published PsycBOOKS, a print index to the book literature that included records related to psychology books published in 1987. From this point on, APA covered books systematically as an abstracting and indexing service. In 1991, APA discontinued the print product and folded the content into PsycINFO.

To stay within page limits, PsycINFO staff developed an elaborate exclusion criteria schema for *Psychological Abstracts*:

- Anything older than current year (or previous year for issues 1 through 4)
- Language for the record that was not English
- Column/Opinion document type
- Original Chapter document type
- Publication Information document type
- Review document type
- Any abstract longer than 1,300 characters
- Dissertation Abstracts

In 1995, APA added 280,000 legacy documents with all records published in *Psychological Abstracts*, *Psychological Index*, and 16 foundation journals. PsycINFO was now the repository for the body of literature in psychology.

Coming to the End

The gap between content published in *Psychological Abstracts* and that released into PsycINFO continued

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to grow. In 2001, only 37,909 records were added to the print index, whereas APA released a total of 76,054 into the electronic database. When cited references were added to the database in 2002, the schism grew wider. By 2005 only 32% of the nearly 116,000 PsycINFO records were published in the print journal. As one kind soul put it, the print index was “not complete.”

The APA Publications and Communications Board consequently determined that the 2006 volume would be the last for *Psychological Abstracts*. But the good work of the early editors and staff in establishing fine guidelines in such areas as international coverage, non-evaluative abstracts, and precise indexing lives on in the production of PsycINFO. ■

APA Portico Participant

The American Psychological Association now participates in Portico. Fifty-eight journals available through PsycARTICLES, APA’s full-text database, will be included in the archive. APA has also chosen Portico to provide perpetual access of these journals to participating libraries. Portico is a service that provides permanent archives of scholarly electronic journals. APA made the decision to archive its PsycARTICLES collection with Portico after receiving numerous requests from librarians. For a full coverage list, please visit http://www.portico.org/about/committed_titles_pub.html. For more information about Portico, see <http://www.portico.org/>. ■

In Search of: Tests & Measures

The Tests & Measures field, which was added in 2003, features the names of tests and measures included in a research study. Some of these names are drawn from an APA authority file of more than 2,000 standardized and published tests. In addition, since 2004, staff have added unpublished test names as they appear in the articles covered.

Librarians frequently ask PsycINFO staff how to search for tests and measures. Although the specifics of searching the Tests & Measures field depend on what platform the database is delivered on, there are some general tips and tricks.

When searching, it is useful to know that, if the main focus of an article is about a particular test, the name of the test will be included in the subjects and keywords fields, but not in the Tests & Measures field. This is particularly true for discussion and theoretically-based articles, where no research is reported.

The Tests & Measures field will contain test names that were actually administered as part of the research. For example, if a journal article is about bilingualism as a protection against dementia, and the authors administered the Mini Mental State Examination as part of the research, then *Mini Mental State Examination* will appear in the Tests & Measures field. Here, the article is about bilingualism and dementia, and the Mini Mental State Examination was administered to gather data for the research.

Bilingualism as a protection against the onset of symptoms of dementia.

By Bialystok, Ellen; Craik, Fergus I. M.; Freedman, Morris
Neuropsychologia. 2007 Vol 45(2) 459-464

[Citation and Abstract](#) | [Expanded Record](#) | [Expanded Record with References](#)

Methodology

0400 Empirical Study; 1800 Quantitative Study

Tests & Measures

Mini Mental State Examination

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If an article is a meta-analysis of the Beck Depression Inventory, then *Beck Depression Inventory* will be indexed in the keyword and index term fields. In the example below, no test was administered as part of the research.

Meta-analysis of the factor structures of four depression questionnaires: Beck, CES-D, Hamilton, and Zung.

By Shafer, Alan B.
Journal of Clinical Psychology. 62(1), Jan 2006, 123-146.

[Citation and Abstract](#) | [Expanded Record](#) | [Expanded Record with References](#)

Index Terms

*Factor Structure; *Major Depression; *Questionnaires; Beck Depression Inventory

Classification Code

2224 Clinical Psychological Testing; 3211 Affective Disorders

Population

Human

Methodology

1200 Meta Analysis

Release Date

20060213

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would appear here.

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In: ▼

- Any field
- Author
- Source
- Subject
- Title
-
- Abstract
- Affiliation
- Correspondence
- DOI Number
- Geographic Location
- Grant/Sponsorship
- IndexTerms
- ISBN
- ISSN
- Keywords
- Language
- Publication Year
- Publisher
- Release Date
- Reviewed Item
- Tests & Measures
- Unique Identifier

Some vendors allow users to search the Test & Measures field by simply including this field in the drop-down list with the other fields. For other vendors, the only way to access this field is to browse their Tests & Measures Index (found under the Indexes tab or Browse button). Some allow you to use both. The indexes are particularly useful when you do not know the exact name of the test or measure, and they often provide a simplified search of this field.

You can also use APA's Classification Codes (often in the Limits section of the search screen) as a discovery tool for tests and measures. For example, if you want to know what sorts of psychological tests might be used to evaluate eating disorders, you can select 2224 Clinical Psychological Testing and 3260 Eating Disorders under Classification Codes. You will find articles discussing the use

and validity of tests and measures in diagnosing and treating these disorders.

In 2004, the Test Appended checktag was put into effect. If a test or measure is included with the source document, then "(Appended)" appears after the test name. These appended tests are available in full text with the rest of the document.

If you want to search for an article that has the State Trait Anxiety Inventory appended, simply type "State Trait Anxiety Inventory (appended)" (include the quotation marks) in the search box and select "Tests & Measures" from the drop-down field list.

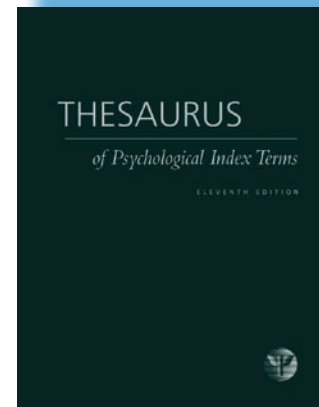
Look for: In: ▼

Tests & Measures

WANG Scale; State Trait Anxiety Inventory (Appended); Addiction Severity Index (Appended); Beck Depression Inventory (Appended)

You can also search for all appended tests simply by entering "appended" in the search box and selecting "Tests & Measures" from the drop-down list.

For more information on locating, purchasing, and using tests, please visit the APA Testing and Assessment FAQ at <http://www.apa.org/science/faq-findtests.html>.



Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms, Eleventh Edition

APA will release the Eleventh Edition of the *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*, the controlled vocabulary used to index all APA databases, in June 2007. This edition will include 214 new postable or "preferred" and 149 new nonpostable or "used for" terms. In addition, several other changes include scope note additions or revisions, term deletions, hierarchy revisions, and term status changes.

The new terms represent concepts and terminology expressed in the psychological and behavioral literature as well as the literature found in areas related to psychology, for example, education, medicine, and business. The changes to this edition bring the total number of terms to more than 8,200. All new terms were "mapped back" to all the relevant records in APA databases to provide users with greater access to historical content. New terms were added to nearly 50,000 records since the publication of the Tenth Edition.

The *APA Dictionary of Psychology*, published in July 2006, has become an invaluable resource in the research and development of

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Thesaurus terminology. The *Dictionary* was used in the creation of nearly 30 scope note for this edition. For more information about the Eleventh Edition, including a selection of new terms added, visit our website at <http://www.apa.org/psycinfo/products/thesaurus.html>.

A Special prepublication price of \$80.00 for institutions is available until May 31, 2007. Customers who purchase the Tenth Edition between now and May 1, 2007 will receive the Eleventh Edition free when it becomes available for distribution.

APA Announces Excellence in Librarianship Award

WASHINGTON, DC— FEBRUARY 2, 2007

— The American Psychological Association is pleased to announce its Excellence in Librarianship Award. This award was created to recognize significant contributions or research within psychology and social sciences librarianship. The award, which consists of a certificate and \$2,500, will be presented at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC in June 2007.

The award is open to both mid-career librarians and allied professionals (10 or more years of experience) who have demonstrated significant achievement in librarianship in psychology or the social sciences.

This award recognizes significant contributions to psychology and social sciences librarianship including publications, research, project development, instruction, or strong leadership, and will recognize work completed within the last two years.

The deadline for submission of materials is April 1, 2007. The recipient will be selected by a committee of peers, and will receive the award at a reception at the June 2007 meeting of the American Library Association.

For more information, please contact Melinda Byrns at mbyrns@apa.org.



March – May Exhibit & Training Schedule

March/April 2007

ACRL National Conference
March 29 – April 1
Baltimore, MD

Special Events

Friday

March 30 – 7:30 to 8:30 am

APA's Librarian Roundtable
Breakfast

Marriott Inner Harbor at the
Camden Yards

110 South Eutaw Street
Baltimore, MD

For more information or to enroll
please email PsycINFO at
psycinfo@apa.org.

May 2007

Medical Library Association
Annual Meeting
May 18 – 23
Philadelphia, PA

Special Events

Monday

May 21 – 7:00 to 8:15 am

Sunrise Seminar
Philadelphia Marriott

Downtown
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA

Monday

May 21 – 3:30 to 4:00 pm

Technology Showcase
Philadelphia Marriott

Downtown
1201 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA

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