



Quick Reference Guide

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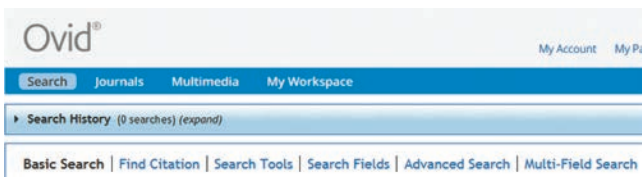
PsycINFO® is an electronic bibliographic database that provides abstracts and citations for the scholarly literature in the field of psychology and behavioral sciences. It contains over 4 million references of peer-reviewed literature from the early 1800s to the present.



About this Guide

Access Ovid through your library's website. If you need assistance, contact your librarian.

This quick reference guide will demonstrate how to search PsycINFO on the Ovid platform.



Definitions of Selected Fields

Classification Code(s): general areas of psychology that are used to classify each document and can be searched. Classification Codes are available at <http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/training/class-codes.aspx>

Keyword: searches the Abstract, Subject Headings, Table of Contents, Tests & Measures, Key Concepts (natural language terms describing the content), and Title fields

Tests & Measures: lists the test(s) used in the methodology of a study

Basic Search

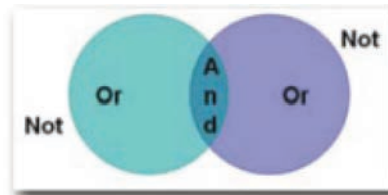
For a **Basic Search**, enter a word, phrase, or question in the search box in ordinary language. Ovid uses natural language processing to find results.

Selecting **Include Related Terms** will expand the search with spelling variations, synonyms, and acronyms.



Advanced Search Tips

On the Multi-Field Search screen, use **Boolean operators** (AND, OR, NOT) to combine search terms and concepts to narrow or broaden results.



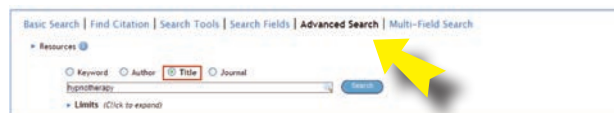
Truncation (* or \$): The * or \$ replaces any number of characters. For example, **therap*** (or **therap\$**) finds therapy, therap**ies**, therap**ist**, therap**ists**, therap**eutic**, therap**eutically**, etc.

Wildcard (#): The “#” replaces one character. For example, **ne#t** finds neat, nest, or next, but will not find net.

Title Search

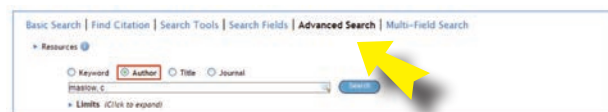
On the **Advanced Search** screen, select **Title** to search for the title of an article, book, chapter, or dissertation.

Enter the complete title, or word(s) to be searched in the search box. For example, typing “hypnotherapy” will return results with “hypnotherapy” in the title.



Author Search

On the **Advanced Search** screen, select **Author**. Enter the author's last name, first initial, or first name in the search box. For example, to find works by Carey B. Maslow, type “maslow, c” in the search box.

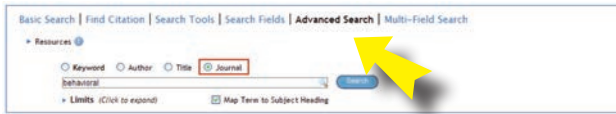


An alphabetical list of names, with last name first, will display including Maslow, Carey and Maslow, Carey B. Put a check next to the author(s) you want to search and click “Search for Selected Terms.”



Journal Search

Select **Advanced Search** and then select **Journal**. Enter the journal title or the word(s) you want.



For example, typing in “behavioral” will yield a list of journal titles beginning with the word “behavioral” or “behavioural.” Put a check box next to the title(s) you want to search and click “Search for Selected Terms.”

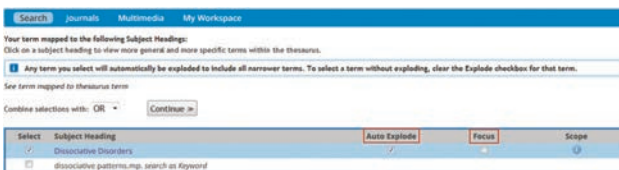


Subject Heading

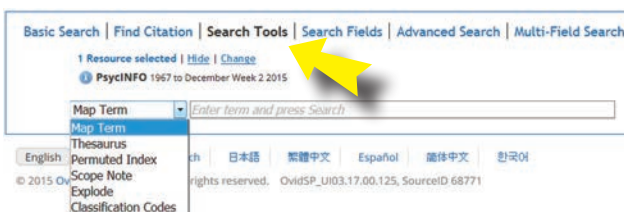
Select **Advanced Search**, leave the **Keyword** radio button checked, and check the box next to **Map Term to Subject Heading**. Enter your search term(s) into the search box to map your term to the most relevant Subject Heading, taken from APA’s *Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms*®.



From the **Mapping** display select the most relevant term. Check **Auto Explode** to include conceptually narrower terms in your search. Check **Focus** to search only for results where your term has been designated as a major focus of the document.



Helpful Hint: To browse and search the online Thesaurus, select **Search Tools** and then pick the **Thesaurus** option from the drop-down menu.



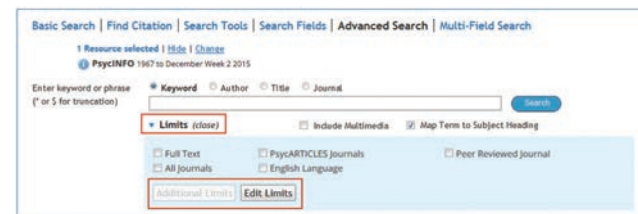
Multi-Field Search

Select **Multi-Field Search**, enter the word(s) you want to search, and select search fields from the drop-down menus. You can combine words and concepts in different fields using the Boolean operators AND, OR, or NOT, adding as many rows as you need.



How to Limit Your Search

When you are in **Basic Search**, **Advanced Search**, or **Multi-Field Search** mode, click on **Limits** under the search box or boxes.



You will be able to limit your search in many ways, including:

- Age Group:** the age of human research subjects.
- Document Type:** document types, such as bibliography, editorial, review, etc.
- Methodology:** the methodology used in a research study, such as literature review, meta analysis, etc.
- Population Group:** the group of subjects (human, animal, female, male, etc).
- Publication Type:** specific publication types, including peer reviewed journal, encyclopedia, etc.
- Publication Year:** allows you to set a date range or a particular year.



Record Display

From the **Results** list, view the **Complete Reference** to view the title, author(s), author contact information, abstract, publication source, publisher, ISSN, language, key concepts, subject headings, digital object identifier, and much more.

2 of 234 Results

Tools

- Ovid Full Text
- Abstract Reference
- Find Similar
- Find Citing Articles
- Article as PDF (409KB)
- My Projects
- Annotate

Accession Number: Peer Reviewed Journal: 2015-52362-013.

Title: Atypical working memory decline across the adult lifespan in autism spectrum disorder? [References]

Publication Date: Nov 2015

Year of Publication: 2015

Publication History: Accepted: Aug 2015
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First Submitted: Apr 2015

Language: English

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Manage Searches

When you view your results, you can use **Filter By** and other **Results Tools** to narrow your search; **Print, Email, or Export** selected results; and **Add to My Projects**.

Search Information

You searched: **1** in 1 psycinfo journals
Search terms used: **2** in 1 psycinfo journals

Filter By

- Add to Search History
- Selected Only (5)

Results

View	Title	Citation	25 Per Page
2	Title: Atypical working memory decline across the adult lifespan in autism spectrum disorder? [References]	Author: Lever, Anne G; Workie-Borgnes, Markus; Brandmaier, Andreas M; Rödewald, K; Richard, Gaurts; Hilde M.	Source: Journal of Abnormal Psychology, Vol. 124(4), Nov 2015, pp. 1014-1026.
3	Title: Deficits in auditory processing contribute to impairments in visual affect recognition in autism spectrum disorders: A MEG study. [References]		

Search History

Your **Search History** allows you to combine individual searches from a search session. For example, you have searched for “dolphins” in **Subject Headings** and “animal assisted” in **Keyword**.

#	A	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
1		dolphins?	531	Advanced	Display More =>
2		animal assisted.id.	390	Advanced	Display More =>

Combine selections with: **And** **Or**

Click on **More** under **Actions** to select options to **Delete** or **Save** the search and set up an **Auto-Alert** or an **RSS Feed**.

My Workspace

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Manage Projects

Name	Items	Modified
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Create a New Project

Archived Projects

Name	Items	Modified
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Find Citation

Find Citation is a quick and easy way to retrieve a specific journal article citation. Fill in the form with as much information as you have about the citation.

Basic Search | **Find Citation** | Search Tools | Search Fields | Advanced Search | Multi-Field Search

Resources

Article Title: psychotherapy

Journal Name: American Psychologist

Author Surname: []

Publication Year: 2010 | Volume: [] | Issue: [] | Article First Page: []

Publisher: []

Unique Identifier: []

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Training and Search Help

APA provides PsycINFO training, including search guides, webinar schedules, tutorials, and more at

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