

This guide is useful for the following databases:

Annual Bibliography of English Lang. & Lit.
Art Abstracts
ATLA Religion Database
Biological Abstracts
Business & Industry
Compendex
Compendex Historical
Contemporary Women's Issues
Education Full Text

ERIC
GeoRef
INSPEC
INSPEC Archive
PAIS International
PsycINFO
PsycINFO Historic
Sociological Abstracts
Worldwide Political Science Abstracts

Basic Searching

The screenshot shows the OSearch interface. At the top, it says "INSPEC 1969-Present, provided by OhioLINK and the Cedarville University Libraries". Below this are navigation links: "Search Form", "Browse", "Stored Records", "Search History", "Tips, Help, and Chat", and "Exit". The main search area has a "Search for:" label and a text input box labeled 'A'. To the right of the input box is a dropdown menu labeled 'B' with "All Fields" selected. Below the input box are links for "More search boxes" (C), "Show limit options" (D), and "Show search history". A "Submit Search" button labeled 'E' is to the right of the dropdown menu. A link for "Search words in thesaurus" (F) is also present.

- **Search for** (see A) - enter your search term(s) in the box
- **All Fields** (see B) - to search words in various fields, such as author, article title, journal title, or subject
- **More search boxes** (see C) - to search multiple terms at same time
 - **AND, OR** or **NOT** - used to combine terms in separate boxes (see H below)
- **Show limit options** (see D) - to limit by language, article type, year, etc.
 - **Auto Search for Plurals in Show limit options** (see I below) - includes singular and plural forms
- **Submit Search** (see E) - to search for results
- Some databases offer **Search words in thesaurus** (see F). (See **Thesaurus Searching** on p. 3 of this user guide)
- **Search history** (see G) - to view previous searches

General Search Hints

- **\$** - "myster\$" finds "mystery," "mysteries," and "mysterious"
- **?** - "wom?n" finds "woman" and "women"
- **Parentheses** - "(seat or safety belt)" retrieves all records containing "seat belt" or "safety belt"

This screenshot shows the advanced search options in OSearch. It includes a "Search for:" input box and a "Submit Search" button. Below this is a section for "Single search box" with two "And" dropdown menus. A section labeled 'H' contains "And", "Or", and "Not" dropdown menus. The "options" section includes: "Record Type: [Any Type]", "Sort By: [Most Recent Records First]", "Treatment: [Any Treatment]", "Display Results in Groups of: [30]", "Language: [Any Language]", "Auto Search for Plurals" (checkbox), "Year: From [] To []", "INSPEC Classification Code: []", "Select Classification Code" (link), and "Latest Update" (checkbox).

Results List

- **New search** - either type terms in **Search for** box (see J) and select **New search** (see K) or click **Search Form** (see L) for a blank form
- **Search in current results** (see M) - narrows current results by searching for articles that also include new term(s) typed in search box
- Click on "**<Prev**" or **Next>**" (see N) to view additional pages in the Results List
- **Limit to:** (see O) - select one option or **All Limit Options** to see more options
- **Find It!** (see P) - to see if article is available in print at library or full-text online
- **Store** (see Q) - to store the citation for printing, emailing or exporting
- **Search History** (see R) - to view, combine, save or clear previous searches

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing 'TURBULENCE'. Navigation buttons include 'Search Form', 'Browse', 'Stored Records', 'Search History', 'Tips, Help, and Chat', and 'Exit'. Below the search bar, there are radio buttons for 'Search in thesaurus', 'New search', and 'Search in current results'. A 'Limit to' section offers options like 'Journal Articles', 'Conference Articles', 'English Only', and 'Since 2000'. The 'Results List' section shows 'Records 1 - 30 of 102496' and includes a 'Store All On Page' button. Two search results are listed, each with a 'Find It!' and 'Store' button.

View a Record

To view complete record of article, click on article title (see S above).

- **Find It!** (see T) - to see if article is available in print at library or full-text online.
- **Store This Record** (see U) - to store citation for printing, emailing or exporting
- **Results List** (see V) - to return to your results after viewing individual record
- **Limit Search** (see W) - to limit results by language, article type, year, etc.

The screenshot shows the 'Full Record' page for the first search result. It includes navigation buttons for 'Search Form', 'Browse', 'Stored Records', 'Search History', 'Tips, Help, and Chat', and 'Exit'. The record details include the title, author (Li Ya; Ye JiHong), author affiliation (Key Lab. of R.C. & P.C. Struct. of Minist. of Educ., Southeast Univ., Nanjing, China), journal information (Science in China Series E: Technological Sciences, vol.53, no.2 Jan. 2010, p.486-501), journal abbreviation (Sci. China Ser. E, Technol. Sci. (Netherlands)), and publisher (Springer Netherlands, 2010). Buttons for 'Find It!', 'Store This Record', 'Results List', and 'Limit Search' are visible.

View Search History

- Click **Search History** (see X on previous page for visual example)
- Check boxes beside search terms you choose (see Y).
- Choose **AND** from drop-down menu (see Z) to search for articles about all the terms.
- Choose **OR** (see A) to search for articles about any of the terms.
- Click **Combine Sets** (see B).

[▲ Hide search history](#)

Search History

Set	Search	Hits	Combine
s2	HYDRODYNAMICS	28912	<input type="checkbox"/> Y
s1	TURBULENCE	102496	<input type="checkbox"/>

Combine marked sets with **B**

[Save Search Strategy](#) · [Run Search](#) **A** · [Clear Search History](#)

Thesaurus Searching

Some OSearch databases (Compendex, ERIC, GeoRef, INSPEC, INSPEC Archive, PAIS International, PsychINFO, and Sociological Abstracts) offer a thesaurus which is the official subject vocabulary of a database.

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Searching on ELECTRIC\$

Combine marked terms with and them. **I**

ELECTRIC ACCIDENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
C Search Focus Expand Expand/Focus View Thesaurus F	
ELECTRIC ACCIDENTS RESUSCITATION	<input type="checkbox"/> G
ELECTRIC ADMITTANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>

- **Search words in thesaurus** (located above search boxes - see F, first page) - to find articles using appropriate vocabulary. Note: Some OSearch databases (ERIC, PsychINFO, and Sociological Abstracts) have the thesaurus checked by default.
- After performing a thesaurus search, a list of possible thesaurus terms will appear.
 - **Search** (see C) - to search one thesaurus term click **Search** or the word or phrase
 - **Focus** (see D) - to find articles in which the term is a major subject term
 - **Expand** (see E) - to find articles using this term and narrower terms in thesaurus
 - **View Thesaurus** (see F) - to view and/or search broader, narrower, and related terms
 - Check boxes (see G), select **AND** or **OR** from the drop-down menu (see H), and click **Combine Terms** (see I) to find articles using more than one thesaurus term
- If no subjects in thesaurus matches your search term, you are given three options from which to choose:
 - **Get suggested terms from the thesaurus**
 - **Search your term as a keyword or phrase**
 - **Browse nearby thesaurus terms alphabetically**

Print, Email, or Export Stored Records

- **Stored Records** (see J) - to view records you have stored
- **Print Records** (see K) - to print list of records you have stored
- **Email Records** (see L) - to send stored records to a specified email address
- **Export Records** (see M) - to import stored records into bibliographic manager program, such as RefWorks

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J

Stored Records

[Jump to results](#)

You have 2 stored records. Please choose one of these options:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Display Records - For online viewing and for using your browser's built-in save, print, or e-mail functions.• Download Records - For saving records directly to a file.K • Print Records - For automatically printing records.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">L • E-Mail Records - For sending records directly to a specified e-mail address.M • Export Records - For sending records to a bibliographic management program like Endnote, Procite, Reference Manager, or Refworks.• Pocket Records - For saving records to a Palm "Doc" file that can be hot-synced to a Palm Pilot (or other Palm-compatible PDA)
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