


What is PsycINFO?

- A large online computer index and database for information about psychology
- Lists citations, abstracts and some fulltext journal articles, books, dissertations and technical reports
- Included related disciplines: medicine, psychiatry, nursing, sociology, education, pharmacology, physiology, linguistics, anthropology, business and law
- Covers journals from 1887-present

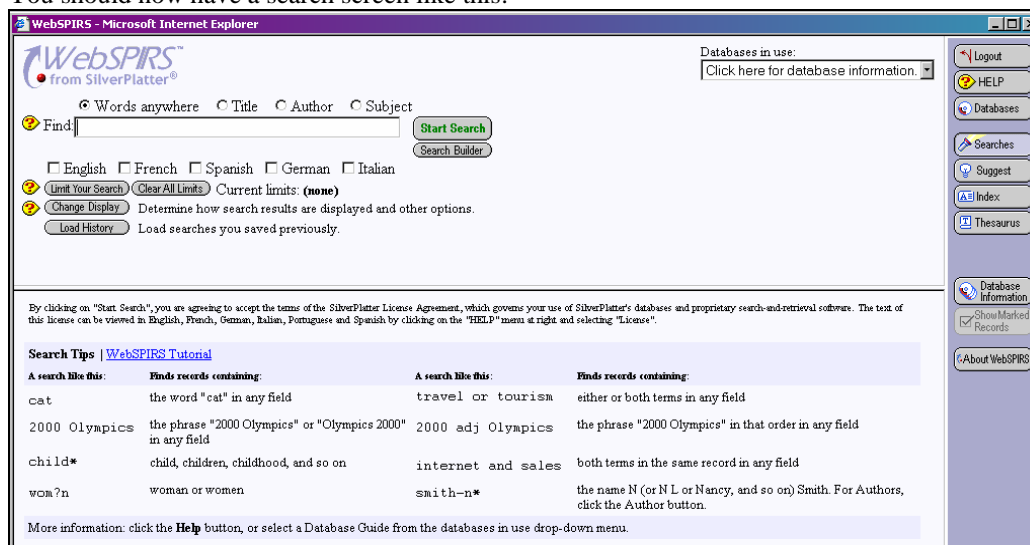
Where do I find PsycINFO?

- On Mabee Library's web site <http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/>
- Off campus users will need to enter their Washburn Identification Number which is located on their Washburn ID

Getting Started

- Connect to Mabee Library at <http://www.washburn.edu/mabee/>
- Select *Electronic Databases*, then look in the Alphabetical List for *PsycINFO* (or look in the General Subject List under *Philosophy, Psychology & Religion*)
- On the *Select Databases* page, select one, several or all of the *PsycINFO* databases.
- Click on *Open Selected Databases* 

You should now have a search screen like this:



WebSPIRS - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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Databases in use:
[Click here for database information.](#)

Words anywhere Title Author Subject

Find:

English French Spanish German Italian

Current limits: (none)

Determine how search results are displayed and other options.

Load searches you saved previously.

By clicking on "Start Search", you are agreeing to accept the terms of the SilverPlatter License Agreement, which governs your use of SilverPlatter's databases and proprietary search-and-retrieval software. The text of this license can be viewed in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish by clicking on the "HELP" menu at right and selecting "License".

Search Tips | [WebSPIRS Tutorial](#)


A search like this:	Finds records containing:	A search like this:	Finds records containing:
cat	the word "cat" in any field	travel or tourism	either or both terms in any field
2000 Olympics	the phrase "2000 Olympics" or "Olympics 2000" in any field	2000 adj Olympics	the phrase "2000 Olympics" in that order in any field
child*	child, children, childhood, and so on	internet and sales	both terms in the same record in any field
wom?n	woman or women	smith-n*	the name N (or N L or Nancy, and so on) Smith. For Authors, click the Author button.


More information: click the **Help** button, or select a Database Guide from the databases in use drop-down menu.

How do I start Searching?

There are four different options for searching:

Words anywhere Title Author Subject

- **Words Anywhere:** This is the option to search by a word or a phrase. It searches in the title and the abstract. Type in the phrase and click on the "Start Search" button.
If the words in the phrase need to be in order, use "adj" (stands for 'adjacent').
For example, if you were searching for the phrase "reading disabilities," you would want to type:
reading adj disabilities
- **Subject:** Searching by the subject is a more direct way of finding articles on a particular TOPIC. You must use Psychological Index Terms when searching.
For example the term "Psychoanalytic Model" should be "Freudian Psychoanalytic School"
Open the Thesaurus  to enter in a word and see various ways to search.

- **Author:** To search for a specific author, click this option.
For example: **Nicki L. Potts** is entered as “**Potts-N-L**”
- **Title:** This option searches for **article titles**. It DOES NOT search for journal titles.
- **Journal:**  To search for articles in a particular journal, click on the “Index” button, and in the “Term:” box, type the name of the journal. Clicking on the underlined title will search that title.

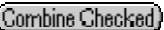
Limiting a Search


Click on the button 

You can limit by:

- Publication Year
- Audience (general public, juvenile or professional/research)
- Document Type (article or peer reviewed article)
- Language
- Population (human, animal or inpatient)
- Others . . .

Combining

To search for articles that have two or more subjects search for each subject individually and put them together using this button. 


For example, searching for articles on “*Freudian Psychoanalytic School and Phobias*” is done by searching for “Freudian Psychoanalytic School” first. After results appear, click . Then search for “Phobias” and “back to search”. Mark both searches and “combine checked”.

Mark how you want the items connected.  **and**  **or** Then repeat these steps for additional subjects.

Viewing Records


Click on “display” to read the list of articles.

Abbreviations

- TI Title
- AU Author
- SO Source (journal or book)
- MJ and MN subject headings.  Look at these to get some searching ideas. Click on them!

Getting the Article or Book

If there is  hyperlink, follow it to get the fulltext article.

If not, use this button  to search for the article in other collections at Mabee Library.

If the article is not available, ask at the reference desk for assistance in requesting the item through interlibrary loan.




Printing, Saving or E-mailing Records



To print, e-mail or save fulltext articles, the selected “marked records”, or article citations, choose “print”, “e-mail” or “save”. A dialog box will open. Customize what will be sent, printed or e-mailed.

Need Help?

If at anytime you have a question about *PsycINFO*, ask at the reference desk! We are here to help!

<p>Call Us! (785) 670-1483</p>  <p>Reference Desk Hours Mon.- Thu. 9 – 9, Fri. 9 – 5, Sat. 10 – 5, Sun. 1 – 9</p>	<p>Need help after hours? Go ONLINE!</p>  <p>E-mail reference service @ www.washburn.edu/mabee/ask.html (24-hr turnaround time)</p>	<p>Live chat reference service @</p> <p>OR</p>  <p>www.kananswer.org (chat in real time with a librarian)</p>
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