

What is Multi-Field Search?

One of the key features of OvidSP is the variety of search modes. All types of users can choose the search mode they need depending on what they're looking for and their preferred style of searching.

Multi-Field Search allows a user to combine multiple terms in specific fields and easily combine the terms together in a single step. Search queries may be entered into each input box, and assigned to a particular field, or all fields, by using the field drop-down menu.

Searches can be combined using AND, OR, or NOT, by selecting one of the Boolean operators within the drop-down menu:

- **AND** (all terms will be in each record)
- **OR** (at least one or more of the terms will be in each record)
- **NOT** (excludes that concept from the search)

The drop-down field list represents fields specific to each database. When performing a multi-file search, the drop-down list includes all of the fields in each database.

By default, three search input boxes are provided. Additional search criteria may be added by selecting the "Add New Row" button.

Who Uses Multi-Field Search?

Novice or infrequent users who want to combine different search terms in different fields in one search query.

By combining multiple fields—such as author, keyword, or subject—into one step, you don't have to spend time doing more than one search to find the information you need.

Example:

An undergraduate student in social work is preparing a paper on public funding for drug rehabilitation centers. She's looking for a specific journal article, per the recommendation of her faculty adviser, and knows a few criteria about the article: the author's last name, part of the article title, and the broad topic.

1. To find the article, perform an OvidSP Multi-Field Search in the **PsycINFO**® database, enter the three known search terms: **drug rehabilitation** (topic), **public assistance** (part of the article title), and **morgenstern** (the author's last name), and combine them using Boolean operators into a single search.
2. From the database selection screen, select **PsycINFO**.
3. Choose the **Multi-Field Search** mode.
4. Enter the term **drug rehabilitation** in field #1 and select **Subject Headings** from the drop-down list of Fields.
5. Enter the term **public assistance** in field #2 and select **Title** from the drop-down list of Fields.
6. Enter the term **morgenstern** (*not case sensitive*) in field #3 and select **Author** from the drop-down list of Fields.

- Choose the Boolean operators **OR** and **AND** to combine your fields.
- Click **Search**.

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Enter a search term, select a specific field to search in, and click "Search". Click "Add New Row" to add more terms.

OR	drug rehabilitation	Subject Headings
AND	public assistance	Title
	morgenstern	Author

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- A search results list is generated that includes citations of relevant articles, including the specific article the searcher is looking for at the top of the list.

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- You can also refine your search by changing or adding Boolean operators.

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