

What is Search Fields?

One of the key features of OvidSP is its 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.

Ovid takes a great deal of time to index the information it receives from its various information providers in order to deliver optimum precision searching. One of the ways that users can take advantage of OvidSP's comprehensive indexing is by using the Search Fields mode.

Search Fields allows a user to do a fielded search using one or several of the indexed fields for a database. Search Fields is also ideal when performing multi-file searches or searches within several databases at once.

Viewing Indexes

When available, users can view the indexes of a particular field by selecting a field and clicking the **Display Indexes** button. If the input field is blank, OvidSP will list the entire index for that field. Additionally, the user may type in a few letters into the input box and click on the "Display Indexes" button to view results within the index that begin with those letters. Indexes can also be viewed by selecting the "i" icon next to the field name.

Explanatory notes for each available field can be viewed by clicking the hyperlinked field name. Field availability depends on the database you're searching.

Who Uses Search Fields?

Intermediate and expert searchers who want to hone in quickly on a list of precise results using multiple search parameters which can dramatically narrow their search and help them instantly pinpoint the information they're looking for.

Example:

A graduate student in Clinical Psychology embarking on a research project related to schizophrenia is looking for full-text literature published by authors at a particular institution, Duke University. The student chooses to begin the search with PsycINFO®, one of the world's leading sources of behavioral sciences. How can this search be performed using OvidSP's Search Fields?

1. From the database selection screen, select **PsycINFO**.
2. Choose the Search Fields mode.

3. Select the Institution field, enter duke in the search box, and click **Display Indexes**.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Fields' page in OvidSP. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'Basic Search', 'Find Citation', 'Search Tools', 'Search Fields' (selected), 'Advanced Ovid Search', and 'Multi-Field Search'. The search box contains the text 'duke'. Below the search box are three buttons: 'Display Indexes' (highlighted with a mouse cursor), 'Search', and 'Clear selections'. On the left, there is a help section titled 'Select Fields in which to search...' with instructions. The 'My Fields' section contains a grid of checkboxes for various search fields. The 'in: Institution' checkbox is checked, while others like 'af: All Fields', 'ab: Abstract', 'au: Author', etc., are unchecked.

4. On the **Index Display** page, select the appropriate check boxes and click **SEARCH FOR SELECTED TERMS**.

The screenshot shows the 'Index Display' page. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'SEARCH FOR SELECTED TERMS' and a search box containing 'duke'. To the right is a 'GO' button. Below the search box is a keyboard layout with letters A-Z and numbers 0-9. The main area displays a list of index terms with checkboxes and the number of postings. The first entry, 'duke.in.', is checked and has 4691 postings. Other entries include 'dukeries.in.' (1), 'dukes.in.' (1), 'dukeuniversity.in.' (checked), 'dum.in.' (1), 'dumaguete.in.' (2), 'dumaine.in.' (1), 'dumbarton.in.', 'dunbar.in.' (2), 'dunbarton.in.' (1), and 'dunbartonshire.in.' (4).

5. Back on the **Search Fields** search page, select the **Title**, **Abstract**, and **Subject Headings** fields, enter **schizophrenia** in the search box, and click **Display Indexes**.

The screenshot shows the 'Search Fields' page in OvidSP. The search box contains the text 'schizophrenia'. The 'Display Indexes' button is highlighted with a mouse cursor. The 'My Fields' section shows a grid of checkboxes. The 'ab: Abstract', 'sh: Subject Headings', and 'ti: Title' checkboxes are checked, while others are unchecked.

- On the **Index Display** page, select the appropriate check boxes and click **SEARCH FOR SELECTED TERMS**.

The screenshot shows an alphabetical index of search terms. The letter 'S' is highlighted in the top navigation bar. Below it, a grid of search terms is displayed, each with a checkbox and a post count. The first three terms are selected:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> schizophrenia.ab. Postings: 21450	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophreniathis.ab. Postings: 1	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenogenic.ti. Postings: 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> schizophrenia.sh. Postings: 18970	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenic.ab. Postings: 4771	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenogenic family.sh. Postings: 24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> schizophrenia.ti. Postings: 12540	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenic.ti. Postings: 1282	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenogenic mothers.sh. Postings: 4
<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenia disorganized type.sh. Postings: 35	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenicreater.ab. Postings: 1	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenomimetic.ab. Postings: 1
<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenia2y4.ab.	<input type="checkbox"/> schizophrenicity.ab.	

- Back on the **Search Fields** search page, open up the **Search History**, check boxes #1 and #2, and click **Combine selections with: And**.

The screenshot shows the Search History panel with three searches listed. The first two are selected:

<input type="checkbox"/>	#	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	schizophrenia.sh. or schizophrenia.ab. or schizophrenia.ti.	23562	Advanced	Display More >
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	(dukeuniversity or duke).in.	4692	Advanced	Display More >
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1 and 2	191	Advanced	Display More >

Buttons at the bottom include: Remove Selected, Save Selected, Combine selections with: And Or, RSS, and Save Search History.

- A list is generated with a list of articles related to schizophrenia published by authors at Duke University.

The screenshot shows the search results for the first result:

Result 1. **Abbreviated neuropsychological assessment in schizophrenia: Prediction of different aspects of outcome.** [Link to...](#)

- Abstract
- Full Text
- Library Holdings
- Internet Resources

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Buttons: Find Similar, Find Citing Articles

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Customizing Search Fields

OvidSP allows you to customize the Search Fields mode by selecting frequently used fields and adding them to the **My Fields** tab. Within the **Show All** tab, all fields are displayed. Fields that have been selected as custom fields are highlighted to differentiate them.

From the **Show All** tab, fields may be added to the **My Fields** tab by clicking the **+** icon or removed by clicking the **x** icon. Icons appear when the user rolls their mouse over the selected field.

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My Fields | **Show All**

af: All Fields

ab: Abstract

an: Accession Number

ag: Age Group + i

ar: Article ID

au: Author

sv: Auxiliary Material

st: Book Series Title

ca: Cited Reference Author

ct: Cited Reference Author Word

cd: Cited Reference DOI

cb: Cited Reference Date

ce: Cited Reference Publisher

cs: Cited Reference Source

cv: Cited Reference Title

cc: Classification Code

cw: Classification Code Word

cf: Conference Information

ca: Corporate/Institutional Author

ch: Correction Date

cq: Correspondence Address

do: Digital Object

dt: Document Type

mt: Format

Items marked

In the **My Fields** tab, fields may be removed simply by clicking the **x** icon.

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cb: Cited Reference Date

cs: Cited Reference Source

cv: Cited Reference Title

do: Digital Object Identifier

dt: Document Type

gs: Grant/Sponsorship

in: Institution

jn: Journal Name

id: Key Concepts

sh: Subject Headings

tc: Table of Contents

ti: Title

Items marked