

OvidSP Customization Features

More flexibility and access to the information you need when you need it to support your online research activity

To support the many users of our research platform, we offer numerous customization options that help users stay current on research topics, reduce steps in their research process, and set up the system based on user preferences with key tasks such as search, browse, and manage results. With OvidSP, users can work the way they want within one integrated, powerful solution.

We're continually evolving our platform to provide even greater flexibility for our users. Below is a list of customization options that are available at the individual, group, or site level. Contact Ovid Customer Support (support@ovid.com) for more details!

Display Configurations

■ Search Modes

Choose and set as a default any search mode available - from the natural language processing of Basic Search to the command-line syntax of Advanced Search to the field searching of Search Fields and Multi-Field Search.

■ Results Display

Your users can customize numerous features depending on how they like to view and analyze their citations.

- Choose the fields you want displayed with each citation—title, author, publication date, and more
- Choose the citation view- display just the article title or the complete citation; switch views with one click – **New!**
- Select the number of results you want listed on each page—from as little as 10 to as many as the complete list

■ Citation Styles and Formats – **New!**

- Export and print using MS Word, PDF, RIS, EndNote, Reference Manager, and more
- Select a preferred style for exporting/printing—from Ovid, Chicago, AMA, APA, Modern Language Association, and more

■ Resource Groups - **New!**

Now you can choose the resources you want to search right on the main search page. To speed searching, administrators can set up Resource Groups based on:

- Frequently searched resources
- Discipline- or subject-specific resources
- Resources specific to a user group

■ Search History & Search Tools

- Move the pane above or below your main search box
- Turn on Session Recovery for your institution to ensure no session information is lost between sessions
- Enable Saved Searches to all your end users to save important search strategies or use our “Expert Searches” to share searches across research groups

■ Filters and Limits

- Save filtered searches (**New!** filters include: Years, Publication Type, Subject, Author, and Journal) to your Search History to save valuable research time
- Set search Limits to display on the main box search box to be open or closed
- Place frequently used Limits in the My Limits tab for quick access

Alerting Tools

■ AutoAlerts

Save search results and search strategies and get automatic notification—by RSS feed or email—when new information matches your search criteria

■ eTOC Alerts

Keep up-to-date on upcoming journal content by setting up electronic tables of contents (eTOCs) to be delivered via RSS feed

Personalization Tools

■ My Projects – **New!**

Create and maintain online research projects in a dedicated area with OvidSP (note: available only for users with Personal Accounts)

- Store citations, searches, full text, text “snippets”, images, links to external resources, files from your computer, and other items
- Print, email, or export citations using a selection of numerous citation styles and formats
- Create Jumpstarts to open a project right from your institutional portal

■ Personal Accounts

These single-user accounts allow user customizations to remain in place after an OvidSP session ends:

- Annotate citations in a search results list for use later on a research project
- Ensure AutoAlerts are not visible to any other users

Tools to Monitor Usage

■ OvidSP WebStats

Check how often Ovid-subscribed resources were accessed at your institution with this easy-to-use self-service tool.

- Track usage trends for a specific contact resource throughout the year
- View usage reports by content type—book, journal, and database views
- Easily identify departments or groups using a specific resource

Linking

■ Links@Ovid

Powerful linking functionality provides users with one-click access from Ovid resources to relevant resources and materials.

- Set up and display links from citations to full-text articles in Journals@Ovid
- Limit search results to available full text
- Set up links to online resources outside the OvidSP environment
- Customize hyperlink text with your institution’s logo

■ Ask your Ovid representative for more information about Ovid LinkSolver™, our comprehensive resource linking solution!

Incorporate your Library into OvidSP

■ Ask a librarian

This important communication feature can provide a forum for users to instantly get answers from experts at your institution.

- Assign a designated professional searcher at your institution
- Encourage users to email search questions via email
- Set up expert searchers targeted to specific user groups and sites
- Into OvidSP: Jumpstarts
- Streamline user access to key content by setting up links from your institutional portal to virtually any point in the OvidSP platform, such as a specific resource search, My Projects, full text, and more.

■ News Page

Use the OvidSP News Page to alert your customers on important news at your facility or important tips when using library resources

■ Exit URLs:

Bring your end user back to your library, hospital or research center home page by customizing what logout or timeout URL is shown when your end user leaves OvidSP.