

Central Search: What's New, What's Next, What's Coming

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Today's Agenda



- Why Federated Search?
- What's New
 - Results Clustering
 - Central Search XML-API
 - Link Only Databases
 - Full Unicode Support
- What's Next
 - Improved Export Records
 - Improved Get More Results
 - Editable Drop Down Menus
- What's Coming
 - Central Search Statistics
- Connections

Why Federated Search?



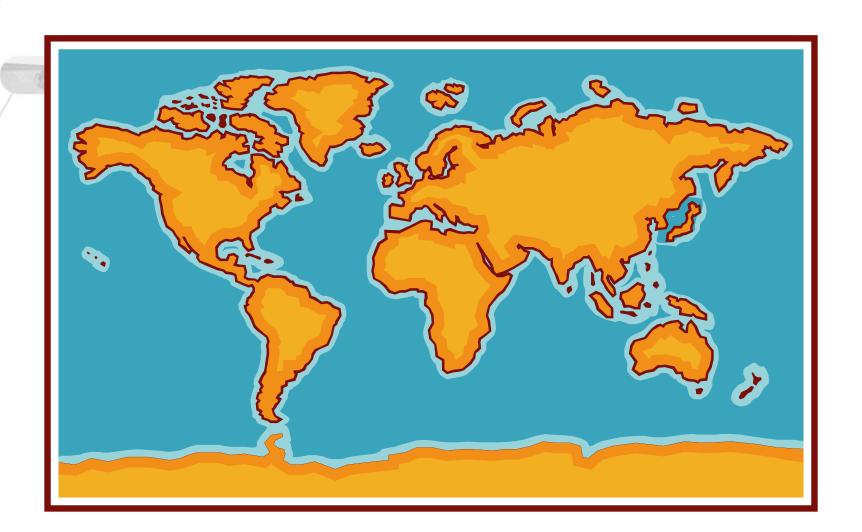
- The Web has changed how we deliver and consume information
 - The paradigm shift from physical to digital and electronic information has created new requirements and opportunities for delivering effective library experiences
- The Web has transformed the nature of library collections
 - The majority of new acquisitions are Web-based
 - Collections have increased dramatically and content is available anytime, anywhere
 - Web search engines compete with libraries

The Nature of Collections Has Changed!

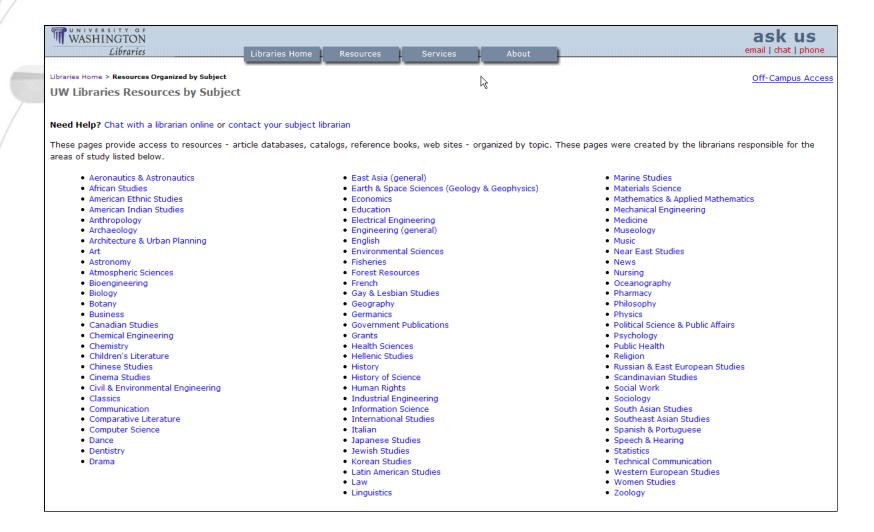


- How do you define a library's collection?
 - Physical location?
 - Monetary rights?
 - Access?

Global Connections, Global Collections!

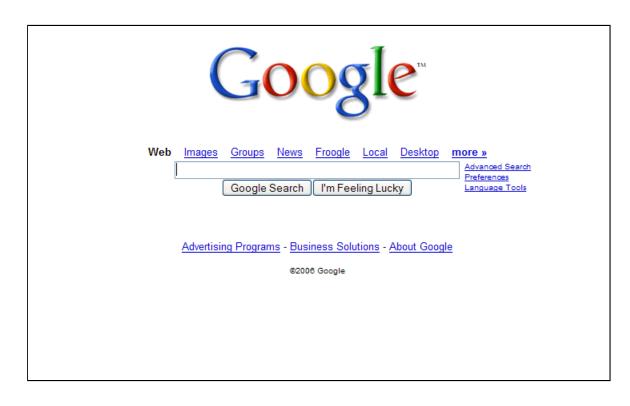


Typical Library Subject Gateway

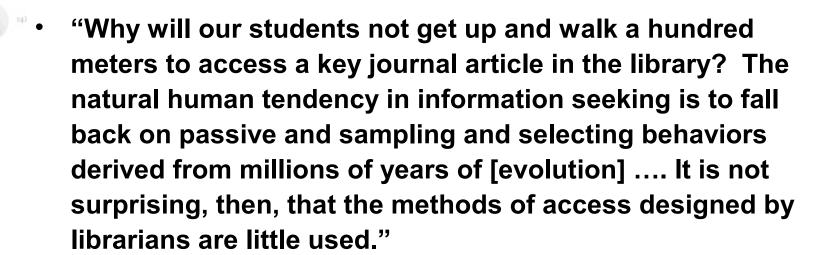


Why Google?



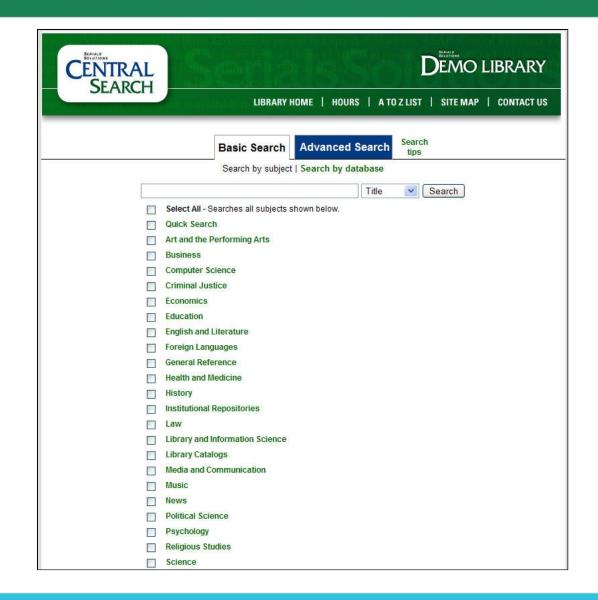


Why Google?

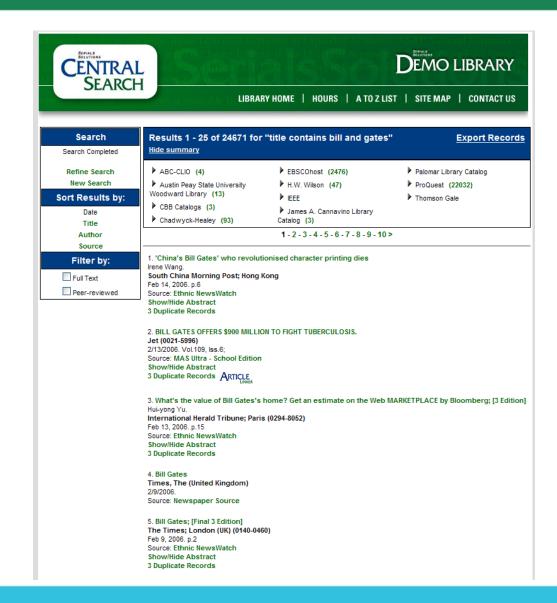


- Marcia Bates
- "Towards an integrated Model of Information Seeking and Searching" by Marcia J. Bates. Keynote for The Forth International Conference on Information Needs, Seeking and Use in Different Contexts, Lisbon, Portugal, September 11-13, 2002

Federated Search = Simple Starting Point



From UI Overload To Citation Overload



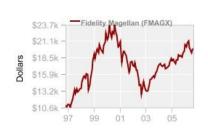
UI Overload to Citation Overload

Average Search Result Set

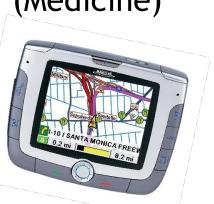
- 1000+ Citations spanning 40 pages (25 per page)
- From a wide variety of resources with a wide variety of metadata structures (read taxonomies)
- Problem now is not a lack of information but rather too much information

'Magellan': What does the searcher want?

- •The Explorer? (History)
- •The Mutual Fund? (Business)
- •The Venus Probe? (Science)
- The Strait of Magellan? (Geography)
- The Global Positioning System? (Technology)
- •The Health Services Company? (Medicine)



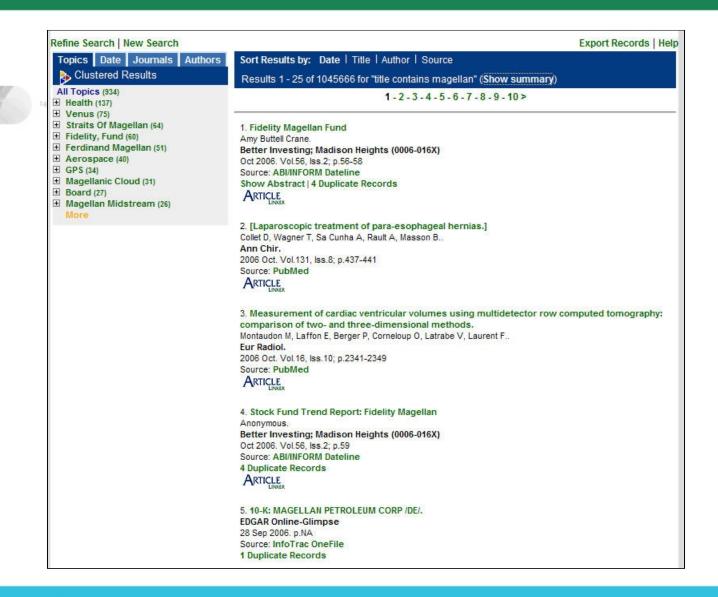




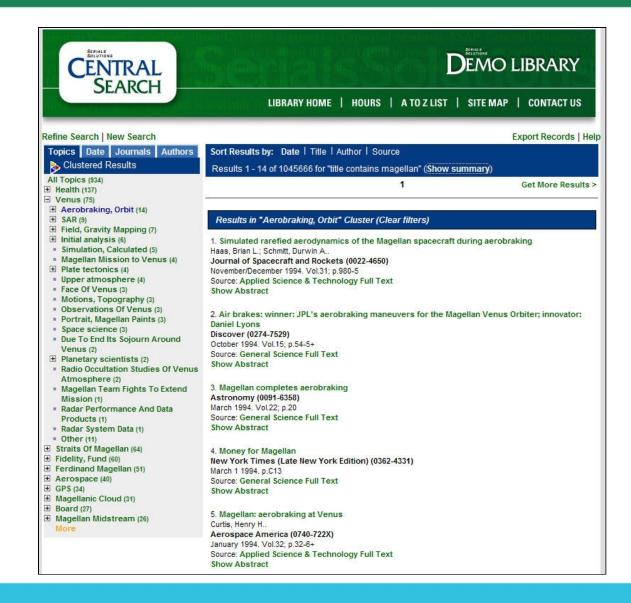




Focusing the Results via Clustering



Topic View – "Magellan"



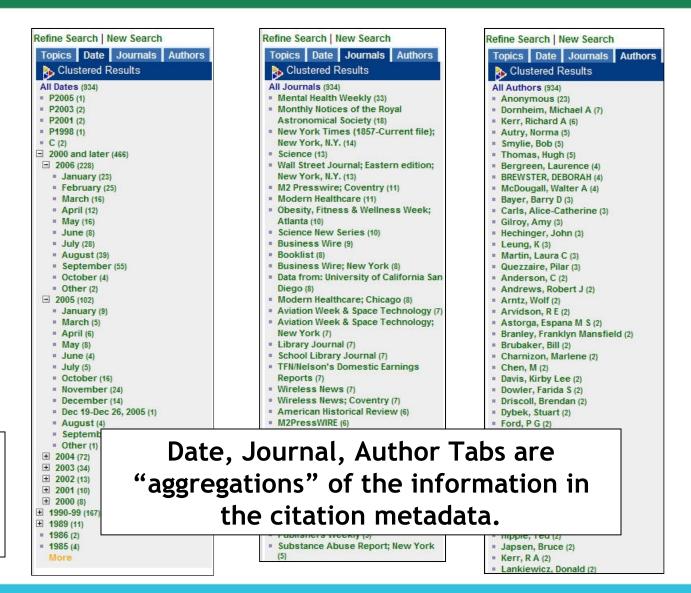
Topic View – "Magellan"



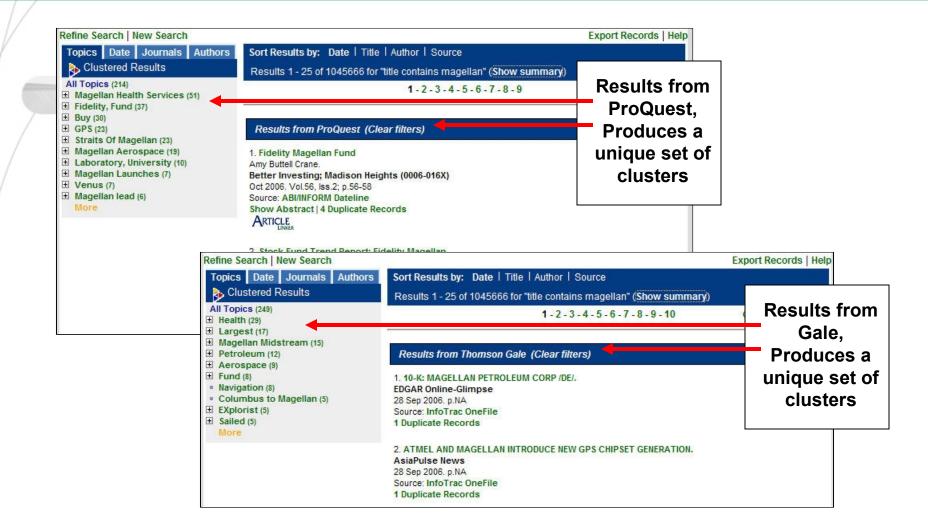
4 Tabs – Topics, Date, Journal, Author



Topics are autogenerated by the Clustering engine.



Dynamic Clustering



Key Benefits of Results Clustering



- Find answers faster
- Eliminate information overload
- Increase use of Library collection

1st Impressions

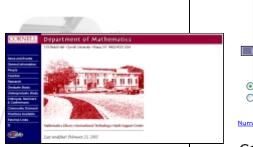
- "Excellent, smart and, pretty -- very smart and very pretty, a perfect couple with Central Search. This is the best implementation of Vivísimo and will make users appreciate libraries again."
 - Péter Jacsó University of Hawaii
- "I think this will increase the usefulness of Central Search manyfold for our users."
 - Kimberly Kane Ford Foundation

Example Searches



- Magellan
- Hybrid Vehicles
- Peter Jacso
- Run author search Politkovskaya (show the author cluster in Vivisimo)

Distributed Federated Searching









General Interest and Reference

ENTRAL SEARCH

Agriculture
Biology
Chemistry
Computers and Software
Engineering
Environment and Natural
Resources

Social Sciences



Food and Nutrition Geology Information and Library Science Math and Statistics Medicine (Human and Veterinary) Physics and Astronomy





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Central Search XML – API



- Standards based interface to the Central Search federated search engine.
- Embraces the following standards:
 - SRU (Search Retrieve via URL)
 - CQL (Common Query Language)
 - Dublin Core
- Allows for powerful, extensible custom integration of federated search anywhere a library wishes

"Link-Only" Databases



- Allows inclusion of non-searchable databases in the Central Search resource display
- Makes Central Search a resource portal

Link Only Databases: Example





Central Search

quick links

home
catalog
my account
find information
services
good reads
programs & events
young adults



about our library contact us site map

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	Answers.com Website - Searches a collection of dictionaries, thesauri and encyclopedias (including Wikipedia)					
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	Grolier Online - Online versions of Encyclopedia Americana, the New Book of Knowledge, the Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, the New Book of Popular Science, America the Beautiful and Lands and Peoples.					
	P4A Antiques Reference - An antiques, collectibles and fine art database which provides prices, pictures and information on over 230,000 items sold at U.S. auctions.					
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	Student Resource Center - Magazine newspaper and reference articles for middle school-undergraduates.					
	Web Feet Guides - Guide to useful websites on all topics.					
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We are "International": Full Unicode Support



Export Records – Improved (March 2007)



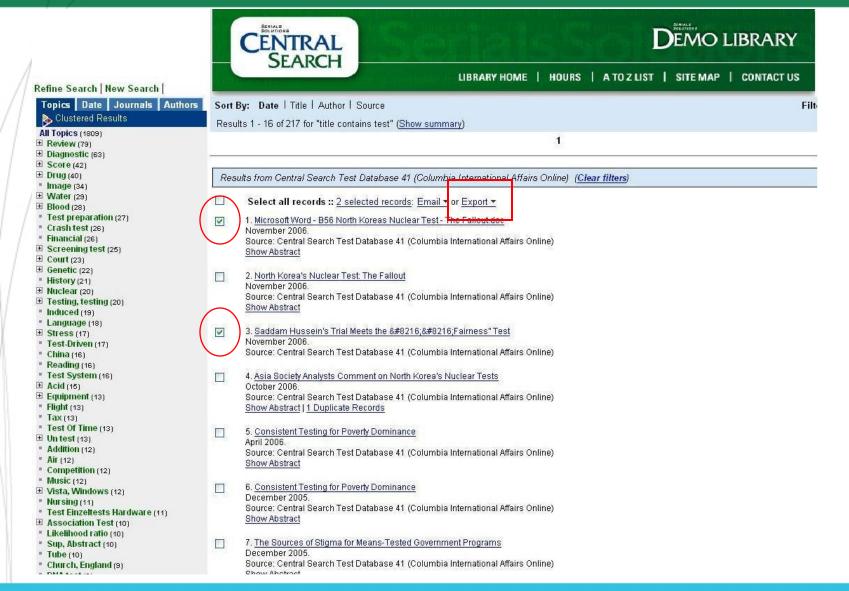
Major enhancement to export records feature. Includes:

- Ability to select records from the main citation display (not a secondary operation)
- Dynamic status indicator which displays how many records have been selected at the top of the citation display

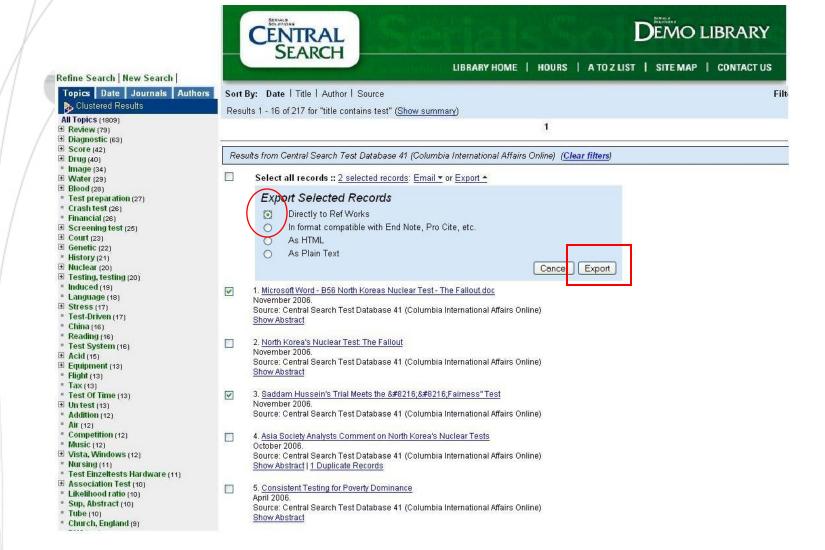
Export types include:

- Direct e-mail
- RefWorks
- ProCite
- EndNote
- Text
- HTML

Records Export: RefWorks Example

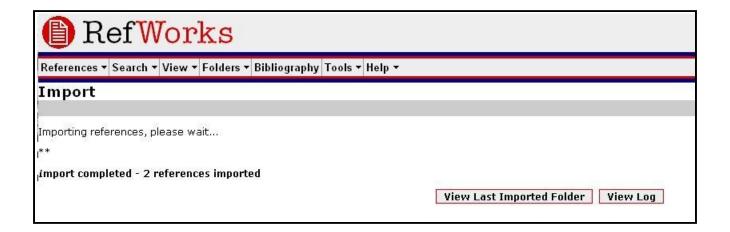


Records Export: RefWorks Example

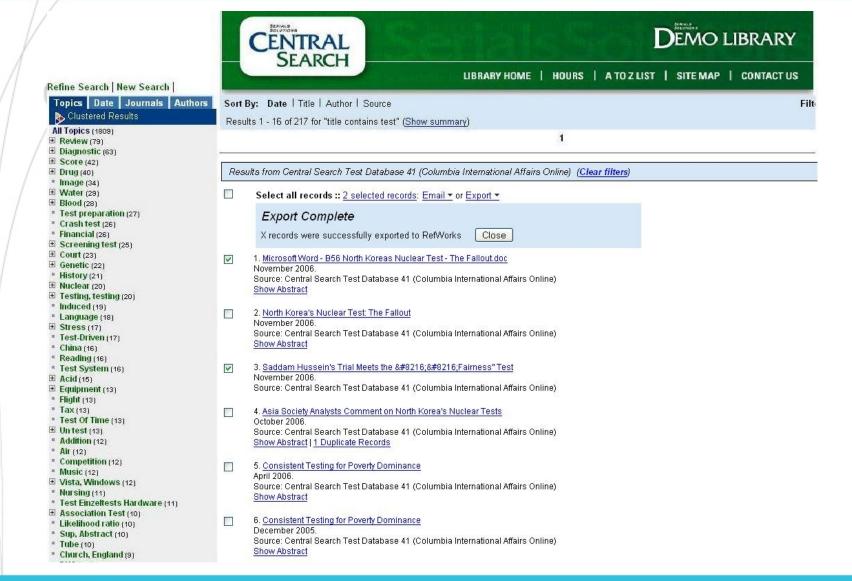


Save Directly to RefWorks

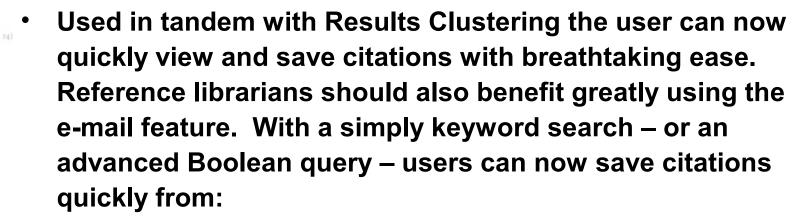




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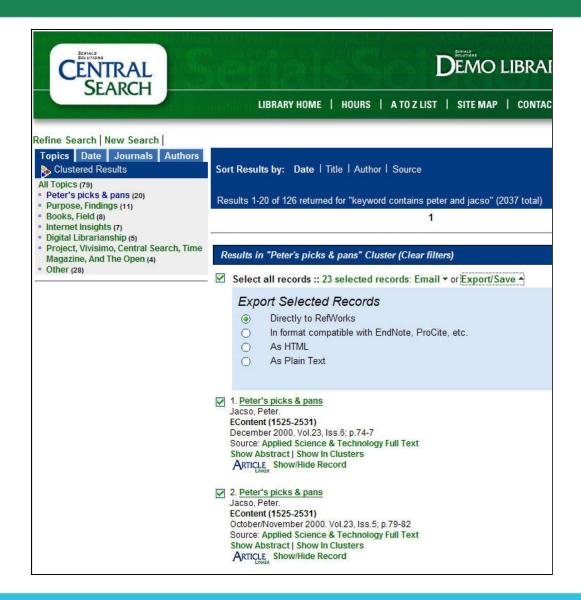


Export + Clustering = Rapid Research

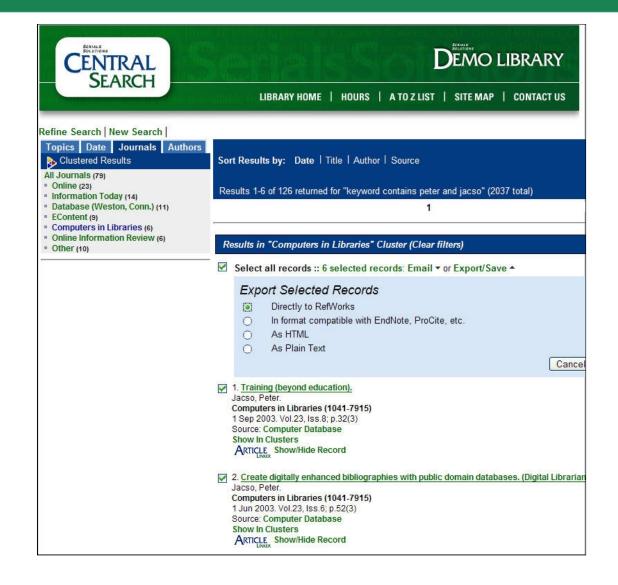


- A specific content provider
- A specific database
- A specific journal
- A specific author
- A specific topic
- A specific author from a specific content provider
- And many more!

Export Example – By Topic



Export Example – By Journal



Editable Drop Down Menus



- Library can customize the names, order, and presences of search fields. Ideas for implementation include:
 - Create a simple drop down on the basic search which includes "Title" and "Keyword" only
 - Reorder the list to place preferred metadata fields at the top
 - Create a portal for specific resources that lend themselves to robust "subject" searching
 - Create an "Abstract" search page
 - Create an "Author" search page

Get More Results – Improved! (May 2007)



- Users can now retrieve additional citations based on state of the display
 - Get more citations for all databases
 - Get more citations for a single content provider (ProQuest, EBSCO, etc.)
 - Get more citations for a single resource (ABI Inform, Academic Search Premier, erc.)
- User sees new citations rather than returning to the start of the citation display
 - Allows them to review new citations while still having access to original set

Connections



- We continue to add / improve our database connections
 - Working with key database providers to improve searches
 - LexisNexis
 - JSTOR
 - Elsevier
 - CSA!
 - We can search your institutional repository!
 - Digital Commons
 - DSpace

Questions, Comments?



Thank You!

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