

Federated Search: What's It All About?

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What is Federated Searching?

- Also known as metasearch, parallel searching, broadcast searching
- Allows the user to search across multiple resources: subscription databases, library catalogs, websites.

Have you already seen it?

- Multiple database searching from the same vendor
- Google Scholar

The Argument Against

- Advanced search features are lost
- Database specific search features are lost
- Not every product offers relevancy ranking
- It takes away from traditional information literacy teachings and favors a “Google” style approach to research

The Argument For

- Allows the user “one stop searching”
- Takes the pressure off of user's in determining which database to search
- Reduces the amount of time involved in the initial searching of information
- May increase usage of less frequently used databases

The Argument For

- Increase awareness of available databases
- “Beginners” don’t have to learn to use multiple database interfaces
- Can development pre-defined subject categories
- Allows access to multiple resource types

Features to look for

- Ability to search beyond keyword, author, title
- Ability to save, print, or e-mail the search itself and the search results
- Ability to create pre-defined subject groupings for searching
- Ability for the user to select which databases to search

Features to look for

- Ability to display results by source (i.e. databases, library catalog, website)
- Ability to sort results (date, author, resource)
- Easy to configure/customize
- Ability to de-dupe

In the end....

- It's a tool that could provide a starting point for users
- Make sure that you determine the features best suited for your organization, then evaluate the products that meet your need

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Quick Search

Advanced Search

Search Tools

0 Marked Records | [Search History](#) | [Alerts](#) | [My MultiSearch](#)

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[Search Tips](#) (e.g., wildcard*, exact phrase)

Search

Clear

Now selected: Trial Group Subject Area

Select: or [Specific Databases](#)

Date Range: to

Limited to: ☐ Latest Update ☐ Journal Articles Only ☐ English Only

Show: Results per page:

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- 24 ⓘ Business Source Premier
- 1 ⓘ ERIC
- 20 ⓘ Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition
- 0 ⓘ Historical New York Times
- 0 ⓘ JSTOR
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- ☐ 2. [Blogging for dummies](#)

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[Fialkoff, Francine](#), **Library Journal (1976) v. 130 no. 6 (April 1 2005); p. 8**
In an editorial, the writer reflects on the reaction to Michael Gorman's scathing indictment of bloggers, which appeared in Library Journal, February 15, 2005. The article sparked outrage from librarians, the blogging community, and technophiles ...
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- Database:**
WilsonWeb OmniFile Full Text Mega

Descriptors:
[Weblogs](#) | [Library journal](#) | [Gorman, Michael, 1941-](#)

☐ 2. [Preparing for the Birth of Our Library BLOG.](#)
[Blair, Joanna](#); [Cranston, Cathy](#)
By: Blair, Joanna; Cranston, Cathy., Computers in Libraries, Feb2006, Vol. 26 Issue 2, p10-54, 5p**Database:**
Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition

Basic Search

Advanced Search

Search by subject | [Search by database](#)

library	Abstract	▼
And ▼	blog	Abstract ▼
And ▼		Title ▼
And ▼		Title ▼

Year: (Format: yyyy)

Search

- ☐ **Select All** - Searches all subjects shown below.
- ☐ **Quick Search**
- ☐ **Art and the Performing Arts**
- ☐ **Business**
- ☒ **Computer Science**
- ☐ **Criminal Justice**
- ☐ **Economics**

Basic Search**Advanced Search**

Search by subject | Search by database

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- ☒ **Select All** - Searches all databases shown below.
- ☒ **ABI/INFORM Dateline** - Business, finance, economics
- ☒ **Academic Search Elite** - General subjects, humanities, social sciences, sciences, education, etc.
- ☒ **AGRICOLA** - Index to agriculturally-related-science publications
- ☒ **Alt-HealthWatch** - Alternative health
- ☒ **America: History and Life** - Historical coverage of the United States and Canada
- ☒ **American Drama** - American dramatic writing from 1714-1915
- ☒ **Annual Bibliography of English Language and Literature** - Monographs, periodical articles, critical editions of literary works, book reviews and collections of essays published anywhere in the world from 1920 onwards
- ☒ **Applied Science & Technology Full Text** - Provides full text of articles from journals as far back as 1997 in the science and technology fields.
- ☒ **Art Full Text** - Fine, decorative, and commercial art
- ☒ **ARTstor** - ARTstor content includes approximately 300,000 images covering art, architecture and archeology
- ☒ **Biography Resource Center** - Biographical reference resource
- ☒ **Biological & Agricultural Index Plus** - Core literature of biology and agriculture—much of it

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Search Completed

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Sort Results by:

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Webb, John.

Information Technology & Libraries (0730-9295)

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Source: **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**

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2. **Pop Goes the Librarian.**

Library Journal (0363-0277)

3/16/2006. Vol.131; p.38

Source: **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**

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The article profiles children and teen librarian Sophie Brookover, of the Camden County Library in Voorhees, New Jersey. Brookover has incorporated pop culture into her library to appeal to teen users. Her blog, Pop Goes The Librarian, urges libraries to cater to their teen users and bring pop culture into the library. Brookover wants librarians to embrace the perspectives and skills their younger staff members have to offer.

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3. **User-Centered "Geek"**

Library Journal (0363-0277)

3/16/2006. Vol.131; p.48

Source: **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition**

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Scoble, Robert,.

2006.

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Farkas, Bart..

2006.

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5. **Baghdad burning : girl blog from Iraq**

Riverbend..

2005.

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6. **Blog! : How the World of Blogs And Bloggers Is Changing Our Culture.**

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 - <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/lcpaig/portalproducts.html>

That's all....

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