



Customised Databases for your research

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Custom Search

Custom Search allows you to select your own combination of subject-specific databases to search simultaneously.

To get started, from the Multi-database Search page, click on '**create your customised list**'.

To use Custom Search you need to carry out the following four steps:

1. Select your subject area and category
2. Enter your keywords
3. Select the databases (if they are all selected you may want to deselect some databases)
4. Click Go

The screenshot shows the Custom Search interface with four numbered callouts:

- 1**: Points to the 'Subject' dropdown menu (set to 'Education') and the 'Categories' list (with 'Health Education' selected).
- 2**: Points to the search term input fields under 'Step 2: Enter Search Terms'.
- 3**: Points to the 'Database Name' column in the table under 'Step 3: Select Databases and Go'.
- 4**: Points to the 'GO' button.

Step 3: Select Databases and Go

Subject: Education – Health Education contains 11 databases

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> AUSPORTMed	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> ERIC (CSA)	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Health and Wellness Resource Center	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Source: Consumer Edition	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Index New Zealand (INNZ)	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> MEDLINE	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development Collection	Index	MORE INFO ADD TO MY RESEARCH

Note: You can search up to ten databases simultaneously but you will get your results faster if you select fewer databases.

Search Results

You will see your search in progress as the databases retrieve results. The more databases selected to search simultaneously, the longer it will take to retrieve results. When your search has finished, the first 30 results from each database will be displayed.

Search for "Any word=(bee) And Any word=(dance)" in "Science" found 1566 results

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No.	Rank	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1		Barron, A.B.	Effects of cocaine on honey bee dance behaviour	2009	Scopus	Find Full Text
2		Wong, L.-P.	Bee Colony Optimization with local search for Traveling Salesman Problem	2008	Scopus	Find Full Text
3		Renner, M.A.	Bumble bee olfactory information flow and contact-based foraging activation	2008	Scopus	Find Full Text
4		Tan, K.	Dancing to different tunes: Heterospecific deciphering of the honeybee waggle dance	2008	Scopus	Find Full Text
5		S. Ferrari	Monitoring of swarming sounds in bee hives for early detection of the swarming period	2008	ScienceDirect	Find Full Text
6		Daniel Sánchez	Experience-based interpretation of stingless bee <i>Scaptotrigona mexicana</i>		ScienceDirect	Find Full Text
7		Pankiw, T.	Brood pheromone effects on colony honey bee (Hymenoptera: Apidae)		US	Find Full Text
8		Kitaoaka, T.K.	Manuscript in preparation for Bee foraging regulation: Role of pollen quality, storage levels, and odor	2009	Scopus	Find Full Text
9		...	The effect of repeated vibration signals on worker behavior in established and newly	2009	Scopus	Find Full Text
10		Gardner	Do honey bees have two discrete dances to advertise food sources?	2008	ScienceDirect	Find Full Text

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Annotations:

- Change the display order of results, e.g. author, year
- Use 'Find Full Text' to locate an electronic copy of the full text article. Or check the catalogue
- Click here to retrieve more results
- Click on the 'shopping cart' to select results
- View results according to their topic, date, author, journal title, or database.

To view additional information about an article, click on the article title.

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Resource: [Scopus](#)

Title: [Dancing to different tunes: Heterospecific deciphering of the honeybee waggle dance](#)



Author: Tan, K.
Yang, M.X.
Radloff, S.E.
Hepburn, H.R.

To return to the search results page click on **Table View**

Managing Results

Multi-database Search offers several options for managing your results. Some of these options will require you to log in.

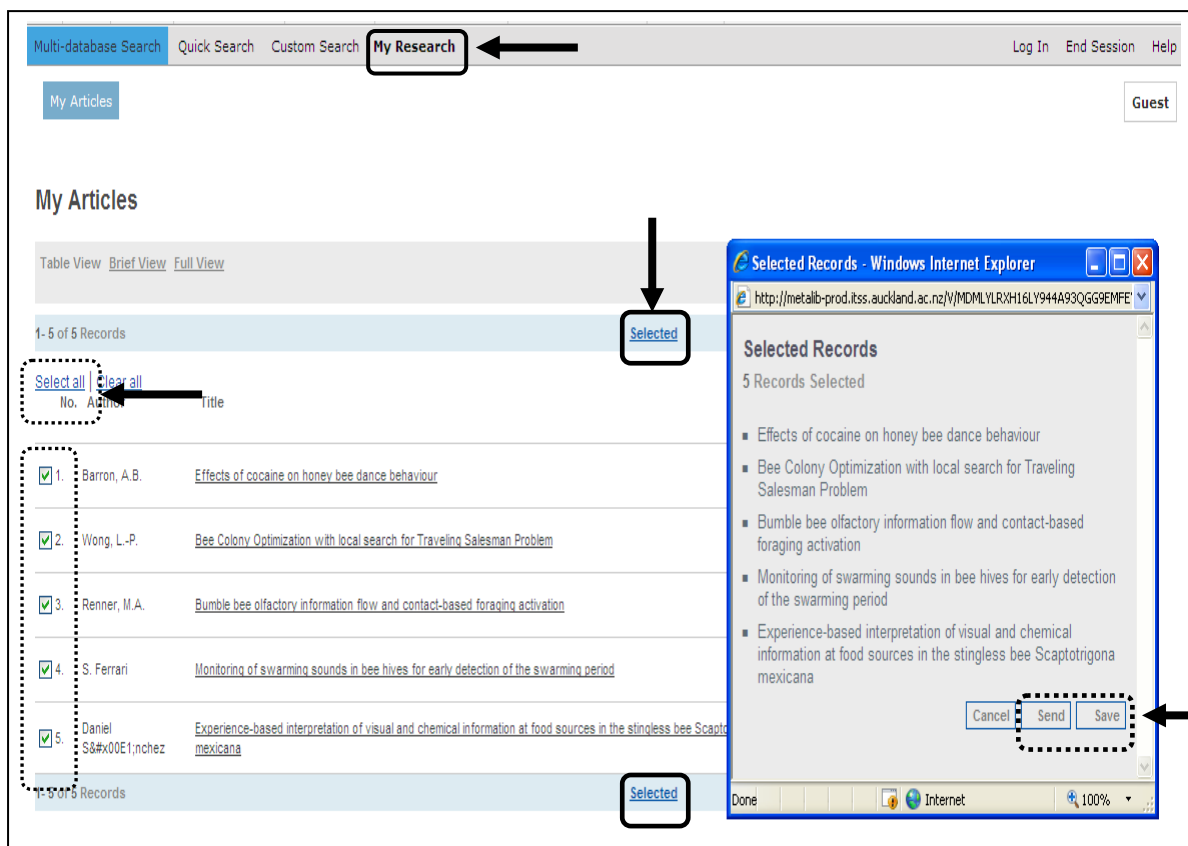
Save or email an individual result

From any individual result you can use these icons   to save or email a citation.

Save or email a list of results

From the results page click on the  icon next to the articles you would like to save/email. Then follow these steps:

- Click on **'My Research'**.
- Tick the boxes next to individual results (or click on 'Select all').
- Click on the **'Selected'** link (located at the top and bottom of the results).
- In the pop up box choose an option to either save or send (email) the results.



The screenshot shows the 'My Research' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'My Articles' and 'Guest'. The main content area is titled 'My Articles' and includes view options (Table View, Brief View, Full View) and a 'Selected' link. A table of 5 records is displayed, with the first five records selected. A 'Selected Records' pop-up window is open, showing the list of selected records and buttons for 'Cancel', 'Send', and 'Save'.

No.	Author	Title
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Selected Records
5 Records Selected

- Effects of cocaine on honey bee dance behaviour
- Bee Colony Optimization with local search for Traveling Salesman Problem
- Bumble bee olfactory information flow and contact-based foraging activation
- Monitoring of swarming sounds in bee hives for early detection of the swarming period
- Experience-based interpretation of visual and chemical information at food sources in the stingless bee *Scaptotrigona mexicana*

Buttons: Cancel, Send, Save

Save your search strategy

You can save your search strategy and rerun it at a later date to see if new results have been added to the databases. You must **log in** to do this. To log in click on [Log In](#) (located in the top right hand corner of the page) and enter your NetID and UoA password.

From the top of your search results page:

- click on 'Custom Search'
- click on 'Previous Searches'




- click on [ADD TO MY RESEARCH](#)

Your search strategy will be saved to 'My Research'. To run the search again log in to Multi-database Search, click on 'My Research' then click on 'Saved Searches'.

Save a custom group of databases

You can save a custom group of databases for future searching. You must log in to do this. To log in click on [Log In](#) (located in the top right hand corner of the page) and enter your NetID and UoA password.

1. From **Custom Search**, select the databases that you would like to save by clicking on the [ADD TO MY RESEARCH](#) option next to the database name.
2. Then from **My Research**,
 - a. click on 'My Databases'
 - b. click on the  icon
 - c. in the pop-up box give your set of databases a name and click Save.

Saving a custom group of databases

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-database Search' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Multi-database Search', 'Quick Search', 'Custom Search', and 'My Research' (which is highlighted with a red box). Below these are sub-tabs for 'My Articles', 'My Databases' (highlighted with a red box), 'Saved Searches', and 'Preferences'. The main content area is titled 'My Databases' and features a 'Select set:' dropdown menu set to 'Temporary set'. To the right is a 'Clipboard' section with a table of databases:

Database Name	Type	Actions
Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals	Index	← ✕ MORE INFO
Art Full Text	Index	
Design and Applied Arts Index	Index	
ARTbibliographies Modern	Index	

A 'Save As' dialog box is open over the 'Clipboard' section, with an arrow pointing to the 'Set name:' field. The dialog box has a title bar 'Save As - Windows Inte...' and a URL 'http://metalib-prod.itss.auckland.ac.nz/'. The 'Set name:' field contains the text 'Arts 1'. There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom of the dialog box.

Access your custom set of databases

To use your set of databases again, log in to **Multi-database Search**. Now when you go to **Quick Search** your sets should display above the regular subject sets.

The screenshot shows the 'Step 2: Select Subject and Go' interface. At the top, there is a green header 'Step 2: Select Subject and Go'. Below this is a 'My Sets' section with a red box around the 'Arts 1' set. Below the 'My Sets' section is a 'Subjects' section with several radio button options:

- General
- Art and Architecture
- Business and Economics
- Education
- Engineering
- Geography

Multi-database Search and EndNote

Exporting results from Multi-database Search

If you are using Multi-database Search, follow the steps below to export results.

To export a single result:

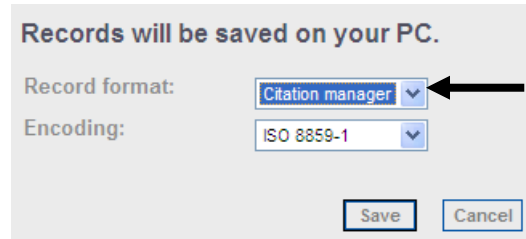
1. Carry out a search using Multi-database Search
2. From the results list, click on a title
3. In the top right of the result, click on the d
4. In the pop-up window, select Citation ma
from the record format drop-down box.



You do not need to change the Encoding

5. Click Save
6. Select your endnote library from the pop-
window
7. Your reference should now be transferred.

The transfer of information is not always perfect, check that the information is in the correct fields.



To export a group of results:

1. In Multi-database Search carry out a search using either Quick Search or Custom Search
2. In the action column, click on the 'basket' icon for the results you want selected (an arrow should appear in the basket once selected)
3. From the grey bar above click **My Research** – you should now see the results you selected
4. Click on **Select All** or just click the check boxes next to the results you want
5. Click on **Selected** (in the blue bar directly above or below your results)
6. In the pop-up window, select **Save**.
7. Now select **Citation manager** from the record format drop-down box. You do not need to change the Encoding box.
8. Click **Save**, select your EndNote library from the pop-up window and check the information has been transferred into the correct fields.

If you get a message indicating that Internet Explorer has blocked the download of the file you will need to change your security settings. Follow these steps:

1. Click the Tools button, and then click Internet Options.
2. Click the Security tab, and then click Custom level.
3. Scroll to the Downloads section of the list, and then, under Automatic prompting for file downloads, click Enable.

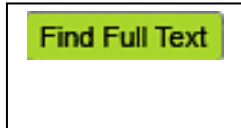
Find the full text of an article

From a **result** in a
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From a
KNOWN ARTICLE
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From a **result**
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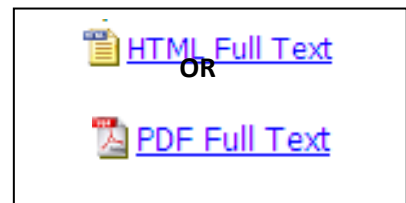
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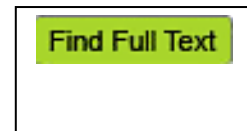
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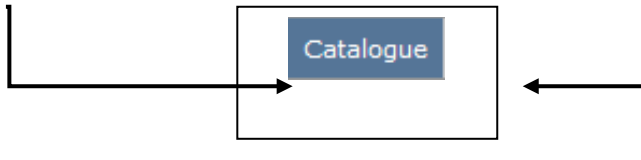
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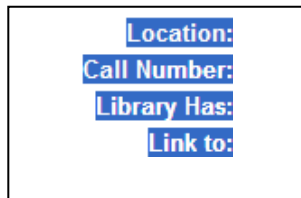
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