

 Tutorials

Episode 12: How do I search in a database directly from within findit.lu?

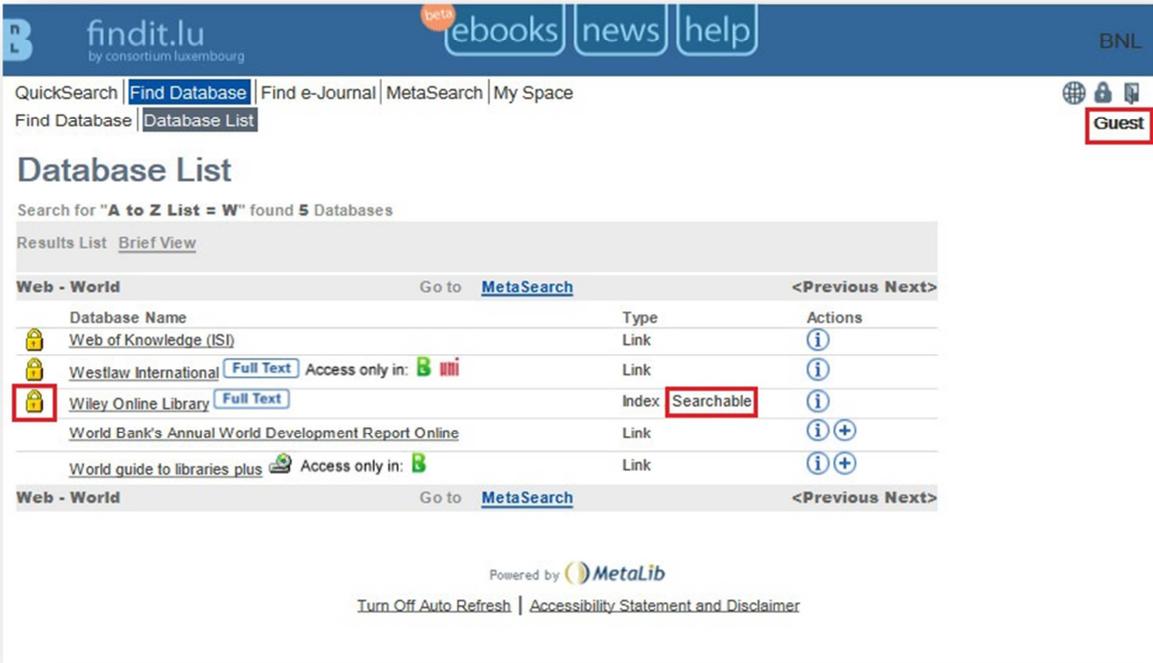
This episode will provide insights into how to search within a particular database using the portal's search engine. One immediate question you have might be "why would I want to do this? Why not just search the database itself?".

In fact, this functionality can be useful in order to store references or journals from any database in one single place. Let's think of doing searches within several databases with one request or getting automatic reminders as soon as a new search result, suiting your interests, will be available.

We will look at that aspect in more detail in the [Episodes 15 "MetaSearch"](#) and [16 "Creating search alerts"](#).

First, connect to findit.lu.

Once you put the portal into the language of your choice, click on the "Find Database" menu option. Let's say that you would like to search in the "Wiley Online Library". Click on "W" in the A-Z List.



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Database List

Search for "A to Z List = W" found 5 Databases

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Database Name	Type	Actions
 Web of Knowledge (ISI)	Link	i
 Westlaw International Full Text Access only in:  	Link	i
 Wiley Online Library Full Text	Index Searchable	i
World Bank's Annual World Development Report Online	Link	i +
World guide to libraries plus  Access only in: 	Link	i +

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Although we can see "Wiley Online Library" in the list and it is marked as "Searchable", we can also see that it is locked and therefore we can't search it from within the portal until we login. Click on the in the top right-hand corner to login.

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Wiley Online Library Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
World Bank's Annual World Development Report Online	Link	i +
World guide to libraries plus Access only in:	Link	i +

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Now that we have logged in, we see a few changes:

- The yellow padlock next to “Wiley Online Library” has disappeared. This means we now have access;
- The action icons have changed. We can now search in this database or add this database to our personal list (more on that in [Episode 14: “Creating personal QuickSets”](#)).

To search in the Wiley Online Library, click on the magnifying glass icon. You will be presented with the “Search in Database” screen.

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Search in Database

Simple **Advanced**

All Fields And [GO](#)

All Fields

Wiley Online Library

Title: Wiley Online Library

Type: Index
Searchable

Description: Wiley Online Library hosts the world's broadest and deepest multidisciplinary collection of online resources covering life, health and physical sciences, social science, and the humanities. It delivers seamless integrated access to over 4 million articles from 1500 journals, 9000 books, and hundreds of reference works, laboratory protocols and databases.

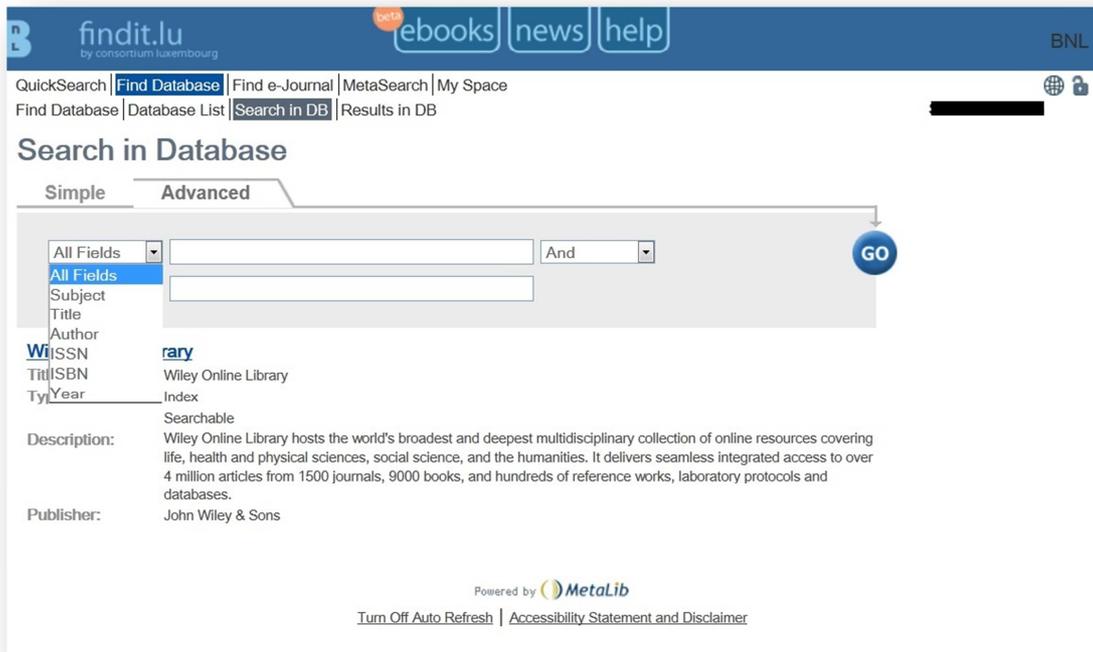
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As you can see, from this screen, you are searching only the “Wiley Online Library”.

Enter your search terms and click on the “Go” button. Note that you are searching on “All Fields” by default. You can also search on Subject, Title, Author, ISSN, ISBN or Year by clicking on the drop down list where “All Fields” is displayed.



But for now, back to our search. Once you click on the “Go” button, you will see a screen showing you the progress of your search:



And then, your search results are automatically displayed:

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Search in Database Results

Search for "parkinsons disease" in Wiley Online Library

Results List | Brief View | Full View

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No.	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1		2nd World Parkinson Congress Abstracts	2010	Wiley Online Library	
2	VAUGHAN J. R.	Genetics of Parkinsonism	2001	Wiley Online Library	
3		Poster session 2, Abstracts 3457694	2004	Wiley Online Library	
4	Mahe N.E.	Segregation analysis of Parkinson disease revealing evidence for a major causative gene	2002	Wiley Online Library	
5	Clayton David F.	Synucleins in synaptic plasticity and neurodegenerative disorders	1999	Wiley Online Library	
6		Poster Session 3	2006	Wiley Online Library	
7		Speaker Sessions	2006	Wiley Online Library	
8		PAPER ABSTRACTS	2005	Wiley Online Library	
9		Poster session 5	2002	Wiley Online Library	
10		SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS	2006	Wiley Online Library	

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From this screen, you can click on the title to see its details or click on the findit.lu-button (more information on the findit.lu-button in [Episode 6 "How to access an article - the findit.lu button"](#)) to have the system search for the full text of the entry.

In Episode 13, we will look how to improve your search with some [hints on phrasing search terms](#).

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