



Episode 15: MetaSearch

In the following episode we will get to know what MetaSearch can do for us.

The term *MetaSearch*, also known as “integrated searching”, “federated searching” or “cross-database searching”, means to submit a query to numerous databases at once. The query is broadcast to each database, and an integrated list of the results is displayed from all the databases according to the results’ relevancy rank.

MetaSearch provides complete control over which databases are searched and provides a variety of options for viewing the results in these databases.

Use findit.lu’s MetaSearch if you want to get very specific results; e.g. if you want to combine several databases without creating QuickSets or if you want to search within a set of subject-based databases. In most cases searching one database or using QuickSets will already give you enough results to work with. But sometimes MetaSearch might be quite useful.

Let’s have a closer look at this topic by clicking “MetaSearch” in the top menu of findit.lu. Since the databases that can be searched in this way are locked until login, it is best if we login right away by clicking on the padlock in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

The MetaSearch interface will be displayed as follows:

The screenshot shows the findit.lu MetaSearch interface. At the top, there are navigation links for QuickSearch, Find Database, Find e-Journal, MetaSearch, and My Space. The MetaSearch section is active, showing a search form with two input fields and a 'GO' button. Below the search form, a message states 'Set: e-journals contains 14 databases'. A table lists these databases with columns for Database Name, Type, and Actions. The table includes databases like Academic Search Premier, ACM Digital Library, Business Source Premier, and ScienceDirect. At the bottom, there is a 'Powered by MetaLib' logo and links for 'Turn Off Auto Refresh' and 'Accessibility Statement and Disclaimer'.

MetaSearch

Select Search Type: Quick Sets

My Databases
Quick Sets
Categories
Locate

Test Access
bibnet.lu catalogues

Simple | **Advanced**

All Fields [] And [] GO

All Fields []

Set: e-journals contains 14 databases

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Search Premier(EBSCO) Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> ACM Digital Library Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Business Source Premier(EBSCO) Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> DigiZeitschriften Full Text	Index , Search-and-go	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Directory of Open Access Journals Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> IEEE Xplore Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Oxford University Press Journals Collection Full Text	Link , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Primo Central (Ex Libris)	Index	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> PROLA - American Physical Society Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> SAGE Journals Online Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	Index , Searchable	i +

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As you can see on the left side of the screen you have four different options to start your MetaSearch:

1. **“My Databases”**: search through all or a part of the databases which you have added to your Clipboard (“My Space”). Databases of your personal QuickSets are included (See [Episode 14 “Building personal QuickSets”](#) for detailed information).
2. **“QuickSets”**: Refine your search through default QuickSets which you will find on the main page of findit.lu; e.g. e-books or e-journals (detailed information in [Episode 5: “Searching several databases”](#)).
3. **“Categories”**: Search several databases of a specific category (like natural sciences + mathematics) with one request
4. **“Locate”**: locate specific databases selected by type, category and/or name and search them

Let’s say, I would like to search all available databases with psychological or philosophical content about Sigmund Freud’s psychoanalytic theory.

Select “Categories” in the Select Search Type field on the left and choose the category “100-Philosophy + Psychology”. All available databases will be displayed in the middle of the screen.

Now you can choose if you want to search all of these or only a part. Check all databases which you want to search.

The screenshot displays the findit.lu MetaSearch interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. The 'MetaSearch' section is active, showing a search form with 'Categories' selected as the search type and '100-Philosophy + Psychology' as the category. The search results table lists 22 databases, including Academic Search Premier, bibnet.lu, Classiques des Science Sociales, Credo Reference, E-Print ArXiv via SCIRUS, Education Research Complete, ERIC, and FRANCIS. The interface is powered by MetaLib.

Database Name	Type	Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Academic Search Premier(EBSCO) Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> bibnet.lu (catalogue collectif luxembourgeois)	Library , Searchable	i +
Classiques des Science Sociales		
<input type="checkbox"/> Credo Reference Full Text	Encyclopedia , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Credo Reference Philosophy Full Text	Electronic Book , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> Credo Reference Psychology Full Text	Electronic Book , Searchable	i +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-Print ArXiv via SCIRUS Full Text	Searchable	i +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education Research Complete (EBSCO) Full Text	Index , Searchable	i +
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ERIC (EBSCO)	Index , Searchable	i +
<input type="checkbox"/> FRANCIS (Ovid)	Index , Searchable	i +

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.

Once you click on the “Go” button, you will see a screen showing you the progress of your search:

The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'findit.lu by consortium luxembourg', 'beta ebooks news help', and 'BNL'. Below this is a search bar with 'Search | MetaSearch Results | Previous Searches | Refine'. The main content area is titled 'MetaSearch' and displays the search query: 'Search for "freud psychoanalytic theory" in "100-Philosophy + Psychology"'. A 'Cancel' link is visible. Below the search bar is a table showing the progress of the search across various databases.

Database Name	Status	Hits
Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	DONE	580 View
E-Print ArXiv via SCIRUS	DONE	0
Education Research Complete (EBSCO)	DONE	2046 View
ERIC (EBSCO)	DONE	31 View
FRANCIS (Ovid)	DONE	33 View
OLC - Online Contents	DONE	64 View
OLC-SSG Psychologie	DONE	7 View
PsycARTICLES (Ovid)	FETCHING	1719
PsycINFO (Ovid)	FETCHING	8401 View
PSYINDEXplus Literature and Audiovisual Media (Ovid)	FETCHING	135 View
PSYINDEXplus Tests (Ovid)	DONE	3 View
Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy	DONE	23 View
ScienceDirect (Elsevier)	DONE	3179 View
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy	DONE	1649 Jump
Oxford University Press Journals Collection	FETCHING	1746
Combined Results		

At the bottom of the page, it says 'Powered by MetaLib' and provides links for 'Turn Off Auto Refresh' and 'Accessibility Statement and Disclaimer'.

After a short time, automatically, your search results will be displayed. Please note that your search results will be displayed by default by database. That means that you will first see all results from *Academic Search Premier*, then *Education Research Complete*, then *Eric* – all searched databases in alphabetical order.

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BNL

QuickSearch | Find Database | Find e-Journal | **MetaSearch** | My Space

Search | **MetaSearch Results** | Previous Searches | Refine

MetaSearch Results

Results for "**freud psychoanalytic theory**" in **Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)** (580 hits)

View results by databases **View combined results.**

Results List | Brief View | Full View

Jump to #: 

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No.	Rank	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1		Slife, Brent	<u>Religious Implications of Western Personality Theory.</u> The purpose of this article is to outline some of the religious implications of Western personality theory. It begins with broad ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 
2		Plastow, Michael	<u>'Theory of mind' III: the unbearable idea of other minds.</u> The article discusses the theory of mind, in reference to psychoanalysis and autism. It highlights the concept of an entrapment within ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	
3		Tauber, Alfred I.	<u>Freud's social theory: Modernist and postmodernist revisions.</u> Acknowledging the power of the id-drives, Freud held on to the authority of reason as the ego's best tool to control instinctual ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 
4		Cantz, Paul	<u>Towards a biblical psychoanalysis: a second look at the first book.</u> Freud's materialistic treatment of religion has discouraged and stigmatised inquiries concerning the potential theoretical and ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	
5		Heuer, Gottfried M.	<u>A Most Dangerous - and Revolutionary - Method: Sabina Spielrein, Carl Gustav Jung, Sigmund Freud, Otto Gross, and the Birth of Intersubjectivity.</u> ABSTRACT As the first major commercial film to focus on Jung's role in the early history of (psycho-)analysis, David Cronenberg's ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 
6		PEERS, CHRIS	<u>Freud, Plato and Ingaray: A morpho-logic of teaching and learning.</u> This article discusses two well-known texts that respectively describe learning and teaching, drawn from the work of Freud and Plato. ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 
7		Ceylan, Mehmet	<u>Neurobiology of Repression: A Hypothetical Interpretation.</u> Freud lived in a time when technology was incapable of explaining the biological correlates of the mental processes he described in ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 
8		Baranger, Madeleine	<u>The intrapsychic and the intersubjective in contemporary psychoanalysis.</u> This text discusses the evolution that has taken place since the beginning of psychoanalysis and that continues into contemporary ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	
9		FONAGY, PETER	<u>ON CAUTION AND COURAGE IN PSYCHOANALYTIC EPISTEMOLOGY.</u> The article discusses the philosophy of psychoanalysis, in response to an article by Michael Lacey about the validity of ...	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	
10		Neave, Mary	<u>Freud revitalised.</u> The article reviews the book "A brief introduction psychoanalytic theory," by Stephen Frosh and Palgrave Macmillan.	2012	Academic Search Premier(EBSCO)	 

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I would suggest viewing the combined results by clicking the "View combined results"-link at the top of the list to get the most relevant results.

The screenshot shows the findit.lu website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'ebooks', 'news', and 'help'. The main header includes 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. Below this, there are search filters and a 'Refine' button. The main content area is titled 'MetaSearch Results' and shows 'Combined results for "freud psychoanalytic theory" (17967 hits)'. There are options to 'View results by databases' and 'Sort by: Rank'. The results are displayed in a table with columns for 'No.', 'Rank', 'Author', 'Title', 'Year', 'Database', and 'Action'. The first eight results are visible, each with a 'findit.lu' button. On the right side, there are filters for 'Topics', 'Dates', 'Authors', 'Journal Titles', and 'Databases', each with a dropdown menu and a list of related items.

No.	Rank	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1		Shevrin, Howard	A contribution toward a science of psychoanalysis. [References]. Comments on an article by Arnold H. Modell (see record 2012-25731-005). In this special issue of the Psychoanalytic Review, in ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
2		Reeves, Justine Kalas	A depressed toddler and his mother reunite in the toddler group. [References]. (from the chapter) Below I shall describe how a depressed toddler and his mother grew to interact more pleasurably during their ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
3		Falzeder, Ernst	A fresh look at Freud and his followers. Discusses the turbulent history of psychoanalytic theory, which has been marked by the tendency of some theorists to conserve orthodox ...	1997	PSYNDEXplus Literature and Audiovisual M...	
4		Erol, Almila	Acting out: An overview from conceptual and historical perspective. [Turkish]. Acting out is a concept that has been debated for over a century without a definite consensus. This paper provides a historical ...	2000	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
5		Midgley, Nick	Aggression in relation to emotional development: An observation of an infant and his family in the first two years of life. [References]. (from the chapter) Psychoanalysis has a long history of attempting to understand the place of aggression in early infant development. ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
6		Malberg, Norka T	Anna Freud and her contribution to the field of paediatric psychology. [References]. (from the chapter) Anna Freud believed that psychoanalytic theory could exert a great deal of influence to change the way other ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
7		Hamburger, Hillary	"Anna Freud in Africa": Ububele in Alexandra township, Johannesburg. (create) Hillary and Tony Hamburger movingly describe the culturally sensitive application of psychoanalytic concepts to Ububele ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	
8		Sandler, Anne-Marie	Anna Freud's influence on contemporary thinking about the child. [References]. (from the chapter) In this short chapter I hope to show how the ideas and discoveries of Anna Freud have had a considerable influence ...	2012	PsycINFO (Ovid)	

From this screen, you can click on the title to see its details or click on the findit.lu-button to have the system search for the full text of the entry.

You can narrow or broaden the results of the query using filters in the right menu (e.g. results from a specific topic, year, journal or author).

To browse through the results click *Next* or *Previous* to display another page, or you can *Jump* to a particular record. You can set the number of results displayed per page as part of your preferences.

This is just one option for doing a MetaSearch. The other provided Search Types work in the same manner. Try it out!

In **Episode 16: How do I save a search and create an alert?** we will look at viewing a list of the previous searches that you performed during a session in order to review them or to save them for creating an alert.

List of all Episodes: <http://blog.findit.lu/help>