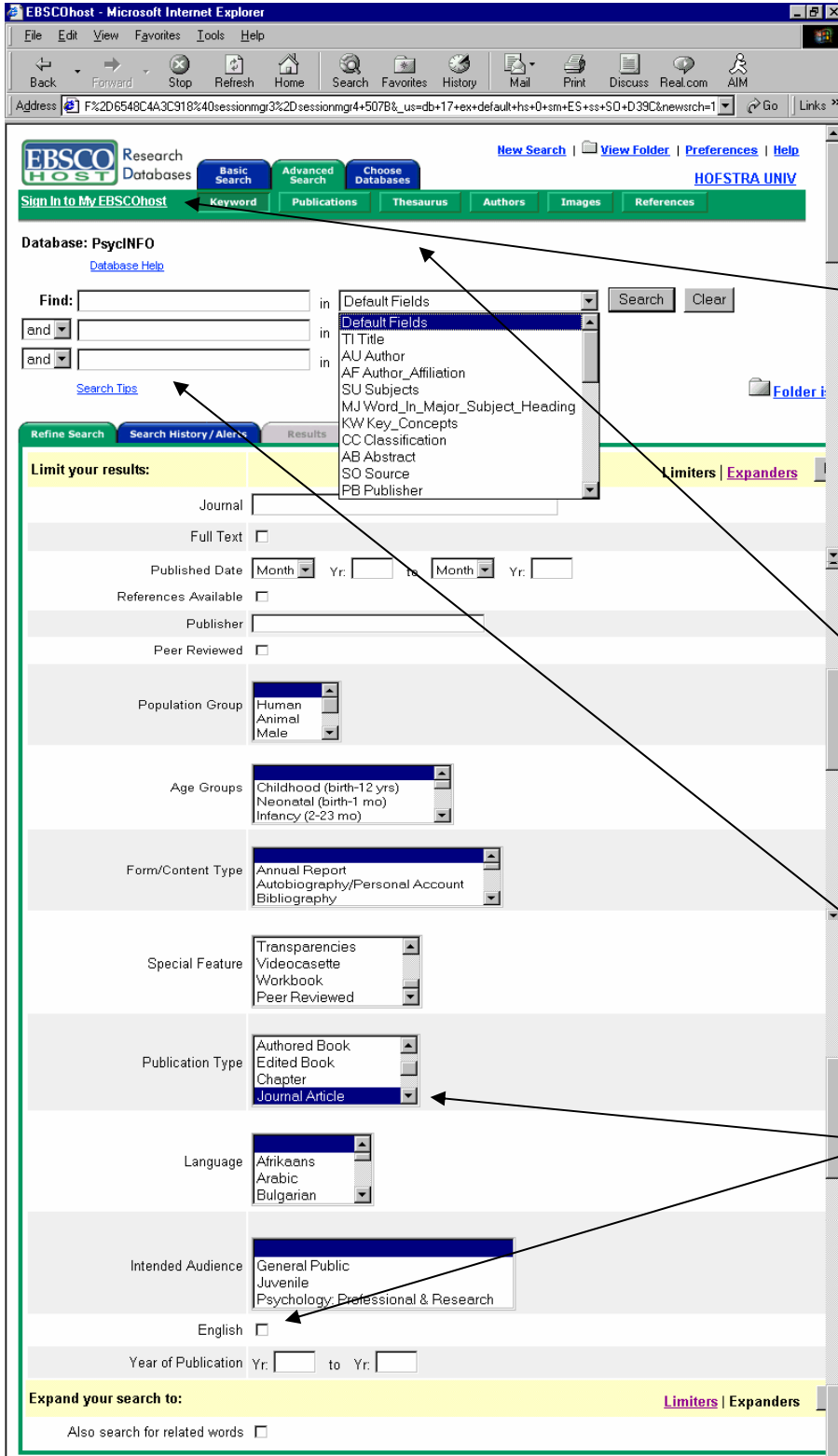


Guide to Using PsycInfo-Medline-ERIC-Professional Development-SportDiscus Databases



PsycInfo (Psychology)
Medline (medicine)
ERIC & Prof Devel Coll (Education)
SportDiscus (Physical Education)

LOG IN 'My EbscoHost' and verify before exiting session by clicking on Folder. This will save citations/full-text you place in your FOLDER for the next time you log into EbscoHost databases. The searches themselves will also be saved if you opt to save searches (a good idea for complex searches that may be difficult to replicate)

These databases are completely separate products accessible via a common interface. You can switch among them by clicking on "Choose Databases." They share a folder unless you set up several folders (different user name and password)

You can search several databases simultaneously; the downside of this is that one loses the thesauri and specific 'subject' headings.

Enter your subject terms and select the field to be searched. "Keyword" searches search the entire record, including the abstract and references if available.

Set Limits – "language" (English), "publication type" (articles). [peer-reviewed is glitchy – view individually]

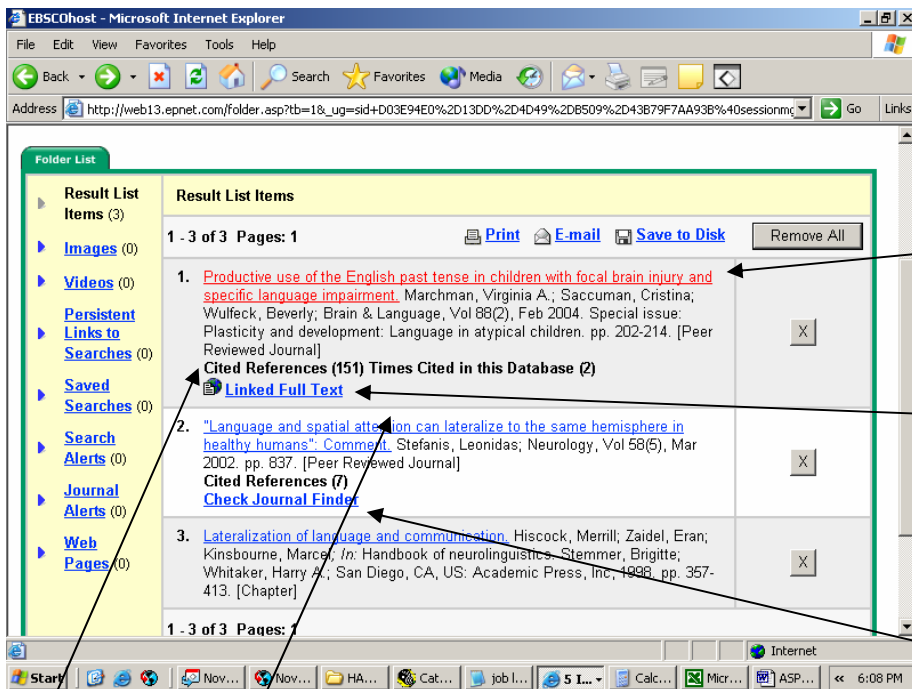
Set other limits only as appropriate for your research. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO, AND SHOULD NOT SET ANY LIMITS UNLESS APPROPRIATE.**

Limit "Publication Year" if you only want articles from specific time period Most recent articles always come up first.

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Search Results

Items of interest from search results for “right hemisphere” in “*Keyword*” and “language disorders” in “*Subject*” Have been placed in folder.

Clicking the *title* link will bring you to the record, which will include an abstract, subject headings, other useful information.

Linked Full-Text will bring you to the full-text of the article. Sometimes you will have to click through several pages to get it. Look for **PDF, HTML, or Full-text** links.

Check Journal Finder will bring you to a page that will list links to the journal, etc if it is available electronically, or “Hofstra University Holdings” if it is available in print in Periodicals (lower level Axinn Library). If full-text not available, you will see a link to ILLIAD for interlibrary loan.

ALWAYS PUT ITEMS IN YOUR FOLDER BEFORE PRINTING OR OTHER ACTION. **TAKE ACTION FROM WITHIN FOLDER so items are saved for future reference.**

References link brings you to the list of references included in the target article. All functions of main results page work in the *References* page.

Times Cited link brings you to other articles *within Ebsco databases* which cite the target article. All functions of main results page work in the *Times Cited* page.

NOTE: Links to *References* and *Times Cited* only work from search page, not from folder.

If you are interested in an article after examining the title or full record, click **ADD** to put it in your folder.

After developing a usable search set (5-50 items), go into your folder. You can remove items if you choose.

Print your folder list (each page of 10 items prints separately).

Print articles that are available full-text. Check them off on your list.

If **Journal Finder** indicates “Hofstra University Holdings” mark it with an “H” so you know you have to copy the article from the print copy in Periodicals.

If item is not available in print or electronic, mark it with an “I” and interloan it. You will receive an email indicating it is available at the Reference Desk. Pick it up promptly or it will be mailed to your home after approximately 10 days.

In *Journal Finder*, **sometimes you will get a link directly to the article; sometimes you will be brought directly to the journal**, then select volume, issue, and article; **sometimes you will be brought to the database and have to search for the article within the database (e.g., Lexis-Nexis)**.