HOW TO CREATE AN EXPERT SEARCH JUMPSTART LINK

Links that jumpstart the users directly into a live search are very useful to put on the library's web page. They encourage users to search for hot topics, help them construct advanced searches, and increase their usage of the databases.

For ideas on topics for Expert Searches, please see this page: http://www.ovid.com/site/resources/index_expert_search.jsp

Creating a Jumpstart Link – step by step

1. To create an Expert Search Jumpstart Link, start by searching in your preferred Ovid database (in this example we will use MEDLINE):

![Search History](image)

2. When you have finished searching, tick the box next to one of the references in the search results, for example the first in the list. Then click the Export button above the results:

![Export](image)

3. In the Export Citation List dialog, select Export To .txt and select the Search History box. Then click the Export Citation(s) button:

![Export Citation List](image)
4. Open the `citation.txt` file using Notepad:

![Notepad window](image)

5. The exported citation opens in Notepad txt format. Since you included the search history, it appears at the top. Copy the search history in the Notepad window:

![Notepad window](image)


Paste the search history that you copied into the OvidSP History box, as below:

![Ovid SP History box](image)

**NOTE:** You don't need to fill in the User name and Password fields.
You also need to enter the DB Shortcode name (example: mesz for MEDLINE). To find the short code of any database, please refer to the Database Field Guide or contact support@ovid.com for help.

7. When you have finished, click Submit. A new page with your Jumpstart Link opens:

Here is your URL:


To test the above jumpstart URL: click here

8. Copy the Jumpstart Link and put it on your library page. For example:

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