Learn how to use WorldCat Admin to customize passwords and timeouts for FirstSearch.

The Passwords screen in the administrative module provides the following features to let you customize passwords:

- **Change your FirstSearch service patron password:** Lets you control access to the FirstSearch service patron interface.
- **Change your FirstSearch service staff password:** Lets you control access to the FirstSearch service staff interface.
- **Change your WorldCat Services Administrative Module password:** Lets you control access to the WorldCat Services Administrative Module and usage statistics.
- **Change your FirstSearch statistics password:** Lets you control access to the FirstSearch Usage Statistics service.
- **Change or delete your full-text password:** Lets you control access to full text in the FirstSearch service.

The General screen in the administrative module provides the following features to let you specify timeouts:

- **Timeouts: Session minutes:** Lets you specify the number of minutes that FirstSearch waits for a request before ending a session.
- **Timeouts: Full-text minutes:** Lets you specify the number of minutes that FirstSearch waits for a request before ending a session if the screen displayed contains the full text of a journal article or other document.

### FirstSearch service patron password

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YOUR FirstSearch account must have a FirstSearch service patron password. OCLC suggests the following guidelines for new passwords:  
- Use at least 4, but not more than 10, characters in the password. |
• Use only letters (a-z) and/or numbers (0-9) in the
password. The FirstSearch service patron password
is not case sensitive.
• Do not use spaces, punctuation, or symbols in the
password.
• For added security, specify different characters for
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same password for accessing the administrative
module that you specify for accessing the
FirstSearch service.

FirstSearch service staff password

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WorldCat Services administrative module password

**PURPOSE**
Controls access to the WorldCat Services Administrative Module and usage statistics. When you change the administrative password, the new password is valid immediately for access to the administrative module and valid the next day for the FirstSearch Usage Statistics service. Use the previous administrative password to access usage statistics until the new one takes effect.

**LOCATION**
Administrative module --> Authentication/Access --> Passwords

**DEFAULT SETTING**
Temporary WorldCat Services Administrative Module password included in the welcome letter sent by OCLC when your FirstSearch account began.

**AVAILABLE VALUE(S)**

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FirstSearch statistics password

**PURPOSE**
Controls access to the FirstSearch Usage Statistics service. You can use either your statistics password or your administrative password to access usage statistics. You can share the statistics password with staff who need to view usage statistics but do not need to view or change administrative module settings. Password changes go into effect the day after you save them for accessing usage statistics.
LOCATION

Administrative module --> Authentication/Access -->
Passwords

DEFAULT SETTING

No default, or previous setting.

AVAILABLE VALUE(S)

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Full-text password

The FirstSearch full-text password features lets you control access to full text in FirstSearch. For more information, see Full-text password.

Session timeouts

PURPOSE

Lets you specify the number of minutes FirstSearch waits for a user request before ending the session (does not control full-text screens, which are controlled by full text timeouts).

LOCATION

Administrative module --> Authentication/Access --> General

DEFAULT SETTING

15 minutes.

AVAILABLE VALUE(S)

Any number between 5 and 30.
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