FirstSearch

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About FirstSearch

Uniquely valued by member libraries, FirstSearch will continue to be offered as a separate service from WorldCat Discovery. A FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription provides access to the FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery interfaces.

For more information about the future of FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery, see [Frequently Asked Questions, Next steps for WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/FirstSearch).

Additional details about plans for FirstSearch will be shared as they are confirmed. To receive ongoing updates about FirstSearch enhancements, [register for Discovery and Reference email updates](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/FirstSearch).

- **Get started**
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  Get started with FirstSearch.
  
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- **Authentication**
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  Find information about authenticating FirstSearch.
  
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- **WorldCat Admin**
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  Learn how to use the WorldCat Admin module to customize your FirstSearch service.
  
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Customize databases and full text
- Customize Interlibrary Loan for patrons
- Customize passwords and timeouts
- Customize searching and library holdings
- Customize the Patron ILL Request Form
- Description of the administrative module
- Information needed to set up IP address recognition access to FirstSearch
- Link your library, FirstSearch, and other web resources
- Navigate the administrative module
- Send patron comments to your library
- Set up or change IP address recognition access to FirstSearch
- Use the WorldCat Services Admin module

**Search**

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Find information about searching FirstSearch.
- Available databases
- Basic search
- Advanced search
- Expert search in WorldCat indexes
- Non-Roman character displays in WorldCat
- Results
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**FirstSearch databases**

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Find detailed information about databases available from FirstSearch and the OCLC Z39.50 server.
- ArticleFirst
- Clase and Periódica (ClasePeriodica)
- Electronic Books (Ebooks)
- Electronic Collections Online (ECO)
- ERIC
- GPO Monthly Catalog (GPO)
- MEDLINE
- OAIster
- Open Access Content
PapersFirst
  ◦ ProceedingsFirst (Proceedings)
  ◦ SCIPIO
  ◦ Values for the dbname or db component
  ◦ WorldCat
  ◦ WorldCat Dissertations and Theses (WorldCatDissertations)

• **Z39.50 access**

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  Find information about Z39.50 access in FirstSearch.
  ◦ Bath Profile compliance checklist
  ◦ Z39.50 configuration for FirstSearch databases
  ◦ Z39.50 library resources: Overview and needed information

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  Find training on FirstSearch.

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  Additional resources for FirstSearch.
  ◦ Handouts

• **Troubleshooting**

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  Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).
  ◦ Authorization number is invalid or expired error when updating IP addresses in FirstSearch Admin
  ◦ Can FirstSearch perform user authentication?
  ◦ Can I add my OpenURL server to FirstSearch?
  ◦ Can I bypass the FirstSearch home page during login?
  ◦ Can I choose a default database for FirstSearch?
  ◦ Can I choose a default interface language for FirstSearch?
  ◦ Can I choose a default search mode for FirstSearch?
  ◦ Can I link from my website to individual FirstSearch databases?
  ◦ Can users reuse previous searches during a FirstSearch session?
  ◦ Does FirstSearch remove duplicate records from cross-database search results?
FirstSearch is prompting for authorization and password from on campus

- How are the FirstSearch databases accessed through FirstSearch Z39.50 access?
- How can I get my FirstSearch login credentials?
- How can I request a quote for FirstSearch?
- How do I add my institution's IP addresses or create URLs for IP recognition?
- How do I add SCIPIO to my list of FirstSearch databases
- How do I change the sort order of the dept or branch in the Patron ILL Request Form?
- How do I configure FirstSearch so off campus students don't need to log in?
- How do I get my Administrative module or service password for FirstSearch?
- How do I remove a pickup location from FirstSearch?
- How do I remove the OCLC FirstSearch link from WorldCat.org
- How do I request a quote for SCIPIO Art and rare book sales/auction catalogs?
- How do I set up authentication from our library website to FirstSearch?
- How do I set up automatic logon for FirstSearch?
- How do I turn off ILL requests coming to my library through WorldCat.org?
- How is holdings information determined?
- How to obtain OCLC FirstSearch authorization credentials
- Invalid Autho/password error when trying to connect to FirstSearch via Z39.50 in Endnote
- Why can I no longer configure Interlibrary Loan settings?
- Is cross-database searching available in FirstSearch?
- Is there a Sunset date for FirstSearch?
- I would like to make changes to the ECO database. Is this possible?
- My local holdings aren't displaying as expected
- We are unable to access WorldCat through our authentication. We get this message: "System Failure Page: Unable to successfully complete transaction."
- Which MARC fields display in FirstSearch?
- Why isn't FirstSearch displaying my ILL link?
- Why is our OpenURL linking incorrectly from FirstSearch to Clio?

**OCLC Community Center: FirstSearch community**

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Find more information about the Community Center. Current FirstSearch product users may join the OCLC Community Center to connect with peers and OCLC staff on FirstSearch workflows and attend webinars.