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).

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• Search

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Find detailed information about databases available from FirstSearch and the OCLC Z39.50 server.

› ArticleFirst
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› ProceedingsFirst (Proceedings)
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  - Are all ECO journals available through Z39.50 access?
  - Are usage statistics available for my library?
  - Can FirstSearch perform user authentication?
  - Can I add my OpenURL server to FirstSearch?
  - Can I browse Electronic Collections Online journals?
  - Can I bypass the FirstSearch home page during login?
  - Can I change the FirstSearch interlibrary loan request form?
  - 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 control interlibrary loan in FirstSearch?
  - Can I control the databases and full text our users see?
  - Can I link from FirstSearch to my online catalog?
  - Can I link from my website to individual FirstSearch databases?
  - Can I mark multiple records for printing, e-mailing, or saving?
  - Can I use EZproxy to access FirstSearch?
  - Can users reuse previous searches during a FirstSearch session?
  - Does FirstSearch include thesauri?
Does FirstSearch offer relevance ranking of search results?

- Does FirstSearch remove duplicate records from cross-database search results?
- How are the FirstSearch databases accessed through FirstSearch Z39.50 access?
- How can I get a list of the Electronic Collection Online (ECO) titles that my library subscribes to?
- How can I get my FirstSearch Administration tool login credentials
- How can I learn about future changes to Z39.50 access?
- How can I receive the latest news about FirstSearch?
- How can I set up ILL access from FirstSearch?
- How can I tell what a FirstSearch Usage Statistics report is reporting on?
- How does Electronic Collections Online relate to FirstSearch?
- How do I access the FirstSearch WorldCat Services administrative module?
- How do I add links to my library’s catalog from FirstSearch?
- How do I add my institution’s IP addresses or create URLs for IP recognition?
- How do I configure FirstSearch so off campus students don’t need to log in?
- How do I create LHRs in FirstSearch?
- How do I set up authentication from our library website to FirstSearch?
- How do I set up automatic logon for FirstSearch?
- How do I set up links from WorldCat holdings information?
- How do I turn off ILL requests coming to my library through WorldCat.org?
- How is FirstSearch protected from connection disruptions?
- How is holdings information determined?
- How much does FirstSearch cost?
- Is cross-database searching available in FirstSearch?
- Is FirstSearch training available for my library staff?
- Is there a way to set up a single IP address to authenticate multiple FirstSearch authorizations?
- I see zero and null searches from FirstSearch databases
- My library does not use a proxy. How can I give remote users access to FirstSearch?
- Null error returned when sign in to FirstSearch
- What are the options for displaying holdings in FirstSearch?
- What defines the ranking and the sorting of a search?
- What is Z39.50 access to FirstSearch?
- What version of Z39.50 does FirstSearch support?
- When do holdings appear in FirstSearch databases?
- Why is our holdings symbol missing from a FirstSearch record?

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Additional resources for FirstSearch.

- Handouts
- OCLC Direct Request planning guide