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](#).

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](#).

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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)
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- 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?
- 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 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 add SCIPIO to my list of FirstSearch databases
- 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 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 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?
How to obtain OCLC FirstSearch authorization credentials
- Why can I no longer configure Interlibrary Loan settings?
- Is cross-database searching available in FirstSearch?
- Is FirstSearch training available for my library staff?
- Is it possible to add FirstSearch access to my Cataloging authorization?
- Is there a Sunset date for FirstSearch?
- 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
- I would like to make changes to the ECO database. Is this possible?
- My library does not use a proxy. How can I give remote users access to FirstSearch?
- My local holdings aren't displaying as expected
- 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 isn't FirstSearch displaying my ILL link?
- Why is our holdings symbol missing from a FirstSearch record?
- Why is our OpenURL linking incorrectly from FirstSearch to Clio?