

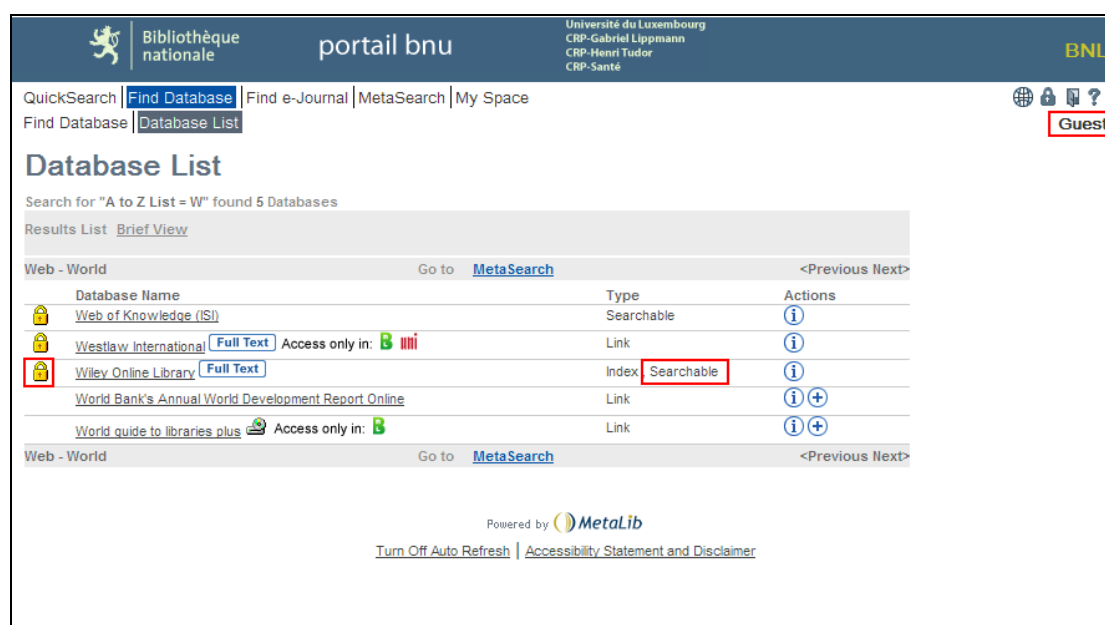
Portail bnu : The How-To Series

Episode 6: How do I search in a database using the portal's search engine?


This instalment will provide insights into how to search within a particular database using the portal's search engine. One immediate question you have might be "why would I want to do this? Why not just search within the database itself?". In fact, this functionality can be useful in order to store references or journals from any database in one single place. We will look at that aspect in more detail in a coming episode.

First, connect to Consortium Luxembourg's electronic documentation portal at www.portail.bnu.lu.

Once you put the portal into the language of your choice, click on the "Find Database" menu option. Let's say that you would like to search in the "Wiley Online Library". Click on "W" in the A-Z List.



The screenshot shows the BNU portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BNU logo and the text 'Bibliothèque nationale portail bnu'. Below the navigation bar, there are search options: 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. The 'Find Database' option is selected, and a 'Database List' menu is visible. The main content area is titled 'Database List' and shows the results of a search for 'A to Z List = W', which found 5 databases. The results are displayed in a table with columns for 'Database Name', 'Type', and 'Actions'. The 'Wiley Online Library' entry is highlighted with a red box and marked as 'Searchable'. A yellow padlock icon is visible next to the entry, indicating it is locked. The page also shows navigation options like 'Go to MetaSearch' and 'Previous Next'.

Although we can see "Wiley Online Library" in the list and it is marked as "Searchable", we can also see that it is locked and therefore we can't search it from within the portal until we login. Click on the  in the top right-hand corner to login.

Now that we have logged in, we see a few changes:

- The yellow padlock next to "Wiley Online Library" has disappeared. This means we now have access;
- The action icons have changed. We can now search in this database or add this database to our personal list (more on that in a future episode).

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Database List

Search for "A to Z List = W" found 5 Databases

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Database Name	Type	Actions
Web of Knowledge (ISI)	Searchable	i + Q
Westlaw International Full Text Access only in:	Link	i +
Wiley Online Library Full Text	Index, Searchable	i + Q
World Bank's Annual World Development Report Online	Link	i +
World guide to libraries plus Access only in:	Link	i +

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To search in the Wiley Online Library, click on the magnifying glass icon (). You will be presented with the "Search in Database" screen.

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Search in Database

Simple **Advanced**

Wiley Online Library
 Title: Wiley Online Library
 Type: Index
 Searchable
 Description: Wiley Online Library hosts the world's broadest and deepest multidisciplinary collection of online resources covering life, health and physical sciences, social science, and the humanities. It delivers seamless integrated access to over 4 million articles from 1500 journals, 9000 books, and hundreds of reference works, laboratory protocols and databases.
 Publisher: John Wiley & Sons

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As you can see, from this screen, you are searching only the "Wiley Online Library".

Enter your search terms and click on the “Go” button. Note that you are searching on “All Fields” by default. You can also search on Subject, Title, Author, ISSN, ISBN or Year by clicking on the drop down list where “All Fields” is displayed.

The screenshot shows the 'Search in Database' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Bibliothèque nationale' and 'portail bnu' on the left, and 'Université du Luxembourg' with its various research centers on the right. Below this, there are links for 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. The main heading is 'Search in Database', with tabs for 'Simple' and 'Advanced'. A search form is visible with a dropdown menu open, showing options: 'All Fields', 'All Fields', 'Subject', 'Title', 'Author', 'ISSN', 'ISBN', and 'Year'. A 'GO' button is to the right of the form. Below the form, there is a description of the 'Wiley Online Library' database, including its publisher 'John Wiley & Sons' and a note that it is powered by 'MetaLib'.

But for now, back to our search. Once you click on the “Go” button, you will see a screen showing you the progress of your search:

The screenshot shows the search progress screen. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Bibliothèque nationale' and 'portail bnu' on the left, and 'Université du Luxembourg' with its various research centers on the right. Below this, there are links for 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal', 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. The main heading is 'Search in Database'. Below the heading, there is a search progress bar showing 'Search for "parkinsons disease" in "Wiley Online Library"'. A 'Cancel' button is to the right of the progress bar. Below the progress bar, there is a table with the following data:

Database Name	Status	Hits
Wiley Online Library	DONE	805

Below the table, there is a note that the search is powered by 'MetaLib' and a link to 'Turn Off Auto Refresh | Accessibility Statement and Disclaimer'.

And then, your search results are automatically displayed:

Search for "parkinsons disease" in Wiley Online Library

Results List [Brief View](#) [Full View](#) Jump to #:

No.	Author	Title	Year	Database	Action
1		2nd World Parkinson Congress Abstracts	2010	Wiley Online Library	find it!
2	VAUGHAN J. R.	Genetics of Parkinsonism	2001	Wiley Online Library	find it!
3		Poster session 2. Abstracts 3457694	2004	Wiley Online Library	find it!
4	Maheer N.E.	Segregation analysis of Parkinson disease revealing evidence for a major causative gene	2002	Wiley Online Library	find it!
5	Clayton David F.	Synucleins in synaptic plasticity and neurodegenerative disorders	1999	Wiley Online Library	find it!
6		Poster Session 3	2006	Wiley Online Library	find it!
7		Speaker Sessions	2006	Wiley Online Library	find it!
8		PAPER ABSTRACTS	2005	Wiley Online Library	find it!
9		Poster session 5	2002	Wiley Online Library	find it!
10		SCIENTIFIC ABSTRACTS	2006	Wiley Online Library	find it!

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From this screen, you can click on the title to see its details or click on the "Find It!" button to have the system search for the full text of the entry.

Next time we will look at searching within multiple databases using the portal's search engine.