

What is Current Contents?

Current Contents is a multidisciplinary current awareness database, providing complete bibliographic information from over 8000 leading international scholarly journals and 2000 books in the sciences, arts and humanities, clinical medicine, engineering, social and behavioural sciences, and business. *Current Contents* lets you easily search and browse articles in your field.

What does Current Contents offer?

With Current Contents Connect you can:

- Browse a journal's table of contents for past and current issues
- Search for abstracts of published works by topic, author, address, journal
- Use the alerting option to have weekly updates matching your search automatically emailed to you
- View bibliographical records, and print, save, email, or export them to EndNote

Data coverage: 1997 to the present

Frequency: Database updated daily

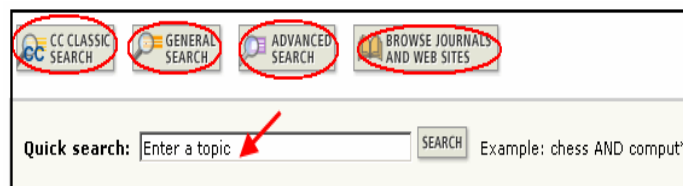
How to access Current Contents?

From the Library's home-page:

- Click UC Databases
- Select the link to C
- Click on the link to Current Contents Connect

Or click UC Databases from the Library's home-page, then select the link to Current Contents from Database Quick Links on the page.

Select a search option



Quick search

This search is automatically chosen for you. You can perform a topic search only

CC Classic search

You can search thirteen different fields in Current Contents Connect by using CC Classic Search. To search, select a field from the drop-down box and enter terms in the search box.

General Search

Search for records by topic/subject terms, author name, journal title, address, and other fields.

Advanced Search

Advanced Search enables you to create complex search queries using field tags, search operators and wildcards.

Browse Journals and Web sites

You can browse tables of contents by journal title or by CC edition/discipline. You can also browse Web sites by CC edition/discipline.

Search Steps

1 Summarize your topic

Write down the key concepts in your topic and list any synonyms, e.g. obese or fat or overweight

Use the **truncation symbol *** to pick up variant endings to a word, e.g. child* will find child, children, children's and childhood Use **wildcard symbol ?** to get the word with variant spellings, eg. wom?n will find both woman and women

2 Combine your concepts

If you have more than one concept, use **Boolean Operators** (And, OR, Not) to connect them, e.g.

child* and obes* - both terms must occur in the record
obese or fat or overweight – either term must occur in the record

If you use **AND** and **OR** in the same search, you must put brackets around the **OR** part of the search, e.g. (obese or fat or overweight)

3 Limit your search

- Uncheck any subject collections/editions you do not wish to search.
- Select the time-frame you want to search or browse.

4 Choose a search index

On the CC Classic Search screen, use the left-hand drop down list to choose from the type of search you would like: eg. Topic/Subject, Title, Author/Editor etc

A Topic/ Subject search is a good start. Type a word or phrase to find all records with that word or phrase in the title, abstract or keywords fields. As there is no standardized language, you will need to consider using wildcards and Boolean connectors.

5 Viewing Results

- To see an abstract for any journal article in your results list, click on the article title
- To go back to your results list, click on the **SUMMARY**




6 Printing / Emailing / Saving

- Mark the records by clicking in the checkbox next to the record
- Click Print /Email / Save button
- Click the drop-down menu if you wish to change the output



Exporting records to EndNote

To export to EndNote directly


- Mark the records by clicking in the checkbox next to the record
- Click on  once you have made selections on any results screen
- Click on  on top of the screen
- Choose which fields you want to include in the output (author, title, source or abstract)
- Click on  if you have EndNote installed on your computer
- EndNote will open – Follow prompts to select the library you wish to download to
- Records are downloaded into an interim EndNote window – From the References menu in EndNote, select Show All to amalgamate references into your library

Search Histories and Alerts

All searches run during your session are listed on the Search History page. From this page, you can save histories, open previously saved histories, create search alerts, combine set searches, and delete sets.



To save a search

- Go to the Search screen to see your **Search History**
- Click on the  button

- Follow up prompts to save to your private account on the SIS server, or scroll to bottom of screen to save on your own workstation

To set up an alert

- Save your searches to the ISI Web of Knowledge server
- To receive weekly update emails about new articles, simply click the **Send me email alerts**.
- Select the level of detail you require under **Alert type**

Manage your saved searches

The most efficient way to manage your alerts is to register on the **Web of Knowledge** site.

Open Web of Science, select Web of Knowledge from the drop-down menu, and Click Go.

Register using your email address and password.

When you login you will now be able to view your journal lists and saved searches.

Click **Open/Manage Saved Searches** to edit, delete or renew your search (Note that alerts expire after 24 weeks but you will be prompted by email to renew them).

Click Manage My Journal List

Click View my Journal List to create additional Tables of Contents alerts, or delete old ones.

If you need help in using Current Contents, please ask your Information Librarian