

ProQuest Quick Start Guide

Getting There:
From University Libraries' home page, under Find Articles, click **Try These First.**

At the top of the list, select **ProQuest (multiple databases).**

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identity theft

AND security

AND

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Improving your searches:

- **Use specific terms.** A search for **Bush** finds articles on both the older and younger Presidents Bush and the Australian outback. **George W. Bush** is more specific.

- **Add phrases.** Add phrases (surrounded by quotation marks if they are three words or longer) to your search. For example, **legislation AND "stem cell research"**

Truncation and Wild Cards

educat* finds educate, education, educator, educating, educational, educated, education's and educators. The * is the truncation symbol to find multiple forms of a word.

Wom?n finds woman or women. The ? is the wild card used to replace any single character, either inside the word or at the end of the word.

Plurals & variants: A search of **fiber** finds fiber, fibers, fiber's, fibers', fibre, fibres, fibre's & fibres'.

Combine terms with these connectors:

AND **decreases results** by searching for both terms in the same paragraph (within 250 words). Ex:

- environment AND cancer

OR **increases results.** At least one of the terms must appear in the article. Ex:

- gold OR silver

AND NOT **decreases results.** The first term must appear, but the second must not appear in the article. Ex:

- surfing AND NOT internet

WITHIN 3 **decreases results** by searching for terms within three words of each other. Ex:

- airport WITHIN 3 security

PRE/1 **decreases results.** The first word must precede the second by no more than 1 word to match. Ex: solar PRE/1 energy

Use [More Search Options](#) to focus your search further. **Look for terms in specific fields**, for example:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication title • Subject • Company/Org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Person • Location • NAICS code
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Each of these fields has a **browsable list** in which you can find the term you need.

Article type examples:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commentary • Editorial • Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obituary • Speech/Lecture • Statistics
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Sort results by:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent articles first • Most relevant articles first
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Results
List shows articles that match your search words.

Far too many articles here!

Refine your search with techniques below.

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Security AND Identity theft	Identity theft AND Personal information
Identity theft	Identity theft AND Consumer protection
Identity theft AND Fraud	Identity theft AND Crime prevention
Identity theft AND Computer security	Identity theft AND Computer crime

4910 documents found for: *(identity theft) AND (security)* [» Refine Search](#) | [Set Up Alert](#)

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1. [Court alters its Web site after online identity theft](#)
Bruce Cadwallader. Knight Ridder Tribune Business News. Washington: Jul 25, 2007. p. 1
[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#)
2. [Thieves Use Workout Time To Swipe Purses](#)
Stephen Thompson. Knight Ridder Tribune Business News. Washington: Jul 25, 2007. p. 1
[Abstract](#) | [Full text](#)

Techniques To Refine Your Search:

Try out ProQuest's **Suggested Topics** options, related to the search terms you entered, and listed in order by relevance (best suggestions and matches first). They often contain **pairs of index terms to help focus results**. You can click **Next** and **Prev** to view more terms. When you click on one of these topics, a new search is performed and you will see **Narrow your results by:** with additional topics that you can add to your search using AND.

Filter your results:

You can choose to see All sources or subsets of your list with these source tabs:

[All sources](#) [Scholarly Journals](#) [Magazines](#) [Trade Publications](#) [Newspapers](#) [Reference/Reports](#)

The source tabs available will depend on the databases you are using.

The **Refine Search** link takes you directly to the search form at the bottom of the Results page, so you can make changes to your search if desired.

Find more documents like this:

Subjects:

- Identity theft
- Colleges & universities
- Personal information
- Computer security

[More options](#) ↓

Once you find an article you really like, try the **Find more documents like this** box.

If your document contains index terms or keywords, you can search for similar documents using the **Find more documents like this** box. Select the terms you wish to include in your search, then click **Search**. Additional terms may be included under **More options**.

Options for date range:

- All dates
- Last 7 days
- Last 30 days
- Last 3 months
- Last 12 months
- On this date...
- Before this date...
- After this date...
- Specific date range...

Specify dates as mm/dd/yyyy

Click on the article's title to see its default format.

Or click a format icon:

- Full text
- Text + graphics
- Full Text - PDF
- Abstract

Tools: [Search Tips](#) [Browse Topics](#) [2 Recent Searches](#)

Click **Recent Searches** to see the searches (up to 25) that you've run during your current session, starting with the most recent, and the number of articles found for each search. You can run searches again or add previous searches to a current search.