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ProQuest Basic Search

The above image shows the basic interface (orange tab at top, circled in red). You can type in your keywords or phrases and press enter (or click on the search button). Circled in red are two checkboxes allowing you to limit your search results to full text documents only and / or to scholarly journals.
ProQuest Advanced Search

The advanced search interface provides a multiple text boxes for you to combine terms. The same search from the previous example could be entered in the following way in advanced search (see example below). Also, advanced search allows you to change “Citation and abstract” (default) to any number of other types of searches. “Citation and document text” for instance would search the entire document for your keywords. The twelfth entry in the drop-down list is “Document type” which allows you to limit to recipe or book review, for example.

Search Results

790 documents found for: Greenhouse gases AND Global warming

1. **POWELL’S PONDERINGS: A Flurry Before a Storm?**
   - Abstract
   - Text+Graphics
   - Full Text - PDF (2 MB)

2. **WHEN THE SKY RAINED BEADS OF CARBON**
   - Abstract

3. **Climate Research: New findings from University of Oxford describe advances in climate research**
   - Abstract
   - Full text
Unless you have checked the box associated with the words “Full text documents only” your results most likely will be a combination of documents that are available in full text and those that come only with a citation and abstract. Beneath the citations on the results page you are provided a link to the full text in those cases where it is available. These full text links may be labeled, 1. full text, 2. text + graphics, or 3. full text – PDF. The first type offers just text. The second provides the full text along with embedded graphics (charts or photos that appeared with the original publication). The third alternative, where it is available, provides PDF format page scan of the original publication.

Once your results are displayed you can limit those results further, for instance to full text, or to scholarly journals (underlined in red).

**E-mailing Article Results**

When you link to the full record for an article, you will see several options under the words Document View. One of these options is an email link enabling you to send the article via e-mail.

**Climate Research: New findings from University of Oxford describe advances in climate research**


**Abstract (Summary)**

Climate Change, Climate Modeling, Climate Sensitivity, Global Warming, Greenhouse Gases, Networks, Neural Networks, Climatology, University of Oxford

» Jump to indexing (document details)

**Full Text (308 words)**


“A climate model emulator is developed using neural network techniques and trained with the data from the multithousand-

**Creating Marked Lists**

In the results lists you will see that there is a check box next to each listed result (see example below).

1. **CHANGING MARKETS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**
   » Abstract |  File Text - PDF (10 MB)

When you check the box, listed result takes on a light yellow background and is registered in your marked lists under the My Research tab at the top of the page.

**Database selected**: Multiple databases...
While your session is active, meaning as long as you are searching the database in one sitting without significant idle time, you can check any number of documents from multiple searches and they will all register in your marked list. Once you are ready to retrieve your marked list for printing, exporting or e-mailing, just click on the My Research tab and you will be presented with your custom list of marked items.

**Publication Search**

Click on the Publications tab at the top of the screen to search for particular journal, magazine or newspaper title.

You can browse alphabetically by title or search by title. Once you select the publication you are interested in, you can browse issues by publication date or search within the publication.

**Browse by Topic**

Click on the Topics tab at the top of your screen to browse suggested topics. This feature can help you to narrow or broaden your search by suggesting additional or alternative terms to search on.
Once you perform a search, ProQuest provides recommended topics in a box appearing just above the search results. The purpose is to help you to broaden or to narrow your search.

How to Set up a Search Alert

To set up a search alert, do a search on a topic or combination of topics. Above your results you should see a Set up Alert link:

You will be prompted to answer 1. how often you wish to receive an e-mail alert, 2. to choose an expiration date for the alert, and 3. to choose a subject for the e-mailed alert. No registration is required. The Set up Alert option is available from Basic Search mode, Advanced Search, and Publication Search (i.e. you can click on the Publications tab at the top of your screen (see image below), search for a publication title and then set up an alert for new issues of that publication.

If you use an RSS reader and prefer to receive alerts via your RSS reader instead of by e-mail, you can choose to create an RSS feed instead of an alert.

Click on the Create RSS Feed link (shown above) and insert the URL that is presented to you into your RSS reader.