

Dissertations and Theses Database Tipsheet

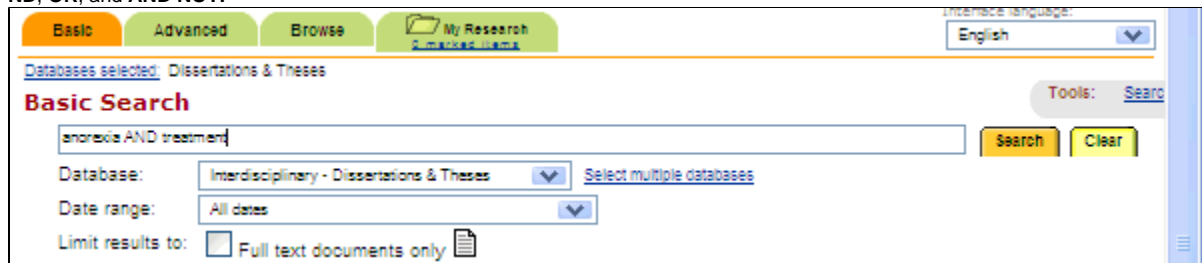
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Getting Started:

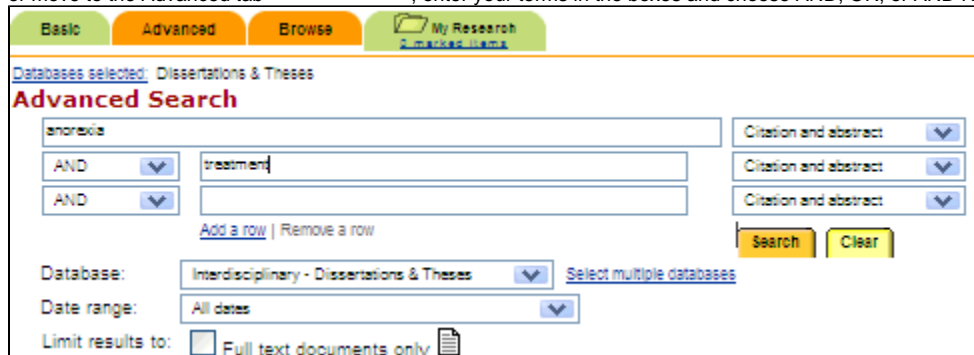
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Searching:

In the Basic search, enter the terms you wish to search for in the boxes, and select the fields to search. You can combine terms within a single box using **AND**, **OR**, and **AND NOT**:



or move to the Advanced tab **Advanced**, enter your terms in the boxes and choose AND, OR, or AND NOT in the drop down menus:



Limit/search by specific dissertation **titles**, **authors**, schools (**College/University**), etc. by entering them in the Limits box:



To limit by **subject area/department**, such as English, enter it in the **Subject** limit. To limit by a **degree**, such as D.Min., enter it in the regular keyword search with AND.

Viewing and Marking Results:

Results will be displayed in a list of titles.



To see the full abstract, click on the title. Dissertations since 1997 may allow access to a **24-page free preview**. If the full text is available click **Full Text - PDF** to see it.

The Preview:

The screenshot shows a web interface for viewing a document. At the top, it says "Document View" with links for "<< Back to Results", "< Previous", "Document 2 of 43", and "Next >". Below this are links for "Copy link" and "Cite this", and a note about other available formats: "Abstract" and "Order a Copy". The main header displays "PUBLICATION NUMBER AAT 3218866". On the left, there is a link "Print All Preview Pages". The central area shows a preview of six pages, numbered 1 through 6. Each page has a small thumbnail image and a title. The right side of the interface has a vertical navigation bar with a home icon and a list icon.

To see a particular page in the preview, click on it in the display

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