EBSCO Discovery Service™ Search

With *EBSCO Discovery Service* (EDS) users can perform an effortless, expert search no matter who they are, where they are from, or which language they speak.

With EDS, there is no 'right' word for a search. Users don't need to start off as expert researchers to get expert information. EDS understands the user – and provides meaningful results for any query.

EDS has the intelligence to comprehend everyday words, synonyms and concepts across topics and subjects; when the user conducts a search, EDS expands user queries to cover all subject synonyms.

Learning Aids

- Instructional materials (ERIC, MLA International Bibliography)
- Instructional resources (GeoRef)
- Instructional media (APA PsycInfo)
- Teaching aids and devices (Education Abstracts, Education Source)

HOW IT WORKS

EDS Enhanced Subject Precision (ESP) uses controlled vocabularies and thesauri to map search terms to topics with the same meaning, opening multiple fields of research based on a single search!

Non-English speakers can comfortably search in their own language, enabling them to engage in more extensive, more relevant cross-lingual research than they would be able to if they were limited to English.

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HOW IT WORKS

ESP is powered by the Knowledge Graph, which grasps concepts independent of specific languages and then connects each individual language's words to their corresponding concepts.

The EDS Concept Map helps users see how their research topic is related to other topics by a visual representation of the Knowledge Graph. This assists users in finding results that are more meaningful, since the user gets to frame the context and at what depth they want to explore the research material.

HOW IT WORKS

EDS first maps synonymous subjects together, then their equivalent subjects from 280 other languages and dialects, before finally creating "node-and-spoke" visual relationships to visually explicate the relationships for the user.

Having started their search using their own words, the user was able to get expert, meaningful results using EDS, and now is full of ideas of where their research can take them.

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