

WebFeat FAQ

What Is WebFeat?

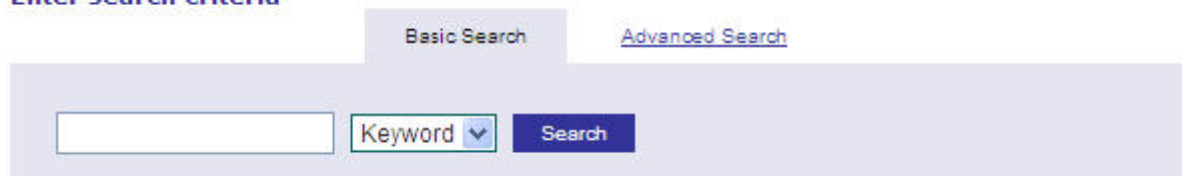
WebFeat is a federated search tool that enables you to search across all of the library's electronic resources (databases, library catalogs, e-journals, etc.) simultaneously from one simple interface. WebFeat provides citations and abstracts, as well as linking opportunities to full-text articles, electronic books, and records in your library's catalog. And *you* choose which resources you want it to search!

How Does WebFeat Work?

WebFeat offers both Basic and Advanced searching.

Use the **Basic Search** tab to simply enter what you're searching for and get results:

Enter search criteria



The screenshot shows the 'Basic Search' tab selected. It features a search input field, a dropdown menu set to 'Keyword', and a 'Search' button.

Use the **Advanced Search** tab for expanding searching options like including full-text, peer-reviewed, and/or date limiters:

Enter search criteria



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' tab selected. It includes three search input fields with 'Keyword' dropdowns and 'And' connectors. There are checkboxes for 'Full-text articles only' and 'Peer-reviewed articles only'. A 'Publication date' section has radio buttons for 'All dates' (selected) and 'Year range', with a date range from 1900 to 2009.

Please note that your library may not have elected to make all of the limiter options available.

In either search tab you may select categories, check individual databases to search, or check the "Select All" box to search the entire collection. WebFeat will then return the most up-to-date data from the content provider(s).

What Types Of Searches Can I Perform On WebFeat?

Fields:

- Keyword (default search): searches by the keyword search field
- All: searches all of the available search fields
- Title: searches across the title field
- Author: searches across the author field
- Abstract: searches the abstract field

Limiters:

- Full text (*available at the library's discretion*)
- Peer Review (*available at the library' discretion*)
- Date

Booleans:

Searches executed will support any Boolean operators that can be used in the native interface to expand or narrow your search. Standard operators include “and,” “or,” “not,” wildcards (* or ?), quotations and parenthesis.

Note: Each resource may not handle the field, limiters or Boolean criteria used. If you are finding unexpected results, you may want to refine or expand your search criteria, because when the native interface does not support the search criteria used, WebFeat will ignore it.

What Can I Do With My Results?


Results for each resource will display in the “Scoreboard” displaying the number of results next to the resource title. Simply click on the hyperlink of the resource title you would like to view and you will be brought to the result set for that resource:

Hits	Database	Description
4157	MedlinePlus	MedlinePlus
879	DOAJ - Directory of Open Access Journals	
10902	OCLC PapersFirst®	OCLC PapersFirst
91831	OCLC ArticleFirst®	OCLC ArticleFirst®
258	Health & Wellness Resource Center	Health & Wellness Resource Center
37584	Expanded Academic ASAP	

or

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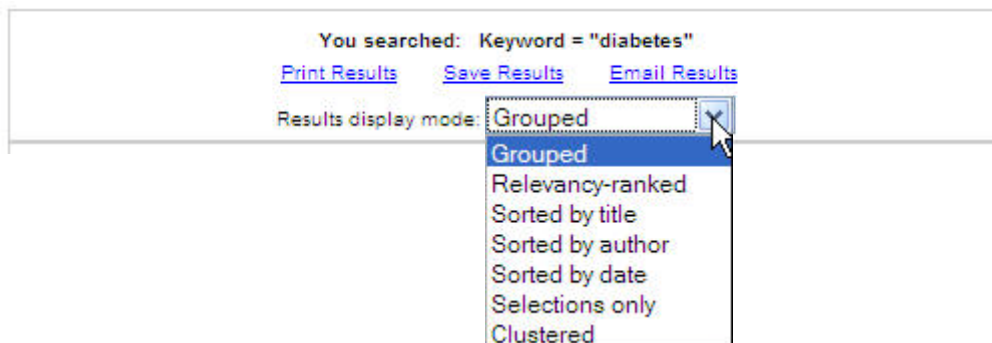
Selecting the view button beneath the record will return the full record:

- Three microsatellites from the T1DGC MHC data set show highly significant association with type 1 diabetes, independent of the HLA-DRB1, -DQA1 and -DQB1 genes


From the Results page you can execute a new Basic Search or return to the Advanced Search.

Sorting

To sort your results, select the desired option from the drop down box for **Results display mode** at the top of the results:



WebFeat enables sorting by:

Grouped (default): This option groups the results by resource.

Relevancy Rank: This option returns the results in order by the articles that will be most relevant based on the search criteria used.

Title: This option sorts the results alphabetically by title.

Author: This option sorts the results alphabetically by author.

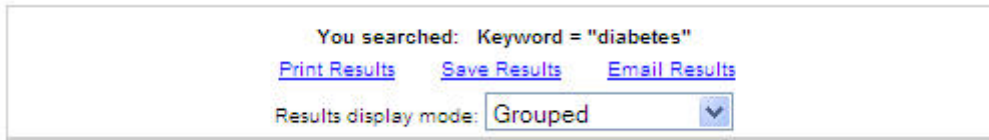
Date: This option sorts the results by date, newest to oldest.

Selections Only: This option will limit the display to those results which have been checked.

Clustered: This option returns the results in topic clusters from the results displayed.

Export, Save and Email

You can export, save and print selected results. Simply select the articles you wish to work further with and **Print Results**, **Save Results**, or **Email Results** located at the top of the results:



Under **Save Results**, you can directly export checked results into RefWorks, Procite, EndNote or Reference Manager.

Still Need Help?

Contact your librarian for help! Please visit your library's webpage or Reference Desk for additional assistance.