Using the library services

- Internet: evaluation of sources
- •Use search engines effectively
- Some basic search techniques
- Choosing the appropriate source
- Computer science sources
 - Bibliographies and reference works
 - Data bases
 - Fulltext archives
- Sources of other disciplines
- Two cases



Evaluation of net sources - 1

- Is it real?
- Is it unaffected and independent?
- Time dependency
- Is it free from tendency?
- Examples
 - Google: Cambodia pol pot killings
 - Google: evolution theory darwinism
 - Google: traveling salesman problem







Evaluation of net sources - 2

- Who is talking?
 - A well known organization
 - Public authorities
 - A private person
 - Somebody selling something?
- Updating and maintenance
 - Is the page dated? New or old?
 - Does the page contain dead links?



Evaluation of sources - 3

- Look at the URL:
 - .com = commercial/business(.co.uk)
 - .gov = US authorities
 - .org = organizations
 - .edu = US education institutions (.ac.uk)
 - .dep.no = Norwegian ministries
 - uio.no, .ntnu.no, .uib.no, .uit.no (Norwegian universities)
- Is the page sponsored?



Use search engines effectively

Google

- only up to ten words, the first word is considered the most important
- use phrases, not single words
- limit your search through the advanced search option
- click the "similar pages"-link
- exclude words or phrases, using "-"



Choosing the appropriate source

- What is your problem?
 - a special Java fix
 - a sorting algorithm
 - articles/books covering a subject
- What kind of answer do you want?
 - short precise definition
 - short introduction
 - serious high level treatment of a subject



Special reference works

Oxford Reference Online - Computing



MATHnetBASE



The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Mathematics



A Dictionary of Statistics (Oxford Reference Library)



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Bibliographies

- The Collection of Computer Science Bibliographies
 - 2 000 000 references in computer science.
- The HCI Bibliography
 - 29 000 references in the field "human-computerinteraction".
- The Hypertext Bibliography Project
 - Included in the CCSB. 50 300 references up to 1999.
- Research Index.
 - "The NECI Scientific Literature Digital Library". 700 000 references with citings.
- SIGGRAPH Bibliography Database Search
 - 15 500 unique references in the field of computer graphics and interactive techniques.



Reference- and citation databases

- Inspec
 - Physics, digital technique, telecommunication, control theory, information technology
- ISI Web of science (Science citation index)
 - Covers important journals in mathematics, computer science, and natural sciences
 - Citation database



Basic search techniques

- Using fields (author, subject, title, ...)
- Boolean (logical) operators
- Using controlled vocabularies / thesauri/ classification systems
- Word stemming (truncation/wildcard)
- Phrases vs single words
- Index browsing

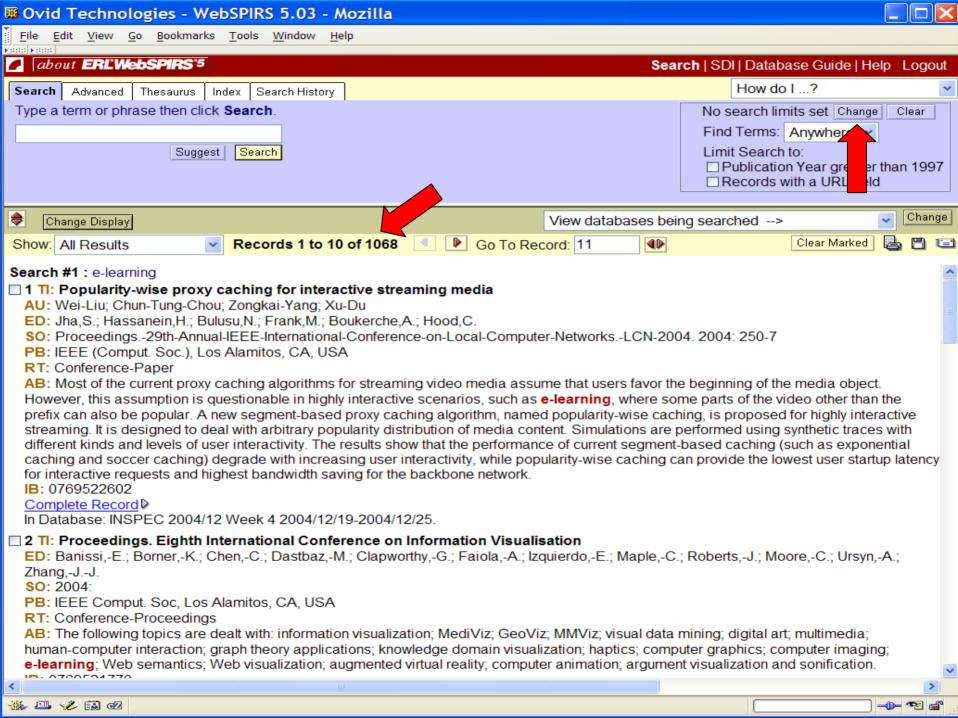




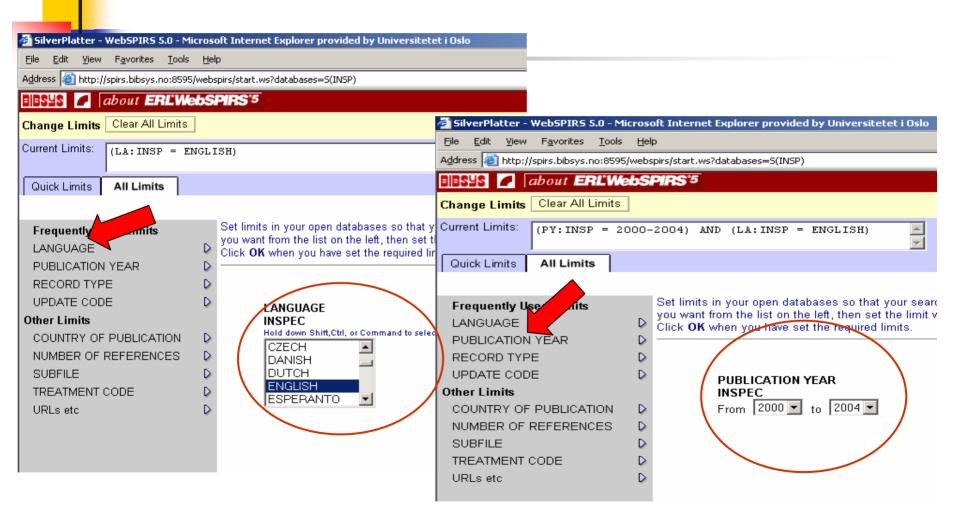
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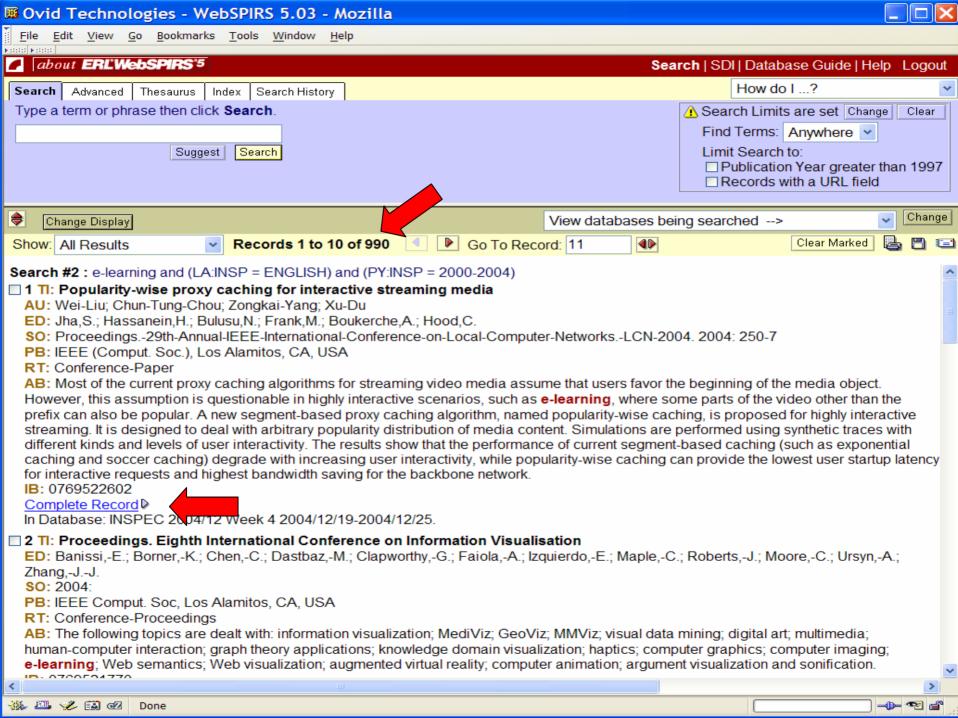
- 7 000 000 references from 1965 –
- 400 000 added annually
- Search techniques
 - field searching
 - Thesaurus (controlled vocabulary)
 - Truncation (*, ?)
 - Operators (adj, and, or, not, near, with)

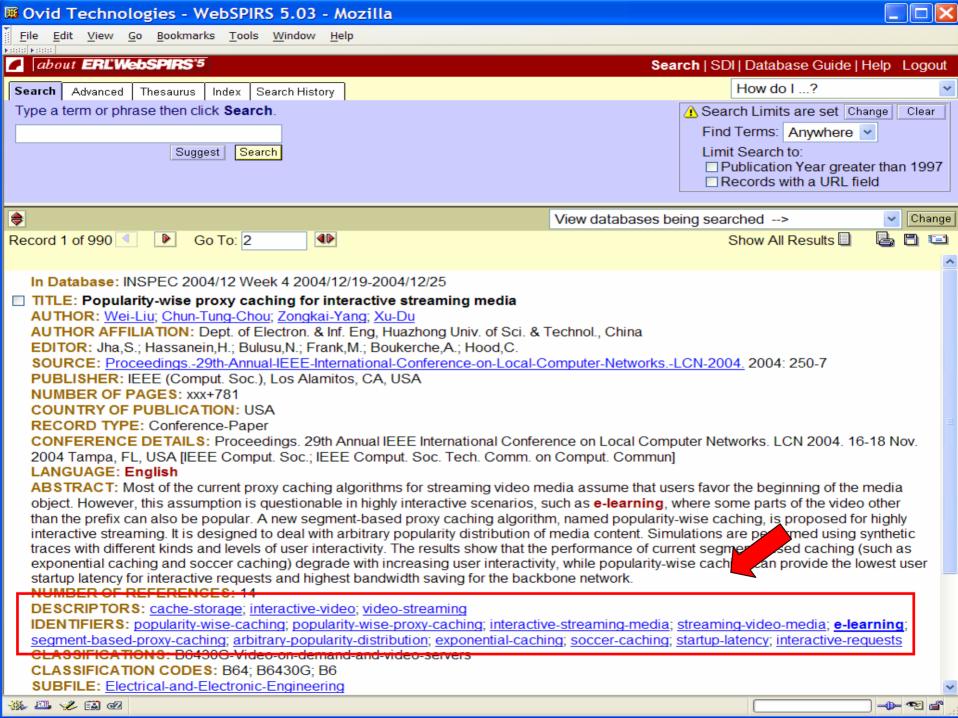
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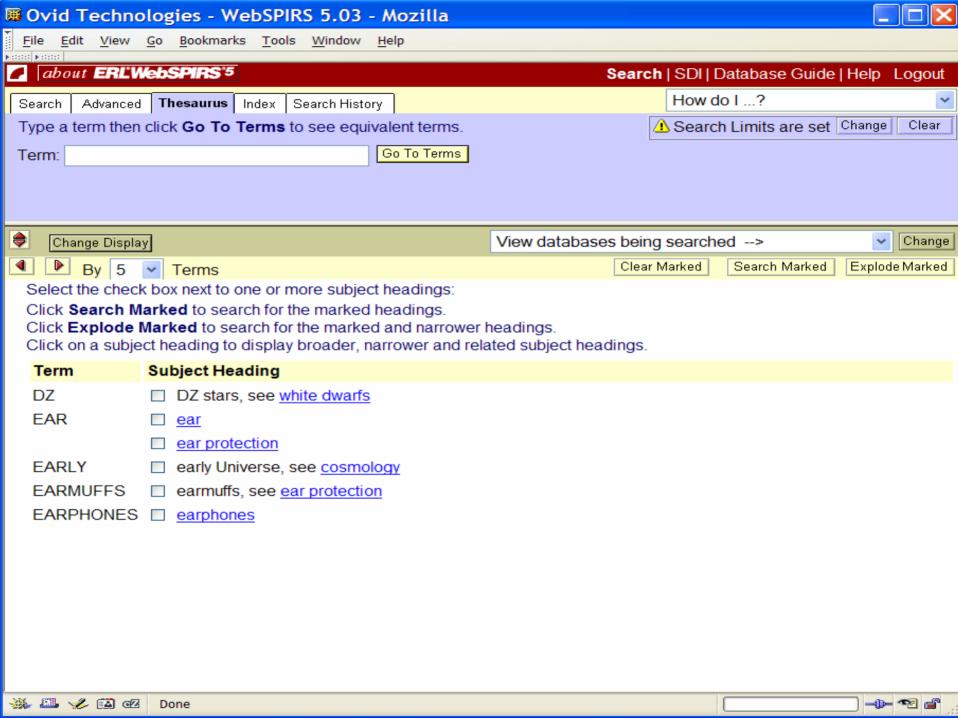


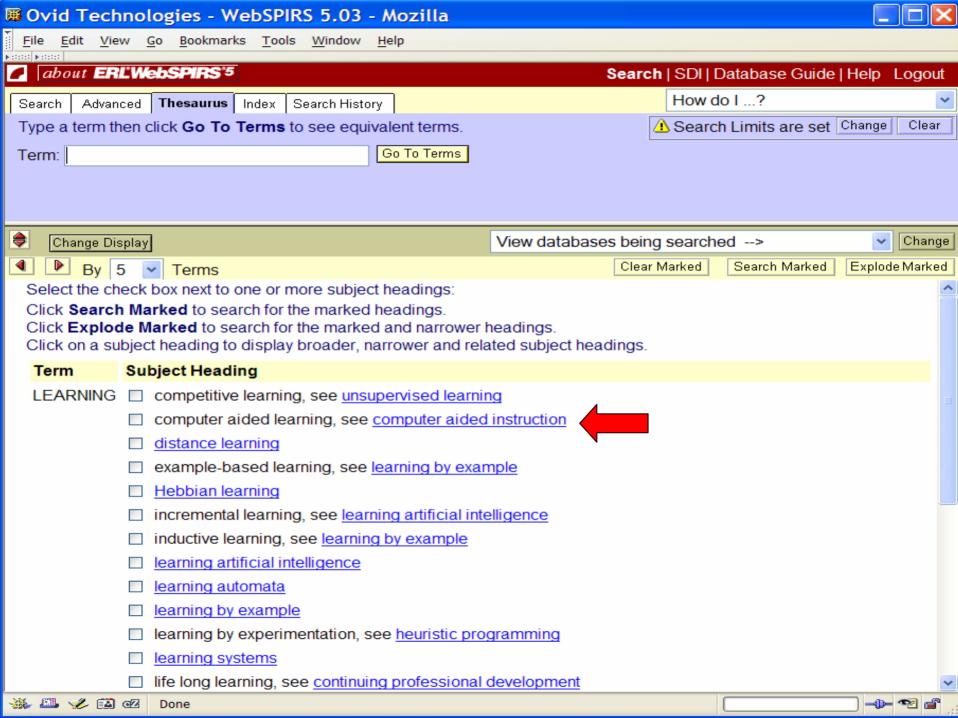
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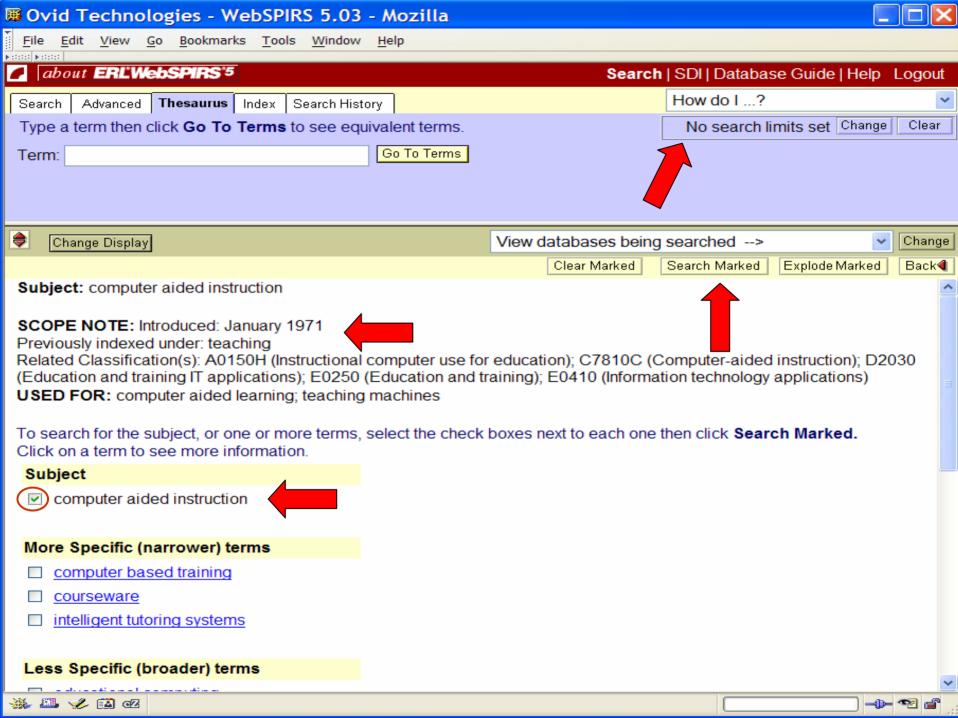


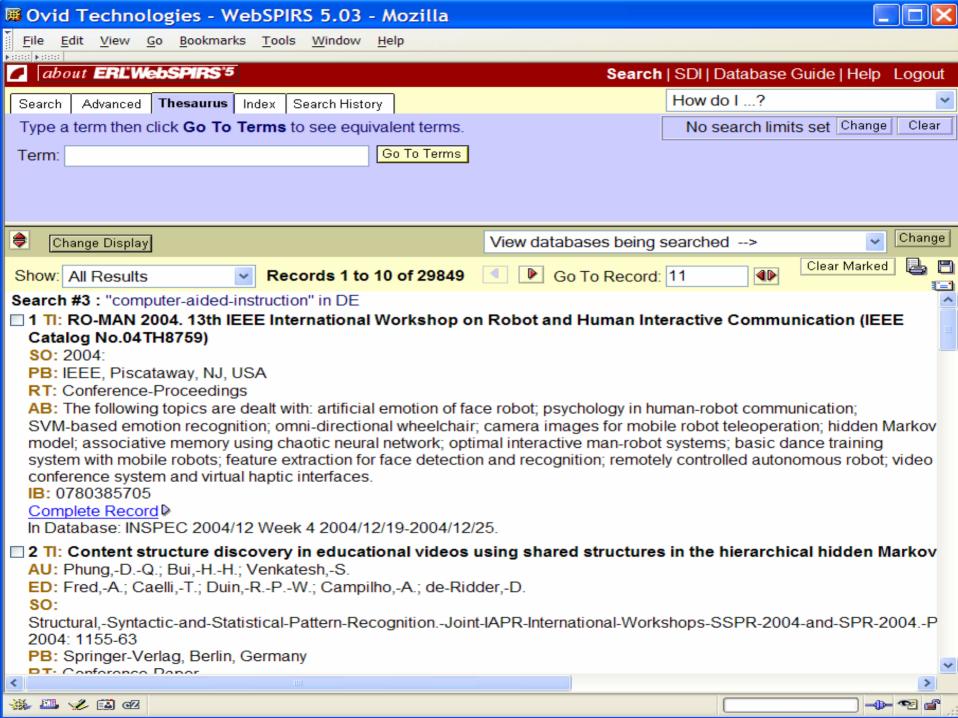


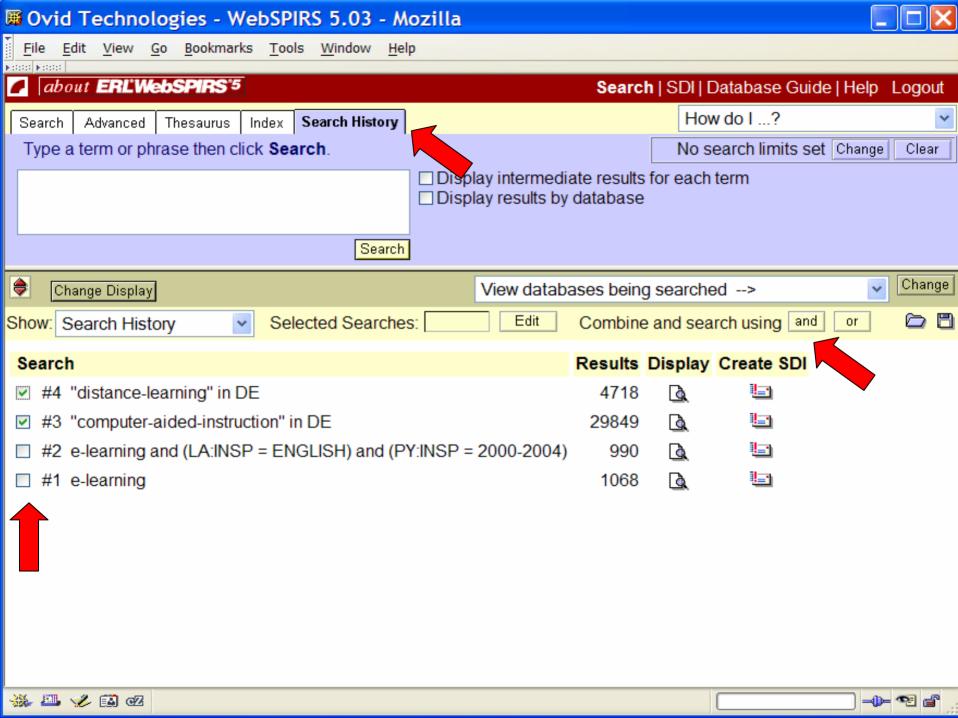


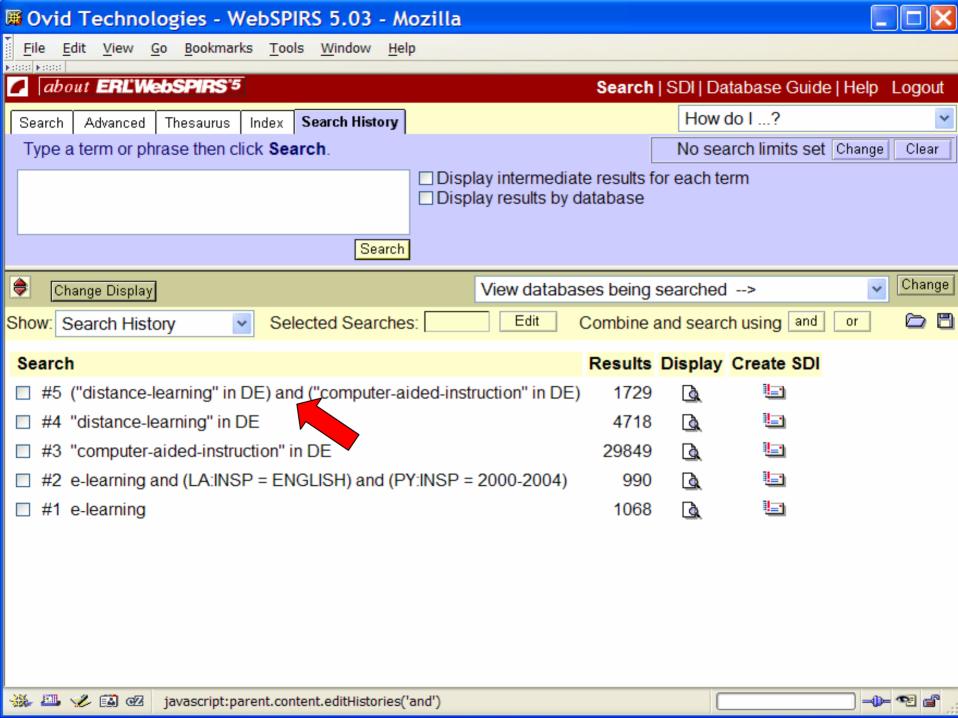


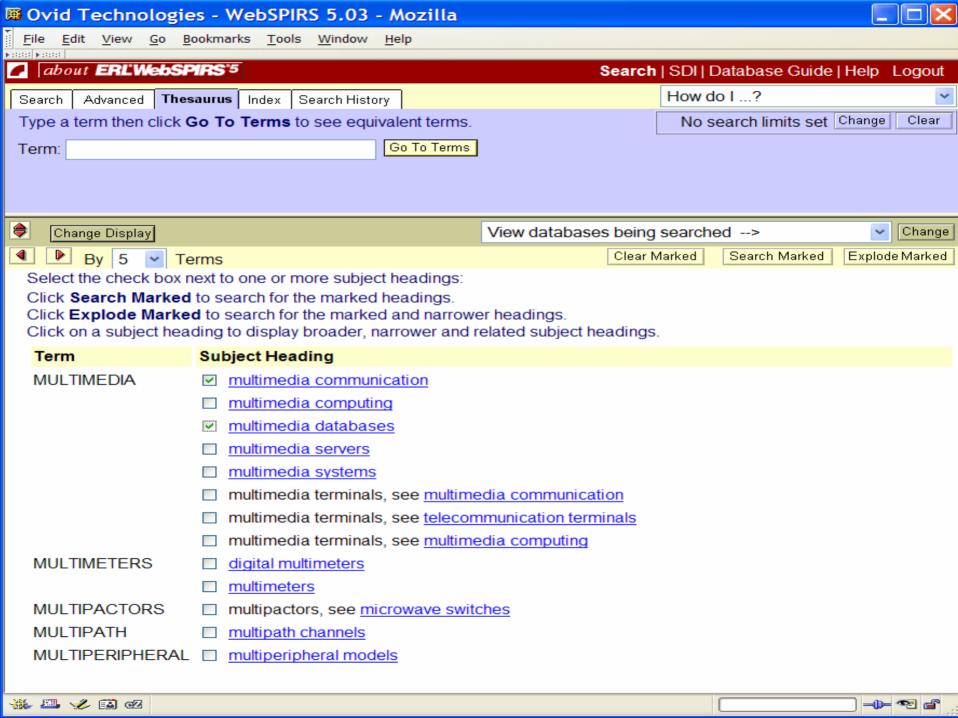


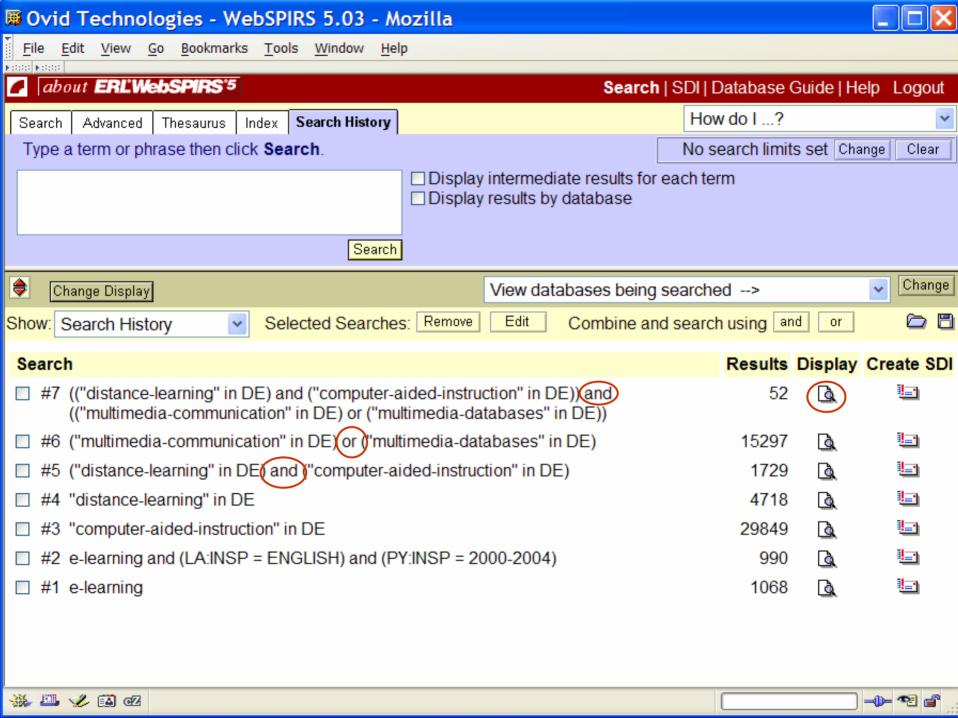


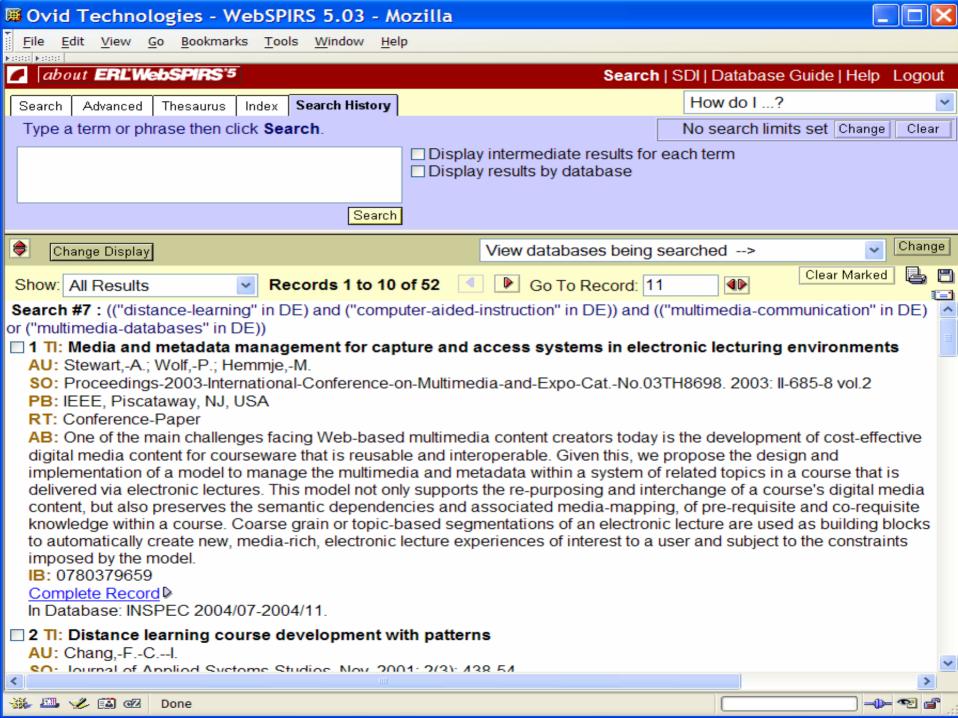












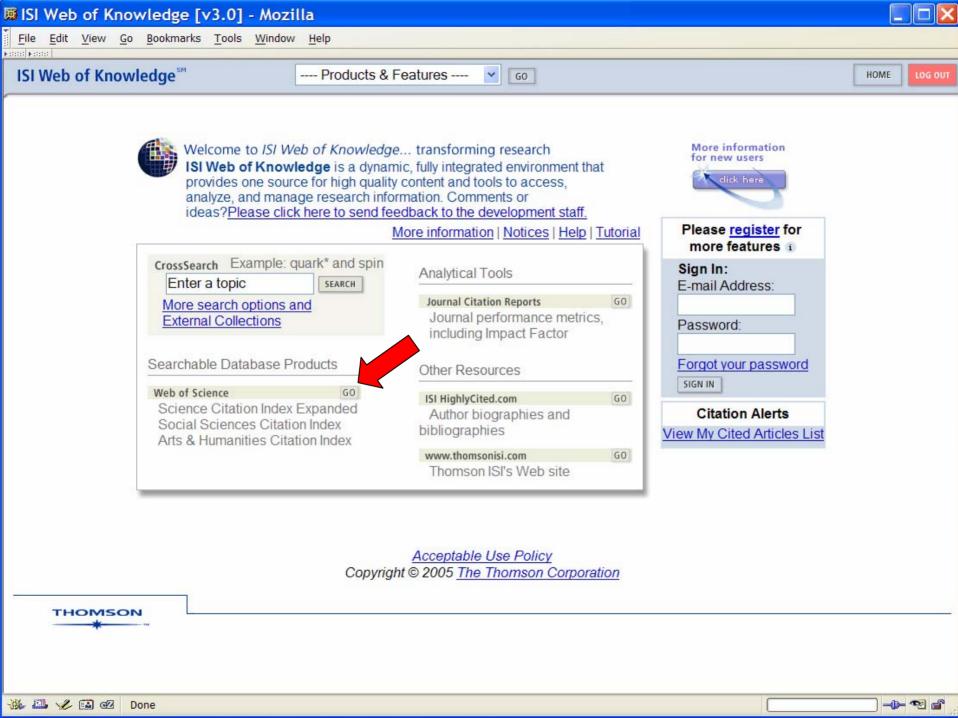


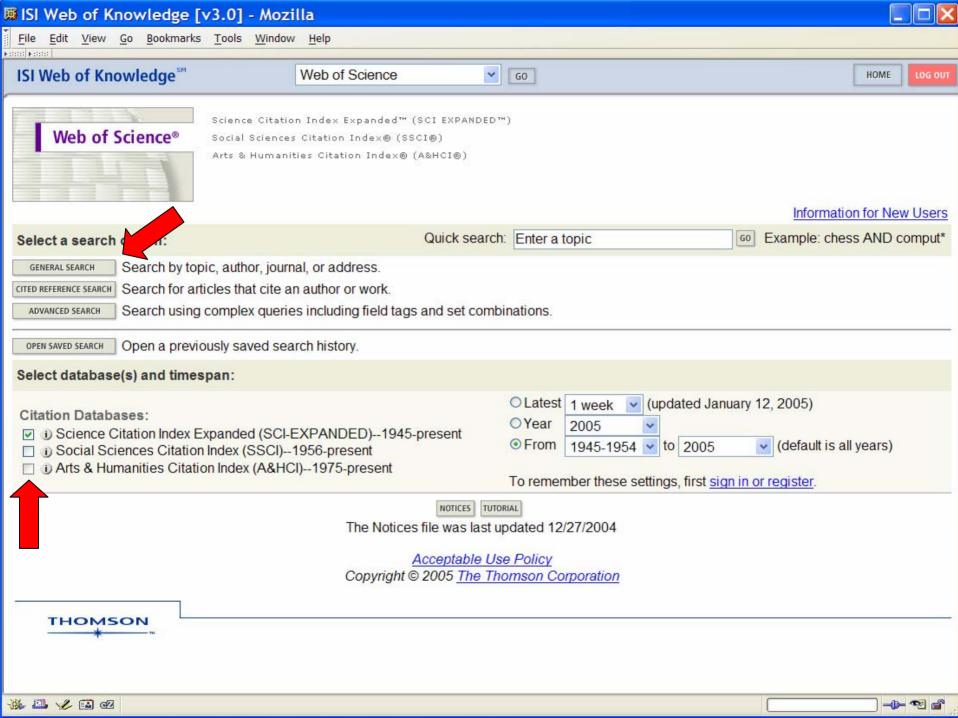


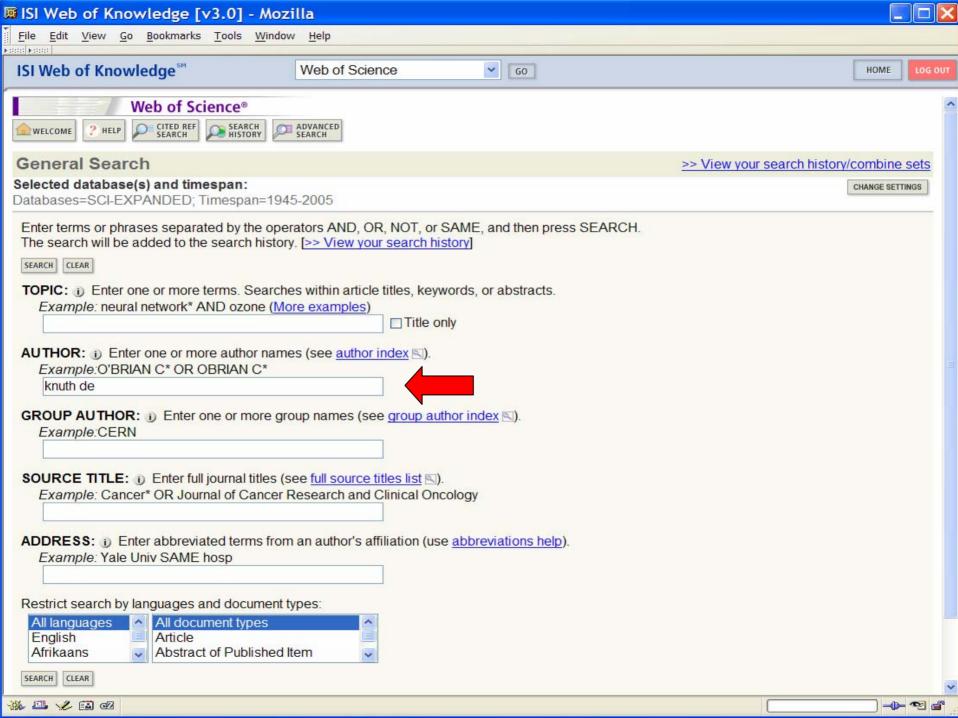
ISI Web of Knowledge

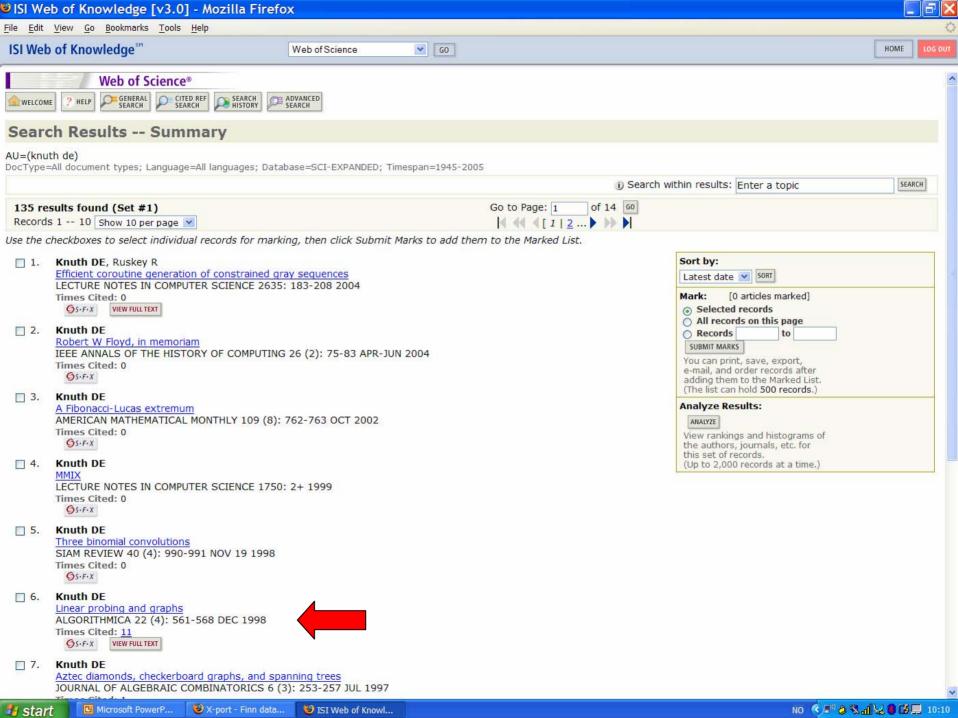
- Science citation index
 - 5900 journals in mathematics and science are analyzed
- Includes also:
 - Social Sciences Citation Index
 - Arts & Humanities Citation Index
- Search techniques
 - Operators (and, or, not, same)
 - Truncation (*, ?, \$)
 - Author search (Last name and initials)
 - Limits (language and document type)

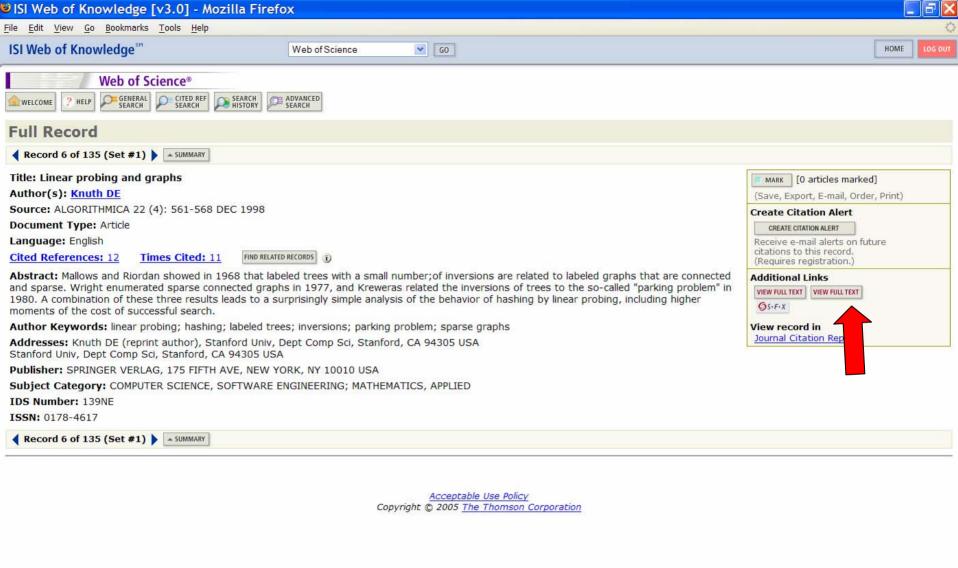
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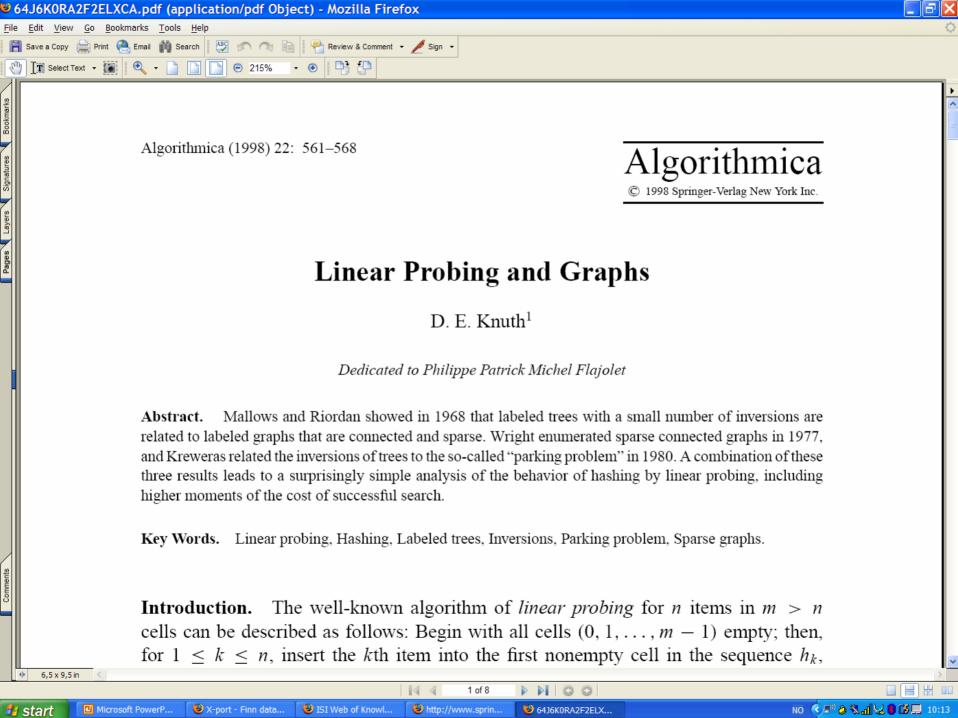


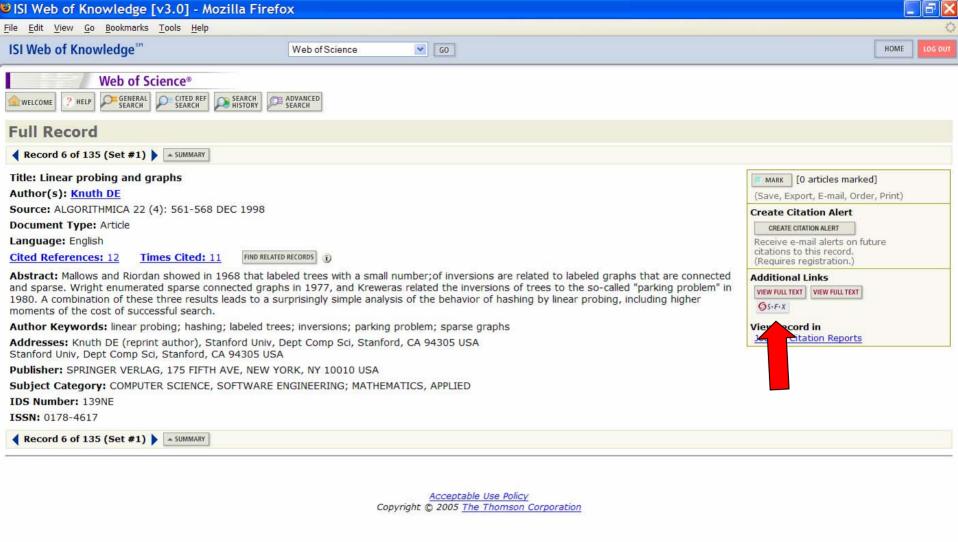








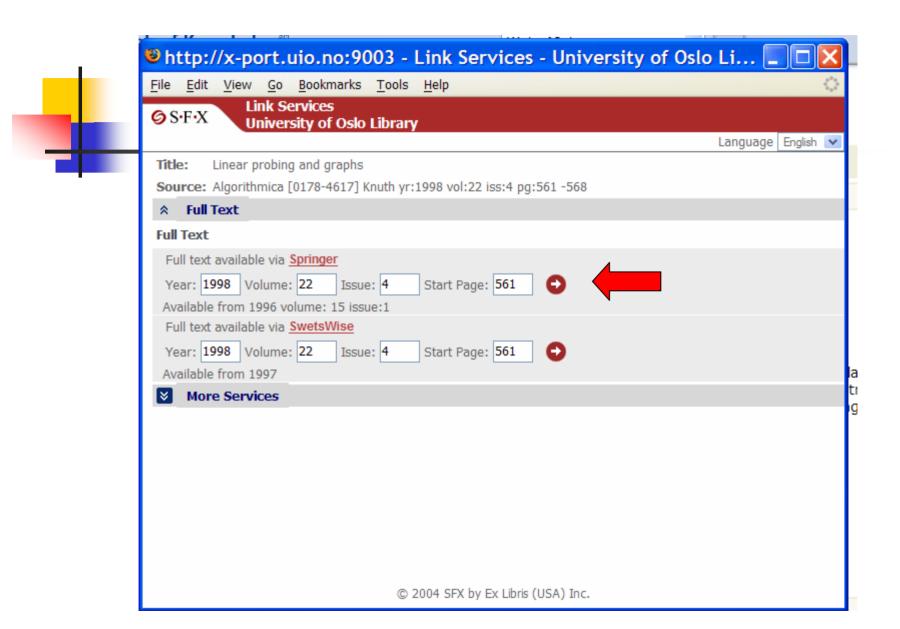


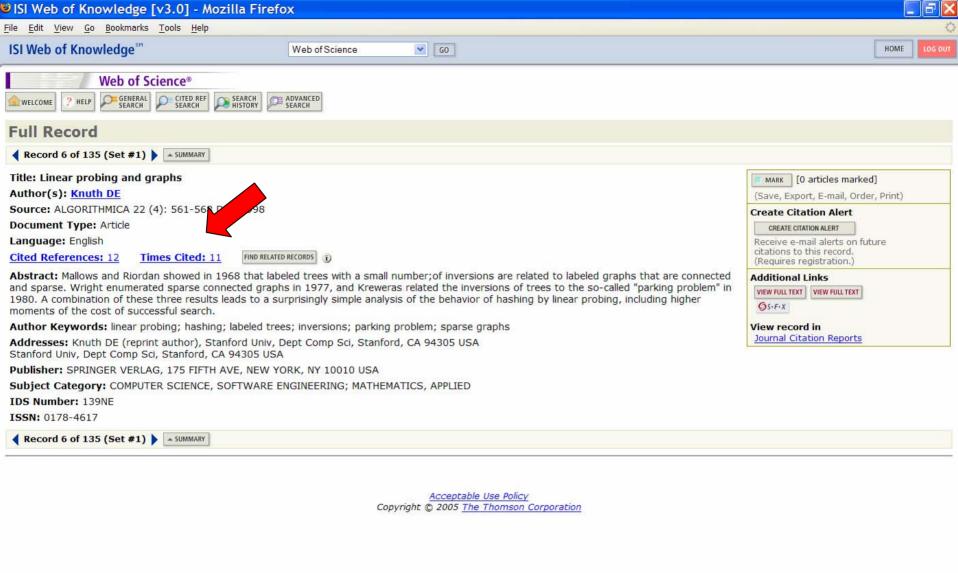










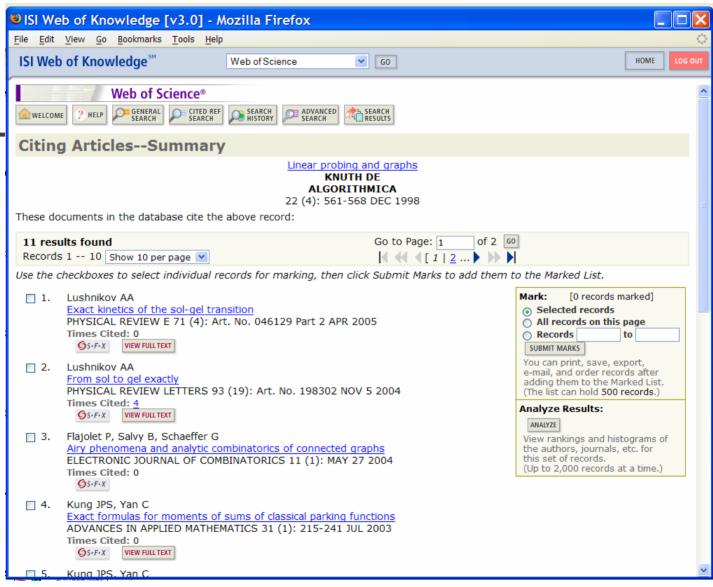














Fulltext archives

- ACM Digital Library
- IEEE Xplore
- Lecture notes in computer science
- Master thesis, doctoral thesis
- Electronic journals (UiO subscribes to over 7000)





ACM Digital Library

- 87 journals (1954-)
- 192 conferences (1952-)
- Search technique
 - implicit OR
 - ranked hit lists
 - Phrases "..."
 - Case sensitive
 - Operators (+, -)
 - Truncation (*)

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IEEE Xplore

- Close to 1 million documents (articles, conference papers, IEEE standards) from 1988 - (selected items back to 1950)
- Search technique
 - Fields (au, ti, ab, de, ...)
 - automatic truncation (avoid using ")
 - limit on document type
 - wild card:? (one char), * (nil or more chars)
 - Operators (paragraph, sentence, phrase, near, and, or, not)

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Lecture Notes in Computer Science

- A book series (more than 3400 volumes)
 - Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence
 - Lecture Notes in Bioinformatics
- Paper version in the library (vol. 1-3350)
- Search technique
 - Operators (and or not near)
 - Truncation (*)
 - Phrases "..."
 - word forms (sink** = sink* sank sunk)



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Thesis

Thesis in informatics



Thesis and doctoral thesis for UiO as a whole (DUO)



Electronic journals

- The university library subscribes to over 7000 electronic journals
- You find them via the library portal http://x-port.uio.no



Data bases in other disciplines

- Psychology (PsycInfo)
- Medicine (PubMed)
- Sociology (Sociology abstracts)
- Education science (ERIC)





Library catalogues

- Union catalogue of the universities and colleges in Norway (BIBSYS)
 - http://www.ub.uio.no/umn/inf/
- Catalogues of the National Library
 - http://www.nb.no/baser/
- Public libraries



Two scenarios

We want literature about:

- Cultural considerations/implications of doing systems development in developing countries.
- 2. Psychological implications of elearning.



Case 1: cultural implications of doing systems development in developing countries

The vocabulary

 global programming teams, systems development, developing countries, globalization, outsourcing,

. . .

The sources:

- ACM digital library
- INSPEC
- Web of knowledge
- Sociological abstracts



Case 2:Psychological implications of e-learning

The vocabulary

 e-learning, psycholog*, computer uses in education, distance education, computer aided instruction (CAI), human computer interaction, user interfaces, ...

The sources:

- Inspec
- ERIC
- PsycInfo
- Web of knowledge
- Collection of computer science bibliographies
- HCI bibliography



You want some, or all, articles on a specific topic:

- Most important informatics source: INSPEC
 - Decide what's the correct terminology
 - Combine and limit your search to get a clear, readable hit list
 - Read the abstracts to check relevance
 - To get the text:
 - Electronic version? IEEE Xplore, ACM Portal, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, or in an electronic journal?
 - Paper version? Check holdings in x-port, order a copy.



Cross-disciplinary topic?

- Check other databases! E.g.:
 - Bioinformatics (Biological abstracts)
 - Mathematical modelling (MathSci)
 - User interface (PsycINFO)
 - Medical informatics (PubMed)
 - Education (ERIC)
 - Sociology (Sociological abstracts)
 - **...**
- Same search techniques, different terminology, different user interface, different search syntax,...



Summing up

- Evaluate and be critical to the information you find on the Internet
- Define your problem; information need
- Use the search techniques to hit the bull's eye
- Be aware of the different sources available and use them
 - Handbooks
 - Reference databases
 - Fulltext archives and electronic journals
- The library staff is always there to help you