

WebFeat User Guide

Wondering which database is the best to use for your search? Do you want to search one category of databases at once? Try WebFeat, our new federated search engine. Federated search engines search many databases with a single search interface. With WebFeat, you can search most of our databases and catalog with one easy search. When accessing WebFeat from home, you will only need to sign in once with your library card to access the databases.

WebFeat searches the most commonly used research databases at CCLS. Some of our databases are not included in our WebFeat federated search. Databases not included in our WebFeat search are still available on our [Databases page](#). Also, users may still search databases individually from our [Database by Name](#) page.

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Using WebFeat from home:

When you click on the WebFeat link, you will be taken to a log-in screen.

- Enter your name.
- Enter your 14 digit CCLS library card number.
- Enter your PIN number (this is the same PIN you use to access the catalog. If you don't already have a PIN for the catalog, follow these instructions for adding one: [Adding a PIN number](#))

You will now be logged into WebFeat and all the databases you can access from home.

Searching WebFeat:

- Enter your search term(s) in the search box.
- Select a category or categories of databases to search. You can also check the Select all box under List of Resources.
- Click Search.

WebFeat will bring back results based on the subject categories you selected. The results will be grouped by database. Simply click on the View button to pull up the articles you wish to read.

Hints for using WebFeat:

- Change how your results are sorted. At the top of the page, you will see a Results display mode drop down box. If you would like the most relevant articles first, choose Relevancy Ranked. If you would like to see the most recent articles first, choose Sorted by Date.
- When you select a category to search, check marks will appear on the list of databases below to show which databases are in each category.
- You can add the library catalog to your search. Simply click the Add library catalog to your search box.