

Introduction

Thank you for taking part in the recent OvidSP training session. Below is a selection of search examples for you to work through and experiment with. Tasks 1 and 3 cover in detail both the themes and the OvidSP features and functionality we discussed during the recent training session. It is recommended that you work through the individual steps as described below. This way you will be able to reproduce the results and practice some of the approaches to problem solving we discussed during the training. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your Ovid Sales Representative or the [Ovid Training Team](#).

Task 1.

Find references which give some kind of indication of the effects, influence or significance of climate change or can be given as evidence of climate change.

Solution 1:

Where:	CAB Abstracts 1973 - 2011
How:	Expert Search
What:	<p>Step 1. Keyword: climate change / Map Term to “climate change” / Expand</p> <p>Step 2. Keyword: effect* OR influence* OR significance* OR evidence* / No mapping</p> <p>Step 3. Combine S1 AND S2</p> <p>Step 4. Apply the filter Current Year / Click on Add to Search History</p>

Solution 2:

Where:	CAB Abstracts 1973 - 2011
How:	Multi-Field Search
What:	<p>Step 1. Title: climate* OR</p> <p>Step 2. Title: climate change AND</p> <p>Step 3. Abstract: effect* OR influence* OR significance* OR evidence*</p> <p>Step 4. Apply the filter Current Year / Click on Add to Search History</p>

Task 2.

From the results obtained in Task 1, solution 2 how many references are conference papers?

Where:	CAB Abstracts 1973 - 2011
How:	Multi-Field Search / (Note: Use result set from Task 1, solution 2 above).
What:	Step 1. Filter Publication Type / Conference paper / Add to Search History

Task 3.

Use a general search on trees and climate change to locate an expert on the use of tree-rings as potential indicators of climate change.

Where:	CAB Abstracts 1973 - 2011
How:	Basic Search (Natural Language Search)
What:	<p>Step 1. Search using “trees and climate change” / Check Include Related Terms</p> <p>Step 2. Locate article on “<i>Use of tree rings..</i>” / Display Complete Reference</p> <p>Step 3. Locate term “dendroclimateology” in Subject headings / Click on term</p> <p>Step 4. Combine results from previous Step 3 with Step 1 in Task 1 above.</p> <p>Step 5. Locate article “<i>Chronomics of climatic variations of tree ring width</i>”</p> <p>Step 6. Display Complete Reference to identify author “Otsuka K.”</p> <p>Step 7. Click on highlighted author name to obtain all articles by “Otsuka K.”</p>