
Ulrichsweb: Features and Functionality FAQ

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Where can I find more information about Ulrichsweb features and functionality?

This document contains answers to some common questions about Ulrichsweb and how it works.

How does Ulrichsweb differ from the print edition of Ulrich's Periodicals Directory?

Ulrichsweb contains all of the records in the Ulrich's knowledgebase -- active titles, suspended titles, ceased titles (from 1974), and forthcoming titles. The annual print edition of Ulrichsweb does not. The print edition is limited both by its format and its scope. The print edition does not contain all of the bibliographic data or availability information that is maintained in the Ulrich's knowledgebase or that is available in Ulrichsweb, and it is not updated after its annual publication date.

Libraries that want up-to-date serials information should subscribe to Ulrichsweb. Only Ulrichsweb is continuously updated to reflect the most up-to-date information available.

In addition to the bibliographic information about each title, Ulrichsweb contains information on electronic vendors, publishers, and abstracting and indexing services, document suppliers, and other companies. Libraries may activate links to their catalogs, and a number of other services that provide serials-related information including JCR Web, ScienceDirect, OCLC WorldCat, and the Copyright Clearance Center (CCC).

Ulrichsweb is OpenURL-enabled, so the library may set Ulrichsweb up as both the source and target of links to the library's OpenURL resolver or search Ulrichsweb using federated search tools.

What URL should I use to access the Ulrichsweb service?

The URL for the Ulrichsweb service is <https://ulrichsweb.serialssolutions.com>.

Is access available by user name / password or by IP address?

Both IP Address access and user name / password access are available. If your institution uses a proxy server or other means to authenticate users, Ulrichsweb can be made accessible to your off-site and remote-access users.

If I am associated with two Library profiles for Ulrichsweb, how can I switch from one to another?

If your username and password are associated with multiple Library profiles in the Client Center, you can select the Ulrichsweb subscription you wish to access. To change library profiles, use the **End Session** link in the bottom-right side of an Ulrichsweb page to log out of your current library's session, and then activate a new session in another library profile. If you have IP access to Ulrichsweb, the IP address range from which you access the Ulrichsweb URL will determine the library profile you use.

What types of searching options are available in Ulrichsweb?

Ulrichsweb offers a number of different options for serials search and discovery. Basic Search, which appears on every Ulrichsweb page, provides an easy way to find serials by ISSN, keyword, or title. The Advanced Search feature provides tools for easily carrying out complex search queries. Additional information about search functionality is available [here](#).

When I do a search using the Basic Search box, what fields in the Ulrich's record are being queried?

Fields that are indexed and searchable under the Basic Search are ISSN, subjects, and all of the title fields, including main titles, historic titles, title abbreviations (for example, MEDLINE abbreviation), language edition titles, parallel titles, and all other title variants.

Can I search for journal abbreviations in Ulrichsweb?

Yes. It is possible to search journal abbreviations using the Basic Search box and the Advanced Search feature. This type of search can be useful if you are trying to decipher a citation someone has sent to the Reference Desk or included in an ILL form.

Enter the abbreviation and use the asterisk (*) wildcard at the end of each term in the abbreviation. For example, if the abbreviation is *Appl. Phy. Rev.*, enter the terms as "appl* phy* rev*" (without the quotation marks). Ulrichsweb will stem the search terms using the wildcard symbol and attempt to find the full title using those terms.

How do I perform online provider title list comparisons?

The **Full Text Sources** limiter available in Advanced Search is a way to quickly limit results to titles in provider packages and other online resources. Sources are indexed as *Provider - Database Name*, and as you type a provider name, its online resources will auto-populate in a list from which you can make your selection.

How does the language feature for Ulrichsweb work in a browser with pre-set language settings?

Ulrichsweb's language localization defaults to the native language of your web browser. This means that if you select a preferred language (for example, Japanese) in your web browser's display preferences, Ulrichsweb will default to that language. You may override your browser's default language setting in Ulrichsweb by using the **Select-Language** drop-down menu located at the top of all Ulrichsweb pages. The selected language setting will remain in place for your current Ulrichsweb session.

Can users link to our library catalog?

Yes. Ulrichsweb provides users with options for web-based linking to serials records in the library catalog, consortium catalog, and other sources. Ulrichsweb also provides OpenURL links to full-text sources in your library's collection via your institution's link resolver.

Are there links to full-text or other content?

Yes. Ulrichsweb provides free links to Open Access journals and offers several options to link to full-text in your library's electronic collection. You can choose to enable OpenURL linking to and from Ulrichsweb Title Details pages and link out to full-text from Ulrichsweb's tables of contents. You can also choose to connect from Title Details pages to full-text in your 360 Core E-Journal Portal.

Additionally, you can choose to enable links to third-party serials services provided by Ulrichsweb linking partners, some of which require that your library subscribes to that service. Each of these options can be configured in the Ulrichsweb Administration Console.

Can we incorporate an OpenURL icon/image into Ulrichsweb for our library's users?

Yes. It is possible for your library to include an OpenURL icon/image that is familiar to your users. Instructions for how to point to the desired image file are provided on-screen in the Ulrichsweb Administrative Console, where you can configure link resolver settings.

Are there additional linking options for libraries?

Yes. Ulrichsweb offers "bi-directional linking" with your 360 Core E-Journal Portal. This feature allows the library's users to link from an Ulrichsweb record to the library's 360 Core E-Journal Portal list of holdings to find out where the library subscribes to a particular e-resource. The link can be set up in the Ulrichsweb Administration Console. The same library can enable a reciprocal link from their 360 Core E-Journal Portal to Ulrichsweb, to display a serial's bibliographic details from the library's list of subscribed resources and Open Access journals.

Can I download information from the Ulrichsweb site?

Yes. Several options for exporting data from Ulrichsweb. Users may print, email, or download up to 500 full records per session in a variety of formats. Users may also create personalized Lists to save online or share with others.

How often are Ulrich's Alerts sent out?

The Ulrich's Alert service is run once per month, usually around the 15th day of the month. What goes out depends on what you have opted for (New Titles, Title Changes, or Ceased Titles), but all title changes are processed as an Alerts batch once per month. If there are no new titles in your preferred subject area, you will not get Alerts in that subject in that month.

To receive Ulrich's Alerts, you must first opt-in to create a free [My Ulrich's account](#).

Are usage reports supplied?

Yes. Your Ulrichsweb account administrator is able to view and download reports of institutional usage. Usage statistics can be accessed using the Admin feature.

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