

## CHOOSING DATABASES

### Set a database login default

**TASK:** After creating shortcuts to your favorite databases or groups of databases you can set them as your default file(s) so that when you log in to ProQuest Dialog™ you will bypass the steps to choose databases and get started searching in your preferred files right away.

<p><b>1. Log in to ProQuest Dialog; then click Preferences.</b></p> <p><i>Note:</i> You must have and log into your <b>My Research</b> account to create or modify a database shortcut.</p>																					
<p><b>2. In My Research &gt; Preferences Click the Database shortcuts tab.</b></p>																					
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4. When **Modify shortcut** opens, scroll down to the bottom of the database list and click the check box for **Make these databases my default selection once I have signed into My Research**. Click **Save**.

Notice that only certain databases are checked off and these are the ones you had selected for this particular Database Shortcut.

Search: 65 databases

Modify shortcut

- Lancet Titles (1998 - current) 1007631
- MEDLINE® (1950 - current) Pricing 10000136
- New England Journal of Medicine (1985 - current) Pricing 1008247
- NTIS: National Technical Information Service (1964 - current) Pricing 1008209
- Paperbase (1975 - current) Pricing 1008239
- PASCAL (1984 - current) Pricing 10000137
- Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Industry News Database (1980 - current) 10000138
- Pharmaprojects (1981 - current) 1007827
- PIRABASE (1975 - current) Pricing 1008279
- Polymer Library (1972 - current) 1007459
- Proux Science Daily Essentials (1996 - 2011) Pricing 1008281
- Proux Science Drug Data Report (1988 - 2011) Pricing 1008280
- Proux Science Drugs Of The Future™ (2010 - 2011) Pricing 1008282
- PsycINFO (1806 - current) Pricing 1007458
- SciSearch®: a Cited Reference Science Database (1974 - 1989) Pricing 10000140
- Social SciSearch® (1972 - current) Pricing 1008294
- Toxfile® (1900 - current) Pricing 1008295
- TULSA™ (Petroleum Abstracts) (1965 - current) Pricing 10000141
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Save Cancel

5. The Shortcut details now show **Yes** in the third column, "Make shortcut my default selection."

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Documents (11) Searches (8) Alerts (2) RSS feeds (1) Tags (7) Shared lists Widgets Account Import to My Research

Preferences

General interface Database shortcuts

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6. The next time you log in to ProQuest Dialog the blue navigator line indicates you are searching just the default databases. You are ready to get started in your preferred search mode: Basic, Advanced or Command Line.

Search: 65 databases

Basic Search | Advanced | Command Line

ProQuest Dialog DataStar

Advanced search Search tips

Search tips

- nurs\* finds up to 10 characters (e.g., nurse, nurses, nursing) with unlimited word variations. Learn more
- Use quotation marks (e.g., "DNA testing") to search for a phrase.
- diabetes NEAR/3 treatment: NEAR/n looks for documents that contain two search terms within a specified number of words.

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Databases

- British Library Inside Conferences
- Current Contents® Search; 1998 to date
- Ei Compendex®; 1969 to date
- Gale Group PROMT®; 1972 to date

7. Alternatively, you may only want to use these databases for certain types of research, not for every project. You can get the login link, save it and use when these databases best fit particular pursuits.

Under **Actions**, click **Get link**. The shortcut link displays. Copy the link; paste it into a word-processing software and save it.

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**Get shortcut link**

<http://search.proquest.com/professional/?accountid=131175&selectids=1007834,1008209,10000131,10000135,10000137>

Use this link to pre-select your shortcut databases when connecting to ProQuest.

8. The link saved in a place you can quickly find it, click or Ctrl-click the link to log in and start searching these databases.

ProQuest Dialog Login Links

My engineering

<http://search.proquest.com/professional/?accountid=131175&selectids=1007834,1008209,10000131,10000135,10000137>

9. The URL is the key to these databases after log in.

ProQuest Dialog Log In

With a My Research account, you can:

- Log in anywhere, anytime.
- Create and customize alerts and saved searches.
- Organize your research into folders.
- Set preferences that stay in effect every time you search.

Need help accessing ProQuest Dialog?

10. Start searching your preferred databases.

ProQuest Dialog Search

Advanced search

Search tips

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