How do I create an EBSCO Discovery Service search box?

EBSCO’s Search Box Builder tool allows you to create an EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) search box that can be placed on your institution’s web site.

In addition, the EBSCO Search Box builder tool enables you to add Discipline searching limiters and Guest Access to your search box, if they have been enabled on your EDS profile.

- Discipline searching enables users to narrow searches to subject-like disciplines to improve the precision of results. See also: What is Discipline Limited Searching?

- Guest Access allows non-authenticated users to search an institution’s EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) profile without logging in.

Before creating your search box, you must enable Guest Access for your EDS profile. See the following FAQ: What is EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) Guest Access and how do I enable it for users?

Create your own EDS Search Box by clicking the link below:

EBSCO’s Search Box Builder

The following is a step-by-step guide to help you create your own EDS Search Box:

**Step One: Set Search Parameters**

1. From the Interface drop-down menu, select EBSCO Discovery Service.
2. Choose the language you would like the interface to be displayed in from the Interface Language drop-down menu.

3. Choose whether you would like your users to search your databases or database groups, or target a specific EDS profile.

4. Choose a Search Mode: Boolean/Phrase, All terms (AND), or Any terms (OR).

5. Select any limiters you would like applied from Limit results.

6. Add Disciplines to your Search Box.
   - In the Show column, check the box for the Disciplines you would like to make available in the Search Box.
   - In the Default to Selected column, set the radio button to Yes for any Discipline you would like selected by default in the Search Box.

7. Add keywords you would like to automatically combine with searches to target your users’ results.

Step Two: Select Authentication Parameters

1. If applicable, add your proxy prefix in the available field.

2. Select your method of authentication from the available choices. Your authentication method should correspond with the user group your EDS profile is in.
   
   For example, if the EDS profile is found in the Main user group, your authentication method should apply to the Main user group in EBSCOadmin.

3. Select if you would like your search box to use Secure HTTP authentication.

Step Three: Choose a Search Box Design
• Choose from one of the three available Search Box Styles to get started.

**Step Four: Customize the Layout**

1. Enter a title for your Search Box in the field provided.
2. Add a URL to your own logo to add it to your search box. (optional)
3. Adjust the height and width of your search box.
4. Check the box if you would like your search results to open in a new browser window.
5. Check the box for the limiters you would like to be displayed on your search box.
6. Select whether you would like the Disciplines displayed as checkboxes or as a scroll box.

**Step 5: Confirm your Search Box**
1. Test-drive your search box. You can continue to make adjustments and preview them before you are finished.

2. When finished, click the Create Search Box button.

Step 6: Copy Your Search Box Code

- Copy and paste the resulting Search Box code to place in your webpage.

To access examples of how the Search Box Builder tool is being used, see the following FAQ:

How do I embed an EBSCOhost search box on to my website?