What is EBSCO Discovery Service?

*EBSCO Discovery Service* (EDS) provides users with an easy, yet powerful means of accessing all of an institution’s information resources through a single search. By indexing all of an institution’s internal (library) and external (database vendors) resources on EBSCOhost servers, EBSCO creates an exceptionally fast search experience based upon the powerful EBSCOhost search experience familiar to researchers worldwide.

EDS contains information from as many as 70,000 publishers and other providers who make available hundreds of millions of records from hundreds of thousands of journals, magazines, books, and other content sources.

Content Providers

EDS allows you to filter your search results by database using the Content Providers facet found at the bottom of the left-hand column of the EDS result list. Content providers include EBSCOhost databases, external databases, and your institution’s library catalog.

*EBSCO Discovery Service Limiters*

EDS features the following specialized limiters to help focus search results:

- **Catalog Only**: Limits your EDS search results to only those items in your institution's catalog, regardless of circulation status.

- **Available in Library Collection**: Is a configurable mechanism libraries can enable allowing their users to limit search results to records whose full text is available online (via EBSCOhost full text databases, e-journals, institutional repositories, etc) or content physically available in your library.

- **Location**: Select one of the locations of your institution to limit results to items which can be found at that location. If multiple catalogs are available within your institution's EDS subscription, they are listed by location of the catalog. Multiple catalogs can be selected for your search by holding the Ctrl key and selecting catalogs.

- **Collection**: Allows you to limit your search to a specific Collection in EDS, if your institution has multiple catalogs loaded.
**EBSCOhost Integrated Search**

**EBSCOhost** Integrated Search (EHIS) allows users to simultaneously search EBSCO databases as well as all other electronic resources, including those from other database aggregators, OPACs, and publisher packages.

When included with your institution’s EDS subscription, you can limit your search results by integrated search resources using the EHIS panel in the right column of the result list.

**Library Catalog**

**EBSCO Discovery Service** lets you view catalog details for a result in your library's catalog.

If enabled by your administrator, Enhanced Catalog Record information appears in the left column under Related Information and below the book jacket image.

Enhanced Catalog Record information may include:

- Reviews of the title being viewed.
- Similar Books.
- Other books by the same author.
- Summaries from *Literary Reference Center*.
- Popularity rating.

**Real-Time Availability**: If included in your institution's EDS subscription, you may see up-to-date information that advises you of the availability of a resource within the library.

Real-time availability advises the user of the status of a resource. Status messages may be customized by your institution’s administrator.

**Examples**:

- Available
- In Library Use
- On Hold
- Checked Out
- Missing
- Lost

**Location**:

If your library is part of a library group, you will also be advised of the specific location of an item within the group of libraries.
EDS Available in Mobile Applications

You can search your institution’s EDS subscription using the EBSCOhost iPhone or Android app, available for free. To authenticate the app, click the EBSCOhost iPhone and Android Applications link at the bottom of the EDS screen and follow the instructions.

In addition, EDS can be searched on the EBSCOhost Mobile interface on your iOS (iPhone, iPod touch) or Android device.

EDS Support Center

For more EDS support information including tutorials, User Guides and Help Sheets, see: EBSCO Discovery Service

See also:

EBSCOhost Searching Tips Help Sheet