EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) - Creating Subject-Specific Profiles

Using EBSCOadmin, you can create EBSCO Discovery Service profiles that contain databases specific to certain subjects. This can be useful if you would like to allow users to access subject-specific profiles from your library home page or if you would like to create search boxes that target only specific subject groups.

Ensure Correct Configuration & Branding
Before copying your original EBSCO Discovery Service profile to create multiple subject-specific profiles, it is recommended that you ensure your original profile is configured and branded to meet your preferences. Once you have created multiple EDS profiles, any change that you would like to make must be done in each profile separately.

You can create a copy of your original EBSCO Discovery Service profile and then remove any databases which are not related to the subject area of the profile you’re creating.

Copy Profiles
Follow the instructions on copying profiles which can be found in this Support FAQ: Can I copy profiles in EBSCOadmin?

Rename Profiles
To rename a profile:

2. Select the Profile Maintenance hyperlink on the Customize Services tab.
3. Using the arrows on the left side of the page, scroll through your list of profiles until you see the one you would like to rename.
4. Click on the hyperlinked profile ID of the profile you would like to rename.
5. Enter the new profile name in the Description field.
6. Click Submit.

Delete unrelated databases from Subject-Specific profiles
To remove databases from a profile:

2. On the Customize Services tab, select the profile you would like to edit under Choose Profile.
3. Select the Databases sub-tab.
4. For any database you would like to remove from the profile, click the X button toward the left hand side of the screen.
5. Click Submit.

Create Search Boxes
See the Tutorial and FAQ linked below for instructions on how to create Search Boxes.
How do I use the EBSCO Search Box Builder tool?

Tip: If you'd like to target Subject-Specific profiles with your Search Boxes, use the Choose: Profiles option on our Search Box Builder page. Then fill in your Customer ID, Group ID, and Profile ID in the fields below.