EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) - Copying a Profile

EBSCOadmin gives administrators the ability to make a copy of their EDS profile.

Copying your EDS profile may be useful if you would like to:

- Make multiple subject-specific profiles and limit the content search to only those databases relevant to the topic at hand.
- Make multiple profiles that are translated by default into different languages if you have multiple languages represented within your end user base.
- Make a copy of the EDS profile that searches the catalog content only.
- Make a test profile in which you can test changes before making them live to your users.

To copy an EDS profile:

1. In EBSCOadmin click on the Customize Services Tab and then on the Profile Maintenance link.
2. Click the Copy Profiles link.
3. From Source Profile: Choose the site (consortium only), group and EDS profile ID that you want to copy.
4. To Target Profile: Choose the site (consortium only) and group and enter a profile ID for the new profile you want to copy onto.
5. Select the parameters of the Source profile you would like to copy to the Target profile.
   - If you want to copy all settings and feature of the Source profile, click on Select All and all settings and features will be transferred.
If you want to copy just some of the settings, check the box in front of each one.

6. Click Submit. Your changes are saved.

Selecting Parameters to Copy

When you copy a profile, you can select which individual parameters would wish to be copied over to the new profile. This includes the ability to copy your general Searching and Viewing Results settings as well as more advanced items such as your CustomLinks and customized Branding settings.

Some parameters allow you to choose which items you wish to copy over. For example, if your source profile has widgets configured, you are able to select which, if any, widgets are copied to the Target profile.

- **Customize Group Databases By Subject** - Click to select which customized subject groups you would like copied to your new profile.

- **Databases** - Click to select which databases in the profile you would like copied to the new profile.

- **Widgets** - Click to select which result list and detailed record apps (formerly known as widgets) you would like copied to the new profile.

- **Customize Toolbar** - Click to select which features of your customized toolbar you would like copied to the new profile.

Implementing your new Profile

Once you have created the profile and copied the settings you selected to that profile, you can use it in a variety of ways.

- Create a direct link to point users at that profile. The link can appear on a list of databases, or on a subject specific page. Use the following syntax for your URL:


- Create new, or update existing search boxes, for your pages to search the profile. Instead of using profile=eds in the code use profile=profileid

If you need assistance at anytime, please contact EBSCO Support