What is an EDS Partner Database?

One of the key aspects of your EDS purchase is the opportunity to search across an always expanding number of records that EBSCO receives and indexes directly from publishers. While a majority of content is available through our core indexes, we have permission to build separate databases for EDS from a number of publishers. These databases comprise a set of content we call Partner Databases, which are represented in the "Content Provider" facet when you limit searches within EDS.

EBSCO classifies its Partner Databases by two categories — English Resources and Multilingual Resources. A Partner Database is classified as an English Resource if the majority, if not all, of its records are in English. A Partner Database is classified as a Multilingual Resource if the majority, if not all, of its records are in a language other than English.

EBSCO further classifies these resources by database type — Open Access Resources, Subscription-Based Resources, and Partner Catalogs & Indexes. These are defined as follows:

- **Open Access Resources**: EDS currently provides the opportunity to include several Open Access resource records to your profile. These resources are freely available on the internet directly from their providers; you do not need a subscription to access the items. You may want to include some or all of these resources.

- **Subscription-Based Resources**: Databases where a subscription is needed to access the full text of the record. There are selected resources that will allow you to keep the metadata on your profile, even if you are not a subscriber. Others are restricted and only provide metadata to subscribers of both EDS and the selected resource, known as our mutual customers. The questionnaire will tell you which resources are for mutual customers only.

- **Partner Catalogs & Indexes**: These resources contain only basic bibliographic information with a primary purpose of providing citation information for research purposes. Therefore, there is no searchable full text and no ability to CustomLink to full text, however CustomLinking may be available to link to the citation on the native interface.

It is important to note that the Partner Databases are not representative of all of the content you will be searching in your EDS profile. We have several different indexes that are used, including ones for your EBSCO host full text and bibliographic databases.

For a complete listing of the content included in your EDS profile, [click here](https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO_Discovery_Service/EDS_Admin_Guide/What_is_EDS_Partner_Database).