

All-New ProQuest Platform: Feature Highlights

Highlighted Feature	Brief Description
Search	
Unified Platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the all-new platform, all databases will be accessible via one platform. • In 2010, all ProQuest, CSA Illumina, and 4 Chadwyck-Healey products (International Index to Music Periodicals, International Index to Performing Arts, British Periodicals Online, and Publicaciones y Revistas Sociales y Humanísticas) will come in the first release of the new platform.
Cross-Search Tiers	<p>Three new levels of cross searching are now available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All products (within customer's subscription package) • Subject-level • Database-level
Subject Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All ProQuest databases are assigned to one or more subject areas, and will appear based on customer's subscription package. • Bringing context to content, images are used to help users better identify each subject area. • Users can mouse over subject area to show all databases appearing in each subject area. • Users can launch subject-level search at this point. • Library administrators can rename subject areas to best match their users' needs. • Library administrators can create their own collections.
ProQuest Extended Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Serials Solution technology embedded within the new platform for customers with Serials Solutions 360 Search. • Allows users the ability to retrieve search results from databases which are not on the new ProQuest platform. • Resides within the new platform to improve the end user's experience. • Results are displayed within the platform along with ProQuest database results. • Easy administration tools for library staff within ProQuest Administration Module. • Scheduled for Q2 2011
Auto Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Users that type in two characters or more will see a drop down list from which to choose—that includes search terms and search phrases compiled from previously successful searches from other users. • Similar to popular web applications such as Google and Amazon—making it familiar to users in all markets
Mobile Device Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for 2H 2011
Find	
Improved Post-Search Functionality	<p>General statement about the results screen with highlighted items below. Regular, iterative end-user testing sessions helped shape the look and feel of the new results page— down to working with content in the document view. Much work went into creating functionality to improve the end-user experience. New capabilities help users to review and work with additional content without leaving the current screen.</p>
Expanded SmartSearch Functionality	<p>The award-winning SmartSearch appears in the new platform, but has now been expanded to other databases which previously did not have the functionality. SmartSearch now appears in a slimmer box on the screen to display additional article content for users.</p>
Narrow Within Results	<p>Users can utilize filters to narrow the results set after conducting a search without launching a new search and retrieving a different set of results. Users prefer to work with an existing results set rather than re-execute a new search.</p>
Faceted Navigation	<p>Also called "Narrow Results By," this powerful functionality leverages ProQuest's expansive and trusted indexing and abstracting to provide users a wealth of ways in which to narrow the current set of results.</p>

Visual Date Trail	A visual tool found within the “Narrow Results By,” allows users to view the search terms across the date ranges covered by the selected databases. Slider tabs are available to narrow current set of results to specific date ranges on the fly!
Article Preview	The “Preview” icon allows users to mouse over the icon to view an abstract of that article without leaving the current document view. Users can work within the preview screen with functionality including viewing all article formats, citing the article, adding it to their My Research account, and more.
Thumbnail Image Views	Users can surface images from Deep Indexing searches and display images appearing within an article—a popular feature in legacy platforms.
Hit Term Highlighting	This functionality helps users quickly identify where the search term(s) appeared within the results set. Users can toggle this functionality on and off within the results screen.
Keywords in Context (KWIC)	KWIC leverages the full text of an article to give a preview of article that’s highlighted where search terms appear.
Reference Linking	Reference linking now taps into referenced links from all legacy platforms—providing users with an even broader collection.
Expandable Abstracts	Abstracts are now expandable so users can see the full text of the article more easily. A popular feature in end-user testing.
Use	
My Research Accounts	Users can now have a personalized experience in the new platform. Functionality includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saving articles, alerts, RSS feeds, and more • Accessing the platform using their My Research credentials
More Like This	The new search engine within the new platform will leverage the search logs to surface additional articles which the users might find useful.
Improved Cite This	“Cite This” functionality leverages RefWorks technology and expertise to provide 20 different citation options to users.
Translation Capabilities	Users can translate both the interface and the content into many different languages.
Share	
Shared Lists	Users can create lists within their My Research accounts and share them with other ProQuest users around the world. Great tool for professors for class assignments, students sharing with others on class projects, librarians creating topic guides, and more!
Bookmarks	With the popularity of social networking sites such as Facebook, users can post results on their pages allowing other authenticated ProQuest users to click and read.
Tags	Users can tag articles by using tags created by other users or creating their own tags.
Public Profile	Users can create a Public Profile, which will identify the user to others using the platform for research. The user can choose to provide as little or as much information about themselves as desired. Required to publish tags and/or lists on the new platform.