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27. RETRIEVAL FEATURES OF EBSCO HOST

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ABSTRACT

This chapter reports on the exploration of the retrieval features of EbscoHost. At the basic level, EbscoHost gives the options to move to advanced search, visual search, search history, change databases and even select a language for the interface. At the advanced search level, users can construct their search strategies using Boolean operators, field search, phrase, SmartText searching, and limit fields. Visual search enable users to search query the same way as basic search, and view the results graphically. Improvements include having index terms in visual display instead of hierarchical listing.

27.1 Introduction

Database providers such as ProQuest, Ovid, and Cambridge Science Abstracts (CSA) and associations such as ACM and IEEE offer systems equipped with retrieval features to help users find relevant items stored in their databases. Othman and Halim (2004) defined retrieval features as those features that help users construct their queries.

EbscoHost presents a creative illustration where users are able to manage their search process. Instead of representing the Basic Search and Advanced Search where almost same with other online databases, the Visual Search in EbscoHost helps users to examine their search results in a visual manner.

EbscoHost provides search options in different modes to enable users retrieve the needed relevant results. In addition, EbscoHost offers access to over than 10 languages with results with relevancy symbol and in PDF format.