



OvidSP databases: Saving a Search as an Alert (Email or RSS)



UBC Library subscribes to a number of databases (e.g. MEDLINE, EMBASE, EBM Reviews, Agricola, FSTA) from the vendor OvidSP. These databases allow you to save searches as email alerts or RSS feeds. Both require that you set up an account.

Creating/Editing Saved Searches

Creating Email Alerts

To create an alert, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on **Save Search History**.

	#	Searches	Results	Search Type	Actions
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Yoga/	946	Advanced	Display More >>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Stress, Psychological/	64300	Advanced	Display More >>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1 and 2	84	Advanced	Display More >>

You will be prompted to login to your account. If you don't have one, click on **Create a new personal account**.

Next you can give your search a name and select **AutoAlert (SDI)** to save it as an email alert. Select the scheduling options, email options, report type, fields, etc. and click on the **Save** button.

Search Name: Comment: Type:

AutoAlert Options

Scheduling Options

On Database Update[?]
 Quarterly
 Monthly - on day
 Every other week - on
 Weekly - on

Deduping Options

Delivery Options

Email
 RSS

Email Address & Subject

Separate multiple email addresses with commas. Do not use any spaces between the addresses.

Recipient's Email Address:
Email Subject:

Email Options

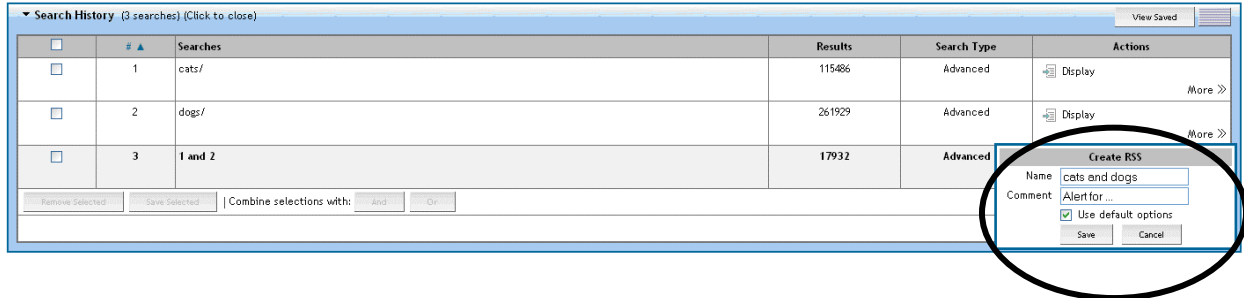
Inline
 As an Attachment
(Ovid Result Format only)

Output Type

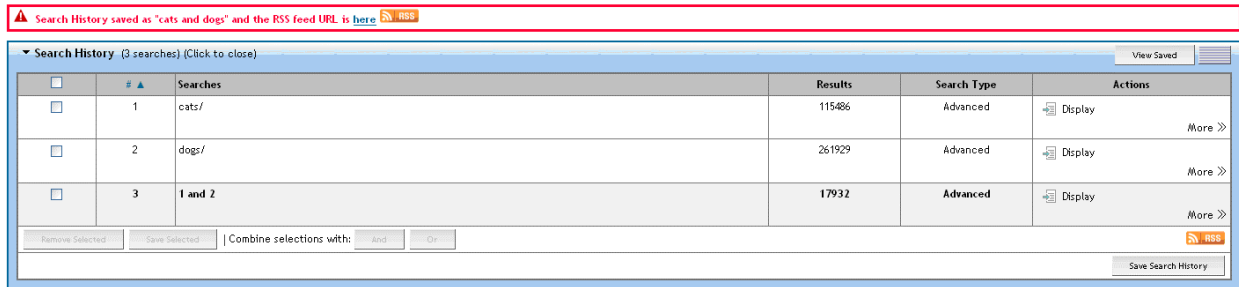
HTML (Ovid Result Format only)
 ASCII

RSS Feeds

To create an RSS feed, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on the RSS icon in the bottom right corner of the Search History. Then name the RSS feed and save it.



The next screen will give you an RSS icon that you can click on and add to your reader.



Saved Searches

If you do not want email alerts or RSS feeds, you can simply save the search as **Permanent** and re-run it periodically to look for new citations. Login to your account, click on **My Workspace** and **My Searches & Alerts**, select a search, and click the **Run** button.

Editing Saved Searches & Alerts

Click on **My Workspace** and **My Searches & Alerts** to edit, delete or copy a saved search or alert. Using the pencil icon, you can edit the search strategy itself, changing search terms, or adding/deleting lines.

