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

UBC Library subscribes to **Web of Science** and **BIOSIS Previews** from the vendor Thomson Reuters. These two databases allow you to save searches as email alerts or RSS feeds. Both require that you set up an account.

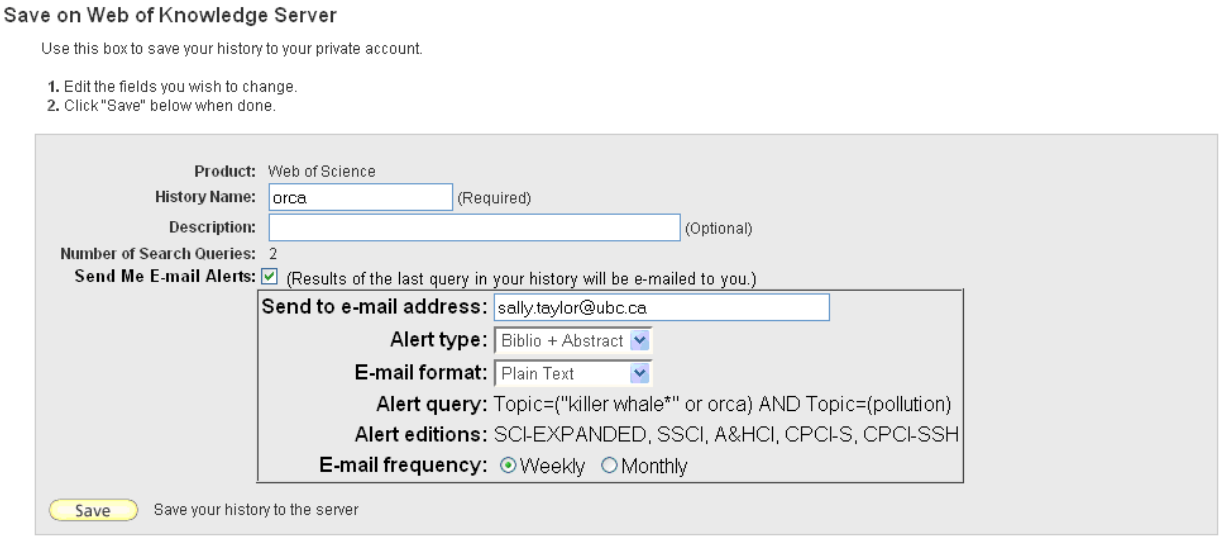
Creating/Editing Saved Searches and Citation Alerts

Creating Email Alerts

To create an alert, do a search first. Once you are satisfied with the results, click on **Search History**, and then the **Save History / Create Alert** button.

You will be prompted to login to your account. If you don't have an account yet, click on **Register** to create one.

Next you can give your search a name and check the box to **Send Me E-Mail Alerts**. Select the alert type, email format and email frequency, and then click the **Save** button.



In this example, citations and abstracts will be emailed on a weekly basis.

RSS Feeds

Alerts can be saved, and delivered as an RSS feed.

To create an RSS feed, follow the same process as setting up an email alert but do not check the **Send Me E-Mail Alerts** button. Instead save the search, and then click on the RSS icon on the following screen, and add it to your RSS reader.

Saved Searches

If you do not want email alerts or RSS feeds, you can simply save the search and re-run it periodically to look for new citations. Login to your account, and click on **My Saved Searches** to **Open** and **Run Search**.

Editing Saved Searches & Alerts

Click on **My Saved Searches** to edit or delete a saved search or alert**.** You can modify the settings of a saved search and change the delivery method.

Creating Citation Alerts

If you are interested in a specific article and want to be notified any time it is cited, click on Citation Alert from the abstract display. The default is to send you the alert via email but RSS is also an option.