

PsycINFO for BUSINESS RESEARCH – Fall 2009
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**Access PsycINFO via Ovid (the vendor's name)

From the "Select a Database" screen, select either:

"PsycINFO 2002 to (most current.)"

Choose: "Open selected resources."

Choose: "Multi-Field Search."

**Type this search:

Type *leadership* in "All fields."

Type *business* in "Subject Headings."

Choose these "Limits:"

*English Language

Press "Search."

View "Search History"

Search statement #2 = 883 references to articles on 9/23/2009.

(too many!)

Check off the appropriate search statement (e.g., #2.)

**Find the classification codes above the "Additional Limits" button.

Highlight the "Classification code" 3640 (management & management training)

Press "Search."

Results: 180

**Sort the results putting the most recent article first in the list:

Scroll down to the green bar that begins with "Customize Display."

At right, find "Sort by." Scroll to "Year of publication" and choose down arrow.

The list will be resorted by most recent first, going backwards in time.

Read the abstract by pressing "Abstract" on the right.)

Read the "COMPLETE REFERENCE" by pressing "Complete Reference" located on the right.)

**To clear an old search:

From your "Search History" box, check off all search statements to be removed.

Press "Removed Selected."

Enter a new search strategy.

OR do this:

From the "Results Manager" blue bar, find "Results."

Choose radio button "All in this set."

Press the button "Clear selected results."

** Use the Thesaurus: Find the most relevant “subject heading.”

Locate the tab: “Search Tools.”

Type words to be searched, “decision making.”

Choose “Thesaurus.”

Press “Search.”

Results:

14,241 hits concerning “decision making.”

Broader, narrower and related terms are listed, each with the number of hits per term. For example, 867 hits were given for the related term “expert systems” and 5227 for problem solving. 555 were given for the narrower term “group decision making,” etc.

Select a relevant term. Find other broader, narrower and related terms.

Choose the “Main Search Page.”

Choose “Multi Field Search” form.

Type the term used in the thesaurus.

Combine it with another term.

(If you do not see a Search Tools box on your screen when you scroll down, click on Main Search Page at the top right corner of the screen.)

**Truncation symbol used by PsychINFO is *.

Use truncation within the “Multi Field Search.”

Brainstorm* (using all fields) = 1054 hits.

Brain* (using all fields) = 206,489 hits, but includes brain, brainstorm, brainstorming, brainwashing, etc.

**Find a Literature Review:”

Use “Multi field Search.”

Type a search term: brainstorm*

Within “Methodology,” scroll to “Literature Review.”

Press “Search.”

**Boolean Operators:

AND

Both terms must appear in the record.

OR

The 1st term or 2nd term, or both terms, must appear.

NOT

The 1st term must appear, but not the 2nd term.