

## OBJECTIVES

The learner will be able to

1. Search for items written by an author
2. Utilize the truncation symbol in order to locate all middle initial combinations for a specific author
3. Search for items published in a specific journal.

## SCENARIO

- I have a paper due on prostate cancer screening. My professor suggested locating an article written by Dr. Bryan Weber in the journal Geriatric Nursing on the subject. How can I locate this article?

## SEARCH PROCESS

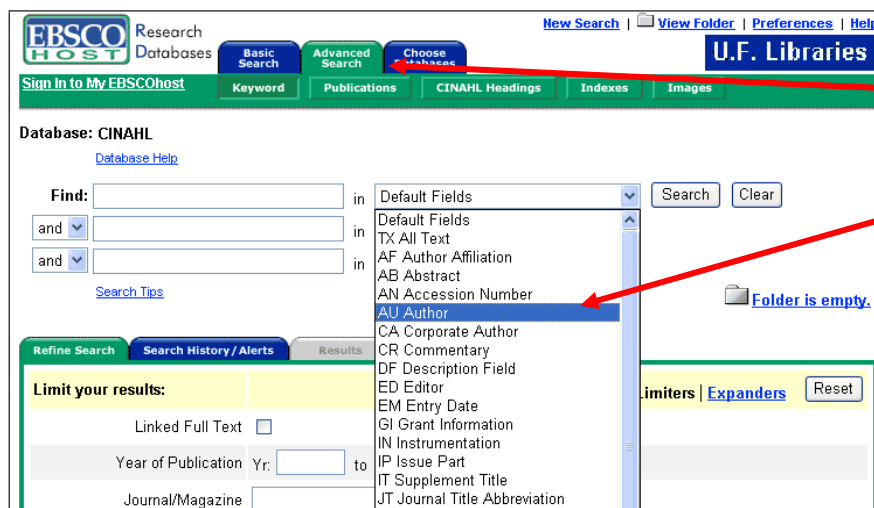
**STEP 1:** Take your information need and create a search statement about it.

I am trying to identify an article written by Dr. Bryan Weber on screening for prostate cancer from the journal, Geriatric Nursing.

**STEP 2:** Identify the important concepts in your search

The author's name, Dr. Bryan Webber, An article by Dr. Webber on Prostate cancer screening, and the Journal title: "Geriatric Nursing".

**STEP 3:** Search for the author's name. If the name isn't common and the author hasn't written very much, it might be all that is needed to locate the article.



From the "Advanced Search" screen, click on the drop down menu and select the "AU Author field".

In the "Find box" type the name in the following format: last name space first initial, truncation symbol "\*" .

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Next, click the "search" button to run the search.

Many authors publish using their middle initial. Since Dr. Weber's middle initial is unknown and we do not know if he uses a middle initial. The easiest method to include all of the possibilities (b to ba to bz) is to use the truncation symbol. In this database the truncation symbol is "\*" .

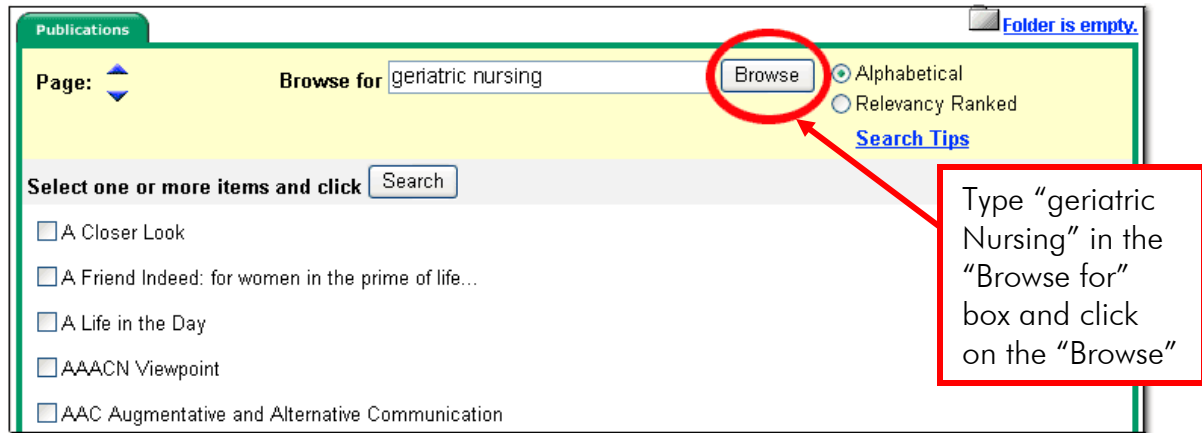
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1. [President's message. A bright future is on the horizon for ASPSN.](#) By: **Weber** B. PLAST SURG NURS, 2003 Fall; 23(3): 97 (journal article - editorial)  
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Click on the "Publications" button that is under the top row of tabs.

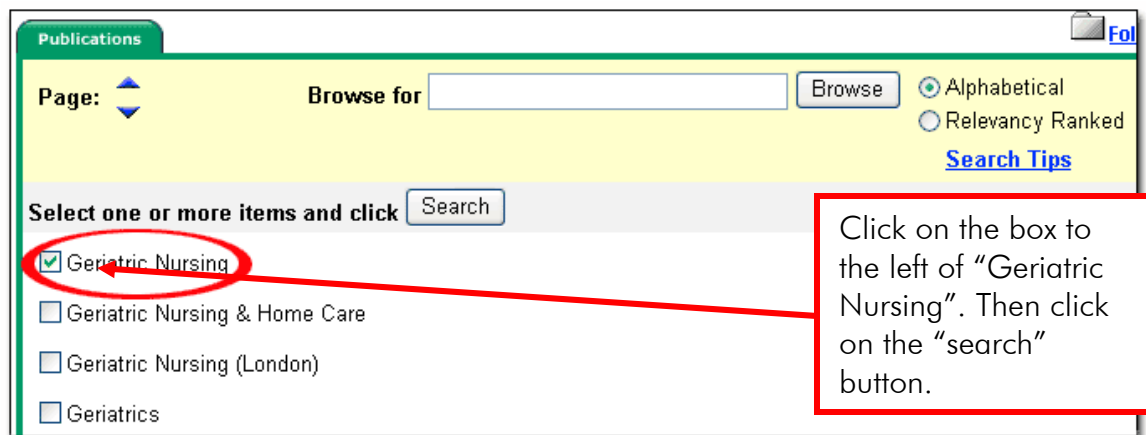
It would be possible to review this list of citations to locate the one written by B Weber from the journal "Geriatric Nursing" that is about prostate cancer. However, since we have a journal name we can search for all of the articles indexed from that journal

and combine it with the author's name. This is a useful technique when an author search retrieves several hundred items.

To search by "publication", click on the "Publication" button that is below the tabs that are across the top of the page. This will bring up an alphabetical index of the publications covered by the database.



To navigate, there are up and down arrows at the top and bottom of the page and a Browse for box. This list contains several thousand titles. The use of the "Browse for" box is usually a more efficient method of navigation.



This will bring you to the section of the list that contains or should contain the title that was searched. To select one or more titles put a check in the box before the title(s) and click on the search button. That will execute a search to locate every item in the database from the selected publication(s).

Here is the listing of every item in the database from "Geriatric Nursing". This is a large set - over 1500 articles, it would take considerable time to look through this list.

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1. [From the editor. Hooray. CNAI](#). By: Ebersole P. GERIATR NURS, 2003 Nov-Dec; 2  
article - editorial)

Click on the "Search History / Alerts" tab.

This function is only available when using the "Advanced Search" function.

The next step is to combine the two searches; the author search on Weber b\* and the journal search on "Geriatric Nursing".

The "Search History / Alerts" function keeps a listing of the searches that have been completed during your current session. From the "Search History / Alerts" screen, you can re-run searches, delete searches, combine searches or view or print search results. We are going to combine the Author search with the Publication search.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	S1	AU weber b*		<a href="#">58</a>	<a href="#">Revise</a>	<input type="button" value="X"/>

First check the search boxes at the top to be certain that they are clear.

Next place a check in the boxes of the searches that you would like to combine.

Check the drop down box with the “Boolean operators” to be certain the correct operator is selected. In this search we want each citation to be both authored by “Weber B\*” and published in the journal “Geriatric Nursing”. Therefore, the correct choice is “AND”.

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Click on “AND” from the Boolean Operator drop down menu.

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After selecting “AND”, click on the “Add” button to put the search statement in the search box.

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Click the “Search” button to complete the run the search.

The resulting set is small and easy to review. There are only two articles to review. The first one is the one that my professor recommended.

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1. [The controversy of prostate screening](#). By: McDougall GJ Jr.. GERIATR NURS, 2000 Sep-Oct; 21(5): 245-9. 241 (journal article - CEU, exam questions, tables/charts) [Add](#)
2. [Exploring the efficacy of support groups for men with prostate cancer](#). By: **Weber** BA. GERIATR NURS, 2000 Sep-Oct; 21(5): 250-3 (journal article) [Add](#)