METALIB and SFX

Metalib is a federated search tool that enables you to search a number of databases simultaneously. It returns full-text articles and abstracts. SFX is a tool that will link to full text articles if they are available.

From the main page at www.bhsu.edu click on the “popular links” link at the top of the page. Now click on the library icon.

In the center of the library home page you will see a green box. It is defaulted to search the library catalog – however notice the other two search options “online databases” and “electronic journals.”

Let’s click on the arrow next to the words “online databases” – there you will see some subjects. I am going to choose “general” from this list.

Next I am going to add search terms in the “search online databases (by general)” box.

Type in the terms: “global warming and Iceland.”

On the next page you will notice that Metalib is searching several databases.

When it is finished searching it will display the records it has retrieved.

There are three displays for viewing results: Brief, Table, and Full View.

If we look more closely at this list of records you can see that it is organized by author, title, year, and the database where the article was found.

NOTE: You can sort results by Title, Author, Year, or Database (default is by rank similar to google.)

To view results broken down by database, click on Summary.

To limit your results Metalib clusters results by Topics, Dates, Authors, and Journal Titles. You can expand each list by clicking on the plus button.

OK let’s focus our attention on our results lists. If you click on the FT icon you will be directed to the full text article or you can click on the read SFX icon to be directed to the full text article.

If you need help one option would be to click on the “Question Mark” Icon in the upper right hand corner.

Another option would be to contact Scott Ahola at 642-6359.

OK lets go back to the library home page.

To find out if a journal is available electronically from one of our databases let’s click on the “electronic journals” and then on the little down arrow. From this drop down box I am going to choose exact – but notice the other options.
Next I am going to search for the journal “Networking Management.”

On the next page I am going to click on the title link – then to access the journal I am going to click the go button.

I will then be directed to Proquest and there you can see the links to Networking Management. To browse this journal choose one of the volumes.