Students, faculty, and staff at Washington Adventist University can access more than 50 online databases for general and specialized research through Weis Library’s website.
On the library’s Online Databases page, the white column on the left contains an alphabetical list and description of all the databases, and the blue column on the right contains a list of the same databases categorized by subject.
The library’s Online Databases page includes primarily four types of electronic resources:

1. e-Reference Databases
2. e-Book Databases
3. e-Journal Databases
4. e-Media Databases

Note: You must enter the 12-digit barcode number on the rear side of your WAU identification card to access the library’s online databases through campus WiFi networks or from remote off-campus locations.
e-Reference Databases include searchable digital dictionaries and electronic encyclopedias that provide information about numerous topics.
e-Book Databases contain the full-text of thousands of general and academic electronic books that can be searched or viewed online.
e-Journal Databases include the citations and full-text articles from thousands of scholarly journals and popular magazines.
e-Media Databases provide access to thousands of streaming audio tracks and video clips on educational subjects.
There are a few tips you should keep in mind to conduct effective database searches and find relevant research results...
Tip #1: Choose the appropriate online database to search.

This means select the database that contains the kind of content you want (e.g. e-books) and covers the subjects you need (e.g. religion). The library’s [Research Guides](#) can help you find suitable databases.
Tip #2: Use search terms that represent your topic of interest.

When conducting a database search, try to identify and use terms that most aptly describe the topic you want information about. For instance, the term “influenza” may bring better results than “flu.”
Tip #3: Conduct an advanced search to get more precise results.

Most databases have an advanced interface that allows you to limit a search to parts of the database record like the title field or the subject field. This option retrieves more specific results than a basic search.
Tip #4: Use database limiters to further refine your search results.

Database limiters are special tools in online databases that perform certain actions on your search results lists. For example, you might limit your results by date or sort them by the type of publication.
For more information on the topics covered in this presentation, please see the following web pages:

Online Databases

Research Guides

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