

Create Custom Login URLs

The **Links to ProQuest** page lets you create specialized links to individual databases or pre-selected combinations of databases that let users log in with specific settings. These links can be added to your own web pages or to create a menu of electronic resources.

For example, you can create a customized link for users who want to search newspapers, setting the default search to Full Text. You can create a second link for others with the default search set to Citation/Abstract. Users can then select the link they want, and open ProQuest with the desired settings. You can:

- Offer pre-selected combinations of databases for cross-searching
- Set special search option defaults for these database(s)

Follow these steps to create a link to ProQuest:

- 1 Make sure you are on the **Account Preferences, Create Links to ProQuest Databases** page:
 - Click the **Account Preferences** tab, and make sure the **Create Links to ProQuest Databases** tab is selected.
 - Or, select **Create custom links to ProQuest Databases** from the Quick Picks pull-down menu.
- 2 If you have access to multiple Accounts or clients, select the desired **Account** from the pull-down menu located above the tabs. (If there is only one client available, the Account is static text, rather than a pull-down).
- 3 Select the desired databases:
 - Select the ProQuest Database types you want to include.
The list of databases below will change, depending on the database type selected.
 - Select the database or databases to include. (Note: Some databases, such as the Professional Research Databases are not cross-searchable, and will let you select only a single database.)
- 4 If you want, set the desired search settings:
 - Click **Select Search Settings**.
 - You see a page displaying the currently selected databases, and the current search settings.
 - Set the desired search settings.
- 5 Click **Create URL**.

You will see a page displaying the settings. In the yellow section you will see a custom link.

- 6 Highlight the link and copy it.
- 7 Paste the link in the Address bar of your browser.
- 8 To create a desktop icon of the link for patrons to use, drag the URL from the Address bar to the Desktop.

About Database Types

Select the desired database type to view the available databases.

ProQuest Classic (cross-searchable)

This group includes databases such as ABI/INFORM. This group is cross-searchable, you can select one or more databases.

PQ Historical Databases (cross-searchable)

This group includes databases of historical data, such as ProQuest Historical Newspapers and APS Online. This group is cross-searchable, you can select one or more databases.

Professional Research Collections (Third Party)

This group includes professional research collections, such as MedLine, PsycINFO, and CINAHL. This group is not cross-searchable. You can select only one database.