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Usage reports provide account-specific details such as usage summaries by account, site/user, search type, time or database. This information lets you see usage patterns, popular searching methods, and popular databases. You can use this information to make sure that your ProQuest

account meets the needs of your users—providing the right databases, supplying users with the correct access, and that the default settings are configured properly.

How to Read Usage Reports

ProQuest usage reports contain valuable data. Here is a quick overview of the different parts of your usage report (note: not all of this data appears on all reports. Yearly comparisons, for example, are only available on annual reports):

A Database Activity - Annual Report

B Time Frame - Nov 2003 to Oct 2004				
C Client Client - Test Account for Client				
D Searches	E Database	F Cit/Abstract	G Any FT Format	H Total
14709	ABI/INFORM Archive I	0		
14700	ABI/INFORM Global	398	2282	2680
625	APS Online	12	299	311
12370	Alt-Press Watch (APW)	5	73	78
14860	American Medical Association	62	0	62
14698	CBCA Business	9	21	30
14697	CBCA Current Events	22	43	65
14738	CBCA Education	7	16	23
14720	CBCA Reference	30	98	128
123	CINAHL® - Database of Nursing and Allied Health Literature	12	619	631
12428	Ethnic NewsWatch (ENW)	4	132	136
12345	Ethnic NewsWatch and ENW: A History (ENW+H)	1	53	54
12385	GenderWatch (GW)	2	73	75
136	MEDLINE®	7	78	85
14675	MarketResearch.com Academic	1	0	1
14906	ProQuest Nursing Journals	19	327	346
27	PsycINFO®	0	6	6
14815	Reference	0	4	4
14917	Research Library	697	3699	4396
12948	Canadian Newsstand	28	768	796
14712	Canadian Newsstand Complete	28	768	796
13899	ProQuest Newspapers	238	2346	2584
15518	Chicago Tribune	13	268	281
14555	Christian Science Monitor	0	0	0
14556	Hartford Courant	0	84	84
15541	Los Angeles Times	13	311	324
15567	National Newspapers (27)	196	1661	1857
14740	New York Times	16	16	32
229	ProQuest Newsstand	0	3	3
14593	Washington Post	0	3	3
332885	Grand Total	1554	10944	12498
J 6954	Previous Year	247	1342	1589
K 609%	% Increase	529%	715%	687%
L 17283	Total Unique Searches (Search Button Pressed)			

- A** The Report Name.
- B** The Time frame
- C** The client ID and Name
- D** This column displays the number of searches for each database.
- E** The name of the database being searched.
- F** The number of articles retrieved from those searches in Citation or Abstract format.
- G** The number of articles retrieved from those searches in Full Text formats.
- H** The total number of articles retrieved from those searches.
- I** **Grand Total**
The total number of searches performed in all databases. This is **not** the same as the number of times **Search** was clicked. (For this information, see **Total Unique Searches** below.) This is because when a user is searching multiple databases and clicks Search, the number of searches for **each** database is incremented by one. The Grand Total is therefore incremented by the number of databases being searched.
For example, a user is searching ABI/INFORM Archive I and ABI/INFORM Global. Each time the user clicks Search the number of ABI/INFORM Archive I searches is incremented by 1, the number of ABI/INFORM Global searches is incremented by 1, and the Grand Total will be incremented by 2.
- J** **Previous Year**
The totals from the same period in the previous year. (This is only available on the Database Activity - Annual Report.
- K** **% Increase/Decrease**
The percent change from the same period last year.
- L** **Total Unique Searches**
The total number of unique searches. This compensates for the inflated numbers in the Grand Total and shows the number of times the search button was pressed.

Specific Usage Reports

Here is a description of each of the different usage reports available to you.

Database Activity – Summary Report

The Database Activity – Summary Report gives you an overview of activity for the databases to which you subscribe, for the period of time you specify.

The report shows:

- The total number of searches in each database, broken down by location.
- The number of articles retrieved from each search, broken down by the format provided (Citation / Abstract, Any full text Format).
- The number of unique searches.

If you display a report for a grouped site (such as a consortium), you will see a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium (the master client). You can also select to view a detailed section that displays the usage for each of the individual clients (the child clients).

Database Activity – Annual Report

The Database Activity – Annual Report gives you an overview of activity for the databases to which you subscribe for a twelve month period.

The report shows:

- The total number of searches in each database, broken down by location.
- The number of articles retrieved from each search, broken down by the format provided (Citation / Abstract, Any full text Format).
- The previous years totals for each column, plus the percent change from the previous year.
- The total number of unique searches.

If you display a report for a grouped site (such as a consortium), you will see a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium (the master client). You can also select to view a detailed section that displays the usage for each of the individual clients (the child clients).

Database Activity – Detail Report

The Database Activity – Detail Report gives you an overview of the activity for the databases to which you subscribe.

The report shows:

- The total number of searches in each database, broken down by location and login name.
- The number of searches and document usage broken out by location, database, and login name.
- The number of articles retrieved from each

search, broken down by the format provided (Citation / Abstract, Any full text Format).

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Document Usage by Database/Journal

The Document Usage by Database/Journal Report gives you an overview of the documents retrieved for the databases to which you subscribe, for the period of time you specify.

This report shows:

- The total number of articles retrieved broken out by location and database.
- The total number of articles retrieved from each publication, broken out by the format delivered (Citation, Abstract, Full Text, Text + Graphics, Page Image, Page-Map, and Article-Image).

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Document Usage by Delivery Method

This report gives you a summary of the documents retrieved for the databases to which you subscribe, during the period of time you select.

This report shows:

- The total number of documents provided broken out by location and delivery method (Electronic Mail, On-Line Display or Fax).

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Document Usage by Organization

This report gives you a summary of the number of articles retrieved for the databases to which you subscribe, during the period of time that you select.

This report shows:

- The total number of documents provided, broken out by location
- The format retrieved (Citation Abstract, Any Full Text Format).

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Searches by Search Mode

This report provides an overview of the searches used by the different login accounts for a specific period.

This report shows:

- Total number of searches broken out by location and login name.
- The total number of searches using each mode (Basic, Guided, Advanced, Natural Language, Publication or Topic)

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Searches by Time

This report provides an overview of the searches performed over the last 14 days.

This report shows:

- The daily usage broken down by client and login name.
- The number of searches performed each hour of each day during the 14 day period.

Note: The hourly information provided in the report is based on EDT (GMT: - 5:00).

If you choose to display the report for all sites in a grouped site (such as a consortium), there will be a summary section that totals all usage for the entire consortium, and a detailed section that breaks out usage by the individual clients (location).

Counter Database Report 1

This report meets the Counter 2003 code of practice, and provides information on the total searches performed broken down by database and month for a 12 month period (you can control the period by selecting the desired end date).

Note: ProQuest sessions are not directly related to databases. The session count reported is identical for all databases.

This report is valid only for data after December of 2003 when Counter reports were introduced.

This report shows:

- The total number of searches performed, broken down by month and database.
- The total number of sessions, broken down by month and database.

According to Counter definitions:

- A **Search** is defined as “A specific intellectual query, typically equated to submitting the search form of the online service to the server.”
- A **Session** is defined as “A successful request of an online service. It is one cycle of user activities that typically starts when a user connects to the service or database and ends by terminating activity that is either explicit (by leaving the service through exit or logout) or implicit (timeout due to user inactivity) (NISO).”

Counter Database Report 3

This report is in accordance with the Counter 2003 code of practice, and provides information on the total searches performed broken down by database and month for a specific period.

Note: ProQuest sessions are not directly related to databases. The session count reported is identical for all databases.

This report is valid only for data after December of 2003 when Counter reports were introduced.

This report shows:

- The total number of searches performed, broken down by month and database.
- The total number of sessions, broken down by month and database.

According to Counter definitions:

- A **Search** is defined as “A specific intellectual query, typically equated to submitting the search form of the online service to the server.”
- A **Session** is defined as “A successful request of an online service. It is one cycle of user activities that typically starts when a user connects to the service or database and ends by terminating activity that is either explicit (by leaving the service through exit or logout) or implicit (timeout due to user inactivity) (NISO).”

Counter Journal Report 1

This report meets the Counter 2003 code of practice. It provides information on the number of full-text articles retrieved, broken down by month and journal.

This report is valid only for data after December of 2003 when Counter reports were introduced.

This report shows:

- The total number of print full-text articles retrieved, broken down by month and journal.

According to Counter definitions:

- A **Full Text Article** is defined as “The complete text, including all references, figures and tables, of an article, plus links to any supplementary material published with it.”
- A **Journal** is defined as “A serial that is a branded and continually growing collection of original articles within a particular discipline”
- **Print ISSN** is defined as “Free text format (up to 13 characters in future) Unique International Standard Serial Number assigned to the print version of a journal by the national ISSN agency of the country from which the journal is published”
- **Online ISSN** is defined as “Free text format (up to 13 characters in future) Unique International Standard Serial Number assigned to the online version of a journal by the national ISSN agency of the country from which the journal is published.”
- A **Search** is defined as “A specific intellectual query, typically equated to submitting the search form of the online service to the server.”
- A **Session** is defined as “A successful request of an online service. It is one cycle of user activities that typically starts when a user connects to the service or database and ends by terminating activity that is either explicit (by leaving the service through exit or logout) or implicit (timeout due to user inactivity) (NISO).”