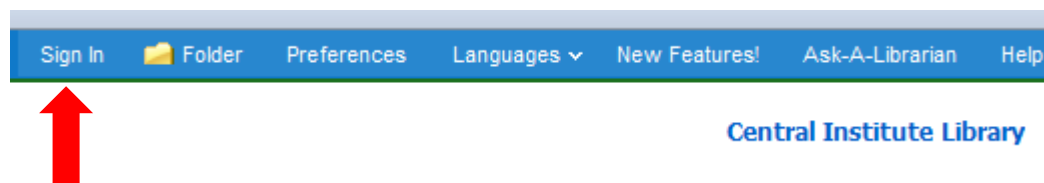
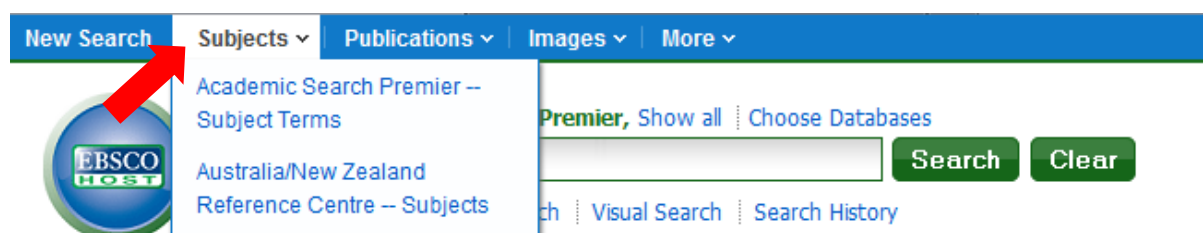


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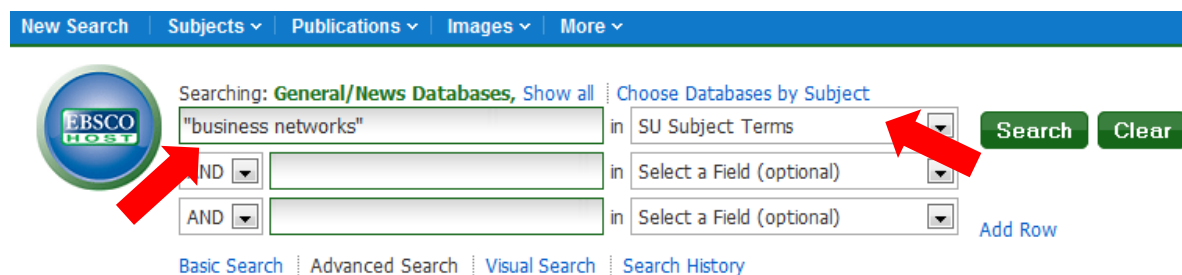
1. **SIGN IN!** That way you can track your searches and go back to the more successful ones.



2. Check your major search terms in **Subjects** first. Make sure you're using the correct words or phrase! (You have to check each database separately).



3. Use the Advanced search.
  - a. Under Search Mode, click "Find all my search terms". Put a phrase in **quotes**.
  - b. Specify a field to search in (for example, **title**, **subject terms**, **abstract**, etc.)
  - c. Use a **date range** (e.g. last 5 years)



4. When you get your result list, use the **limiters** on the left side of the screen to fine-tune the results. Click on the title of an article and use the **Tools** on the right side of the screen to save, print, cite, etc. the article.

431 Results for...  
Find all my search terms:  
SU "business networks"

**Limiters**

- Full Text
- Published Date from: 20100101-20131231

**Source Types**

- Magazines

**Subject: Thesaurus Term**

- business networks

Red arrows point to the 'Limiters', 'Source Types', and 'Subject: Thesaurus Term' sections.

**Database**

- All Databases
- Business Source Premier (973)
- MasterFILE Premier (589)
- Academic Search Premier (342)
- Regional Business News (279)
- Australia/New Zealand Reference Centre (157)

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**Tools**

- Add to folder
- Print
- E-mail
- Save
- Cite
- Export
- Create Note
- Permalink
- Bookmark

A red arrow points to the 'Tools' header.

## Final Tips

- Always read the **abstract** of the article - it summarises the content!
- Always check the **other subject terms** that have been given to an article - you might find words or phrases that are better and more specific to your topic.
- If you consistently find good articles in a certain publication, you can select it under the **Publication** limiter.
- When you need very recent articles, change the sorting option to **Date Descending**.
- If you use an academic article, look at the author's **Reference List** or **Bibliography** at the end of the article. You will find many more references to search that are clearly related to the topic.