

Library Catalogs/Union Catalogs Summary

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Databases/ Features	Melvyl	Worldcat	RLG Union Catalog	NDL OPAC	WebcatPlus
Holdings Information Coverage	10 UC campuses, California State Library, Center for Research Libraries, and more	Over 57,000 OCLC member institutions worldwide, including many public libraries. In 2006 OCLC merged RLG Programs. <i>RLG Union Catalog</i> will be merged with <i>Worldcat</i> .	Over 150 RLG member institutions from North America and beyond, consisting of research libraries, archives, museums, and others. Includes records supplied by vendors such as Toshokan Ryutsu Center (Japanese imprints published since 1997)	The National Diet Library (NDL) holdings only	Over 1,100 National Institute of Informatics (NII) NACSIS-CAT member institutions from Japan and beyond. Includes records supplied by vendors and publishers.
Database Size	Over 25 million bibliographic records	Over 76 million bibliographic records	Over 48 million bibliographic records	Over 5 million bibliographic records	Over 12 million bibliographic records
Database Coverage	Books, journals, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, movies, music scores and recordings, computer files, Web sites, government documents, etc.	Books, journals, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, movies, musical scores, computer files, Web sites, etc.	Books, journals, newspapers, manuscripts, maps, movies, musical scores, computer files, Web sites, etc. Special projects: Japan Art Catalog Project (author=JAC Project); Chinese Rare Books (author=CHRB)	Books, journals, newspapers, reports, maps, audio-visual materials, musical scores, computer files, dissertations (Japanese; since 1984), etc.	Books, journals, newspapers, etc.
Update Frequency	Mostly weekly basis	Daily	Daily	Mostly weekly basis	Weekly
Database Hours	24/7	24/7	24/7	Mon.-Sat.7:00-28:00 (next day 4:00) Sun.7:00-25:00 (next day 1:00)(to 22:00 on the 3rd Sun.) ¹	24/7
Search Mechanism	Matching	Matching	Matching	Matching	Matching/ Associative ²
Romanization System for Searching Japanese Words	Modified Hepburn	Modified Hepburn	Modified Hepburn	<i>Kunrei</i> and Modified Hepburn with additional "u" and "o" for long vowels, e.g., Man'youshuu. Automatic conversion from Romanized words to Japanese <i>Kana</i> is available from "Detailed setting."	<i>Kunrei</i> and Modified Hepburn with additional "u" and "o" for long vowels, e.g., Man'youshuu. "Romanization" box needs to be checked.
Searching Capability in Japanese	Yes, but some records lack Japanese data. Different styles of the character are <u>not</u> mapped.	No	Yes, but some records lack Japanese data. Different styles of the character are mapped. e.g., 文藝 vs. 文芸	Yes. Different styles of the character are mapped. e.g., 文藝 vs. 文芸	Yes. Different styles of the character are mapped. e.g., 文藝 vs. 文芸

Reference Headings Availability in Name Search (Variant names of the same person/body are referred to the single unified form of heading)	Yes (in "Browse" search option)	No	No	Yes. Automatic referral (Japanese search only) is available, if "search through authority file" is selected in "Detailed setting."	No
Table of Contents /Abstract Information Availability	No	No	No	No	Yes Contents for Japanese books published since 1986 are provided by "Book" Database; contents for English books in print or being in print within 24 months are provided by Nielsen Book Data.
Searching/Browsing by Subjects	Yes, by Library of Congress (LC) Subject Headings and LC Classifications	Yes, by Library of Congress (LC) Subject Headings and LC Classifications	Yes, by Library of Congress (LC) Subject Headings	Yes, by Japanese subject headings and classifications	Yes, by Japanese subject headings and classifications but not many records include this information
Multiple Database Search Option	No	Yes, from "Databases" tab. <i>ArticleFirst</i> indexes 16,000+ journals from 1990, including several in Japanese studies.	No	Yes, with <i>Digital Archive Portal</i> (http://www.dap.ndl.go.jp/home/), but not with article databases	Yes, with <i>GeNii</i> (http://ge.nii.ac.jp). 4 databases, <i>CiNii</i> , <i>WebcatPlus</i> , <i>Kaken</i> , and <i>Academic Research Database Repository</i> can be searched at once.
ILL (Inter-Library Loan) Request Possibility	UC users can directly submit ILL requests	UC users can submit ILL requests clicking "UC-eLinks" and "Request" buttons	UC users can submit ILL requests clicking "UC-eLinks" and "Request" buttons	NDL accepts ILL requests from U.S. libraries. Follow local ILL procedures for submitting an ILL request.	Waseda University and other over 100 Japanese academic institutions participating in Global ILL Framework (GIF) ³ may accept ILL requests from a U.S. library. Follow local ILL procedures.
E-Mail Capability	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
View/Modify Previous Searches	Yes	Yes (from "Previous searches" button under "Searching" tab)	Yes	Yes, but only the very last search	No
Sort Options	By year, author, title, or uniform title	By title, author, date, or number of libraries	By author, title, or date	By title, author, or year	By publication year, number of libraries, and title

1 The database content is available 24/7 at Digital Archive Portal at: <http://www.dap.ndl.go.jp/home/modules/dasearch/>.

2 Associative search method uses your search keywords to extract other words having a high association with them. WebcatPlus then conducts a thorough search that includes books listed under these associated words.

3 For more information, see "Global ILL Framework an initiative of the AAU/ARL/NCC Japan Project" at: <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~ncc/gif.html>.