

# EBSCO Discovery Service ™ (EDS) Quick Reference Guide

# Getting the Most Out of Brill in EBSCO Discovery Service

Founded in 1683 in Leiden, the Netherlands, Brill is a leading international academic publisher in the Humanities and Social Sciences, International Law and Biology. Brill today publishes more than 265 journals and around 1000 new books and reference works each year.

This guide has been developed to help libraries configure EDS to most effectively leverage their investment in Brill content. Our research shows that the appropriate configuration of EDS is an important determinant in the discoverability of the licensed content. Furthermore, using the CustomLinks option in EDS is *the best* way to ensure your users connect reliably.

To ensure that use of your licensed Brill products and collections are optimized within EDS, you will need to:

- 1. Check your licensed collections are correctly activated in your EDS profile and also in the knowledge base of your link resolver.
- 2. Select your full text linking option(s) and configure appropriately.
- 3. Check other EDS configuration options. For details on each of these steps, see below.

#### **Activating Brill Content in EBSCOadmin**

By default, all new customers receive Brill metadata as part of the EDS base index. In addition, your EBSCO*host* database subscriptions, as well as subscriptions to other EDS content partners, are core to providing unified access.

To ensure Brill results are discoverable in EDS you will need to make sure the appropriate databases are enabled. For instructions on adding or removing a database from your EDS profile in EBSCOadmin, see <a href="https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO\_Discovery\_Service/EDS\_Admin\_Guide/Managing\_your\_content\_in\_EDS">https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO\_Discovery\_Service/EDS\_Admin\_Guide/Managing\_your\_content\_in\_EDS</a>.

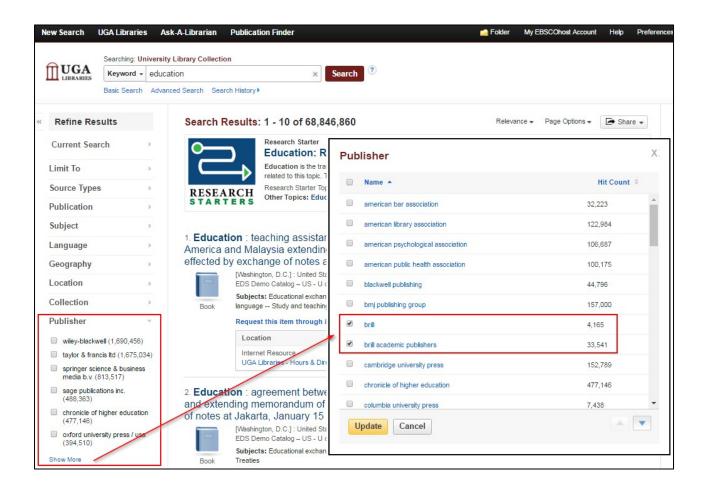
- EDS base index content includes:
  - Publisher Provided Full Text Searching File(edb)
  - Academic Search Index (asx)
  - Business Source Index (bsx)
  - Supplemental Index (edo)

**Please note**: If you subscribe to any version of EBSCO's Academic Search or Business Source products and have these enabled in your EDS profile, you will not need the corresponding Academic Search Index or Business Source Index databases.

- 2. Products indexed as EDS partner databases.
  - BrillOnline Primary Sources (edsbps)
  - BrillOnline Reference Works (edsbrw)

## **Locating Brill Content in EBSCO Discovery Service**

There are two ways to limit your EDS search results to Brill content. The first is the Publisher facet available from your Search Results. Note: The examples below may not include Brill content published under imprints such as Brill | Nijhoff, Hotei Publishing, Brill | Hes & De Graaf, Brill | Rodopi, etc.





#### Alternatively, for content in an EDS partner database you can limit via the Content Provider facet.



#### Linking from EBSCO Discovery Service to Brill

To enable linking from EDS to full text, you should set up the corresponding Brill CustomLink(s) as well as your link resolver. Administrators can customize full-text links at any time using EBSCOadmin, which also allows a customer to choose to display a single option for users to access full text (preferred and the default) or multiple options, such as Brill CustomLink(s) and your link resolver.

#### **Using CustomLinks to Brill**

You can use Brill CustomLinks to link from EDS to the full-text content you subscribe to on the appropriate Brill platform. Once you've confirmed that your subscriptions are included in your EDS profile, you can set up CustomLinks. For help setting up CustomLinks and enabling CustomLinks on profiles, see

https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCOadmin/Admin User Guide/Setting up EBSCO Custom Links in EBSCOadmin.

#### To set up a CustomLink from EDS to Brill:

- 1. Log in to EBSCOadmin at http://eadmin.ebscohost.com.
- Click the Site/Group Maintenance button, then click on Go below CustomLinks.



- 3. Click on Add New CustomLink.
- 4. Select Copy from existing CustomLink and click on Continue.
- 5. Select **Full Text** from the Category drop down list.
- 6. Click on ++show other available CustomLinks.



- 7. Select the appropriate CustomLink for your collection. Options include:
  - "EDS (Brill Database Name)"



8. Under Local Collections for Filter, select the collections that you subscribe to.

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Brill: Asian Studies E-Books Online - Collection 2009 (system.a3507406)

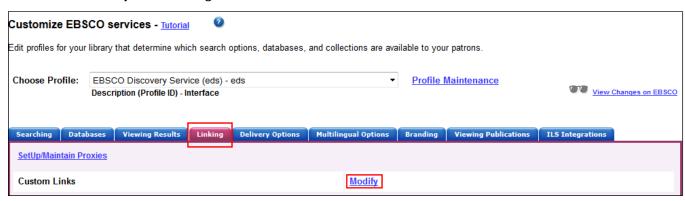
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Brill: Asian Studies E-Books Online - Collection 2013 (system.a00000003500000010266)
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- Complete the remaining fields that meet your library's needs and click Submit.
- 10. Next, add the link to your profile. Click the **Customize Services** Tab, select your profile and then click the **Linking** Sub-Tab.
- 11. Click the **Modify** link to the right of CustomLinks.



- 12. Click Add New CustomLink and mark the Select box to the left of the CustomLink name.
- 13. Click **Submit**. Your changes are saved. Repeat steps 10-13 for any other profiles to which you want to add your CustomLink.

#### Using a Link Resolver CustomLink

A link resolver is software that uses OpenURL data to provide item-level linking among the various online options. In order to display the link to the link resolver on the search results page, your link resolver needs to be activated as a CustomLink in EDS.

The link resolver CustomLink is configured to key off of the local collections and enables the Available in Library Collection (AiLC) limiter, thus displaying the link to your link resolver on all records that are known to be in your library collection. If you have a link resolver, you will want to make sure that the subscriptions you have with Brill are enabled in your link resolver's knowledge base.

If you are a *Full Text Finder* customer, a link resolver CustomLink will be automatically added to your EDS profile. In addition, your EBSCO Knowledge Base collections will be imported to EBSCO*admin* to enable the AiLC limiter.

If you use a third-party link resolver such as SFX or 360 Link, you will need to set up your link resolver CustomLink, and you will be able to import your knowledge base holdings to enable the AiLC limiter. This will be done as part of the EDS set-up process. For more information on how to automatically update your collections in EBSCOadmin, see the following Support page:

https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO Discovery Service/EDS Admin Guide/Available in Library Collection limiter Serial Solutions SFX.

## **Ranking Full Text Links in EDS**

EBSCOadmin allows administrators to set the order of the full-text links that appear on the EDS result list for each record. For example, if you would like one of your Brill CustomLinks to appear before EBSCOhost full text or your link resolver, the order can be adjusted to display it accordingly. It is important to think about the order of the links for your institution because preferences do vary.

For more information on CustomLink order, as well as instructions on ordering your CustomLinks, see the Support FAQ Ranking CustomLinks in EDS at:

https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO\_Discovery\_Service/EDS\_Admin\_Guide/Ranking\_CustomLinks\_i n\_EDS.

Note the option to "Show First Available Full Text Only". If this option is checked and an item is available both from Brill and, for example, Cengage Learning, then only the first of these would show, i.e. the one that is listed highest in the CustomLink ranking. We strongly recommend that you carefully consider the CustomLink order in EBSCOadmin.

#### **EDS Search Features**

EDS has two features designed to ensure users receive the highest quality records related to their search: Relevancy Ranking and Record De-Duplication.

Relevancy Ranking – EDS uses an advanced algorithm to rank records in order of relevance to the search term and importance to the user. This algorithm weighs search term matches in the record based on the fields the match occurs in. For more details on this feature, see this Support FAQ: <a href="https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO">https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO</a> Discovery Service/EDS FAQs/relevance ranking dete rmined in EDS.

**Record De-duplication** – For records that match on core fields like title, author, date, volume, and issue, EDS automatically removes records with lower relevancy from the result list in favor of higher ranked records. For more details on this feature, see this Support FAQ: <a href="https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO">https://help.ebsco.com/interfaces/EBSCO</a> Guides/General Product FAQs/prevent duplicate results in search results.

These two features, which are key to the EDS experience, do not discriminate by record origin. Records from any source—either content received from publishers or indexed by the EBSCO Editorial staff—may appear higher in the result list or win out in record de-duplication.

#### **Still Need Help?**

You can contact *EBSCO Discovery Service* Customer Support at <a href="mailto:support@ebsco.com">support@ebsco.com</a> if you need help accessing the Brill content in EDS or have any questions. For the most up-to-date version of this guide, please see <a href="http://support.ebsco.com/eds/content/en\_eds\_brill\_quickrefguide.pdf">http://support.ebsco.com/eds/content/en\_eds\_brill\_quickrefguide.pdf</a>.