

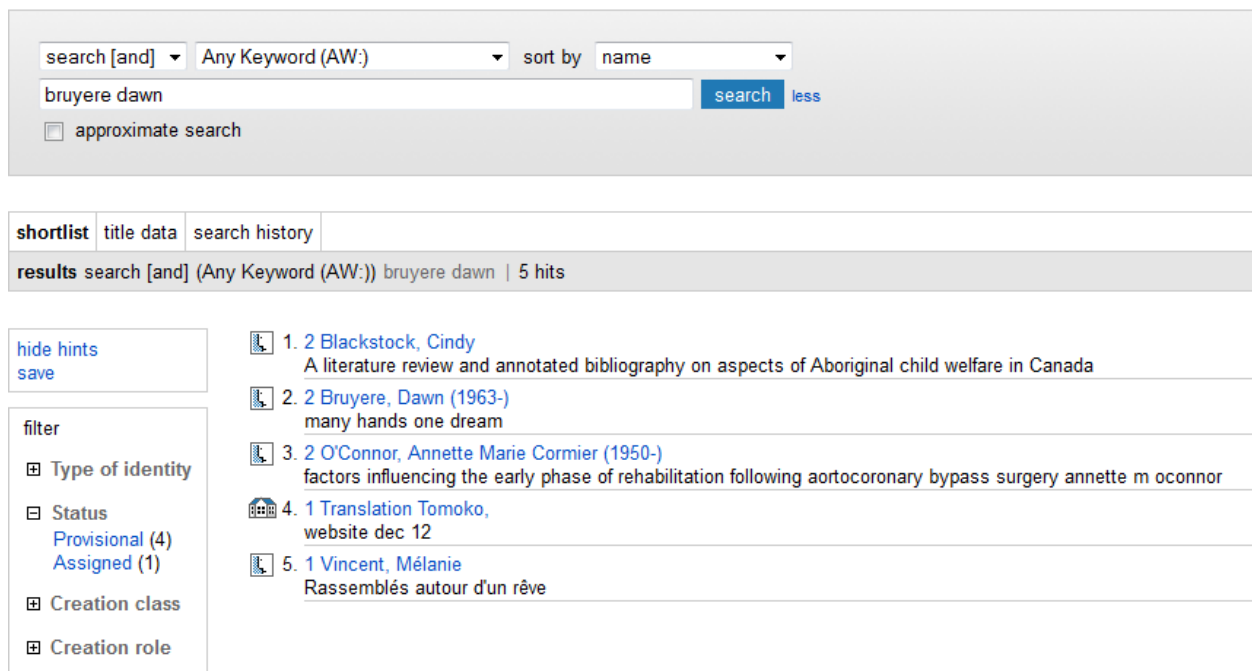
# ISNI Search: Guidelines and Examples

## 1. Searches

There are several methods that can be used in the enquiry interface:

### 1.1 Simple searches using prompt boxes

The most common method is to key a word or words in the input box.



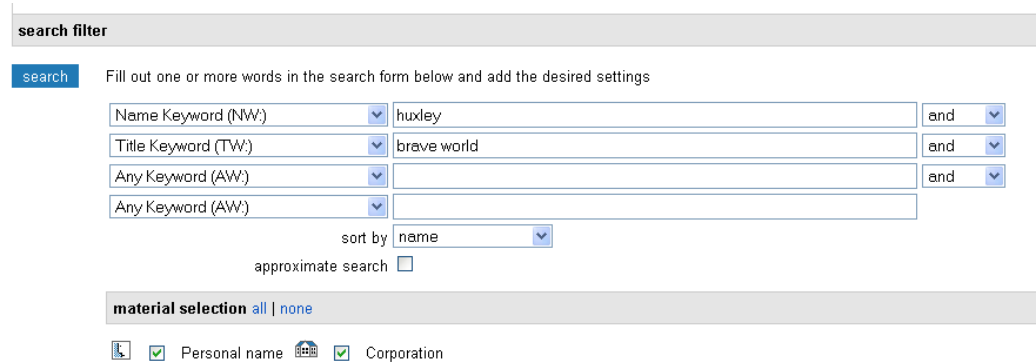
The screenshot displays the ISNI search interface. At the top, there are dropdown menus for 'search [and]', 'Any Keyword (AW:)', and 'sort by name'. Below these is an input field containing 'bruyere dawn' and a 'search' button. A checkbox for 'approximate search' is also visible. Below the search bar, there are tabs for 'shortlist', 'title data', and 'search history'. The 'results' section shows 'search [and] (Any Keyword (AW:)) bruyere dawn | 5 hits'. On the left, there are 'hide hints' and 'save' buttons, and a 'filter' section with expandable categories: 'Type of identity', 'Status' (with sub-items 'Provisional (4)' and 'Assigned (1)'), 'Creation class', and 'Creation role'. The main results list contains five entries:

1. 2 Blackstock, Cindy  
A literature review and annotated bibliography on aspects of Aboriginal child welfare in Canada
2. 2 Bruyere, Dawn (1963-)  
many hands one dream
3. 2 O'Connor, Annette Marie Cormier (1950-)  
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website dec 12
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In the screen shot above, the index is name keyword, the search method is search [and] meaning all words input must be in the names for the record to be included in the results. The results are sorted by name. If “keyword” is part of the index name, then the words may be input in any sequence.

## 1.2 Advanced searches

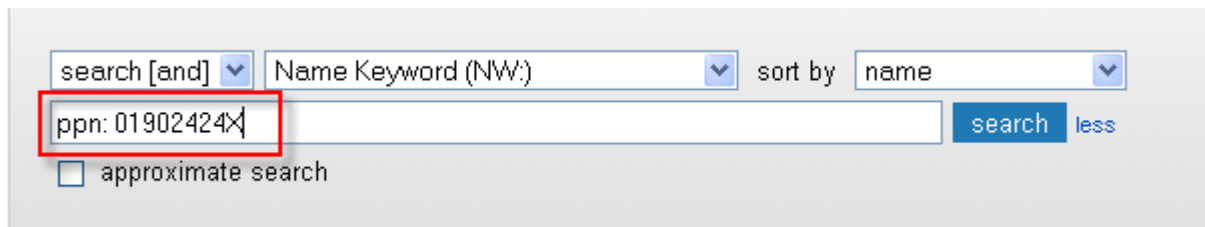
The top line of the initial screen gives the option “Advanced” which leads to the screen below enabling you to combine search terms from multiple indexes.



The screenshot shows the 'search filter' section of the OCLC interface. It includes a 'search' button and a prompt: 'Fill out one or more words in the search form below and add the desired settings'. There are four input fields for keywords: 'Name Keyword (NW)' with 'huxley', 'Title Keyword (TW)' with 'brave world', and two 'Any Keyword (AW)' fields which are empty. Each keyword field has a dropdown menu to its right, currently set to 'and'. Below the keyword fields is a 'sort by' dropdown menu set to 'name' and an 'approximate search' checkbox which is unchecked. At the bottom, there is a 'material selection' section with 'all | none' and two checked checkboxes: 'Personal name' and 'Corporation'.

## 1.3 Command searches

You can override the search settings in the prompt boxes by preceding your search with an index name followed by a colon. For example:



The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar and several dropdown menus. The search bar contains the text 'ppn: 01902424X' and is highlighted with a red box. Above the search bar, there are dropdown menus for 'search [and]', 'Name Keyword (NW)', and 'sort by name'. To the right of the search bar is a 'search' button and a 'less' link. Below the search bar is an 'approximate search' checkbox which is unchecked.

This will take you directly to the record with the PPN 01902424X

## 1.4 Browsing

Browsing capability is available for most indexes. In the screen shot below, a browse has been executed on the language index, starting with “a”. Clicking on the blue code will take you to a list of titles with the language indicated.

browse  Language (LAN:)  sort by name   
    
 approximate search

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**results** (Language (LAN:)) a

Select a search term and click on the send button. Alternatively, click on a search term directly.

	hits	search term
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">aar</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">abk</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">ada</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	<a href="#">afa</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	218	<a href="#">afr</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<a href="#">aka</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<a href="#">akk</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	212	<a href="#">alb</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	<a href="#">amh</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	<a href="#">ang</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<a href="#">apa</a>
<input type="checkbox"/>	9438	<a href="#">ara</a>

### 1.5 ISNI Indexes Examples

The following indexes are defined for the INSI database.

Access Name	Command name	Examples
Any keyword	aw:	Example search for the words “peters “and “gerlach” in any indexed field  aw: peters gerlach
Any phrase	aph:	This is a new index designed to retrieve names more accurately than by name keyword. The searching in the public index and member index are slightly different;  public: “Prince” “Princeton University” “Ken Follett” “Follett, Ken” “Follett, K” member: “Prince,” “Princeton University,” “Ken Follett,” “Follett, Ken,” “Follett, K,” note in the member index it is important to include the comma at the end which signifies truncation
ISBN	bn:	bn: 9780192631695
Country of publication	cnp:	Example combining name keyword “mignon” and country of publication “fr” (France) (Note use ISO 3166-1 two character codes <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2</a> )  cnp: fr & nw: mignon
Decade of publication	dcp:	Example combining name keyword “mignon” with decade of publication “197” (1970-1979)  dcp: 197 & nw: mignon  Example combining date of publication between 1970 and 1989 and name word “mignon” dcp: 197 {range} 198 & nw: mignon
Dates of identity	dti:	Example combining name keyword and birth date (note only publically available dates are displayed)  dti: 188? & nw: huxley

Insert date	ins:	Example combing insert date "2011-10-12" and source code "AMS"  ins: 20111012 & cn: ams?
Instrument or Voice	iop:	See list of codes in ISNI Data element Values.doc  Example iop: bb (Retrieves all identities coded as trumpet players)
Language of identity	lni:	Example search combining title keyword "sand" and language of identity "fre" (Note use ISO 639-2, three character code <a href="http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/iso639-2">http://id.loc.gov/vocabulary/iso639-2</a> )  lni: fre & tw: sand
Other resource identifier	lsn:	Example search for by DOI "doi 101001 archderm1418985"  lsn: doi 101001 archderm1418985
Note keyword	nt:	Example search for a note containing the word "possible"  nt: possible
Publisher keyword	pw:	Example search for a publisher containing the word "macmillan" but not the title keyword "encyclopedia"  pw: macmillan & tw: encyclopedia
Standard identifier	si:	Collective index for ISBN, ISSN and contributor identifiers Example: searching for ISBN 9780192631695  si: 9780192631695
Record source	src:	This index is constructed with the number of sources followed by the source codes.  Example search for all <b>unassigned</b> records for source AMS (note that this string includes spaces so must be surrounded by a double quotation)  src: 1 AMS (Alternative: cn: ams? & st: p)  Example <b>browse</b> of the Record Source index 11?viaf? will show counts of records and sources where VIAF and other sources exist on the same

		record
Title keyword	tw:	Example search combining name keyword “peters” and title keyword “sand”  nw: peters & tw: sand
Contributor identifier	cn:	Example searching for the VIAF identifier pica.cn+%3D+"VIAF 77823260"  cn: viaf 77823260  Example search for all assigned records for source AMS  cn: ams? & st: a
Pica identifier	ppn:	Example search for a record by PPN 067467237 (no ISNI assigned yet) ppn: 067467237
Similarity	sim:	This index enables you to find possible matches.  This example enables you to find all ALCS records that have a possible match: sim: alcs? p?
ORCID	Orcid:	This index enables you to find ORCID’s that have been added by researchers using the ISNI ORCID link

For more information about searching, press the “help” label on the top of the form. This gives you more details about search operators , available indexes, advanced search syntax, wildcards, proximity, and more.

## 2. Results

search [and] Any Keyword (AW:) sort by name  
 buyere, dawn  
 approximate search

name  
 name  
 relevance  
 year of publication

shortlist title data search history  
 results search [and] (Any Keyword (AW:)) buyere, dawn | 5 hits

hide hints save

filter

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- Creation role

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In the screen shot above, the pull down box enables you to change the sorting of the short list of records displayed.

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In the screen shot above, you are able to limit the short list by ISNI status

search [and] ▾ Any Phrase ▾ sort by name ▾  
smith, william.  [less](#)  
 approximate search

**shortlist** | **title data** | **search history**  
**results** search [and] (Any Phrase) smith, william, | 498 hits

[hide hints](#)  
[save](#)

- filter
- Type of identity
  - Status
  - Creation class
  - Creation role**
    - [Author \(82\)](#)
    - [Collaborator \(10\)](#)
    - [Performer \(3\)](#)
    - [Translator \(2\)](#)
    - [Artist \(1\)](#)
    - [Publisher \(1\)](#)
    - [Photographer \(1\)](#)

- [1 Adams-Smith, William Nelson \(1929-\)](#)  
health and society
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in the beginning an actor shares the riches of st john
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Blood on a harvest moon.
- [4 Bassett-Smith, William \(British architect, 1830-1901\)](#)
- [5 Clarence-Smith, William Gervase](#)  
Middle Eastern Migrants in the Philippines: Entrepreneurs and Cultural Brokers.
- [6 Coverley-Smith, William Joseph \(b. 1891\)](#)  
internet archive via www jan 27
- [7 De Cosmos, Amor \(1825-1897\)](#)  
speech of mr de cosmos on the pacific railway
- [8 Dobler, \(Herr 1836-1904\)](#)  
Exposé of the Davenport brothers
- [9 Fenton-Smith, William](#)  
Flags of Europe and Africa.
- [10 Fraser, William Davidson \(d. 1856\)](#)  
Ohio boundary, no. 1, south bend of Lake Michigan; map exhibiting the position occupied in the

In the screen shot above, you are able to filter the result set by creation role.



hide hints  
save

## filter

Type of identity

Status

Creation class

Language material (64)

Manuscript language material (44)

Cartographic material (3)

Projected medium (3)

Musical sound recording (3)

Notated music (1)

Two-dimensional nonprojectable graphic (1)

Creation role

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search [and] ▾ Any Keyword (AW:) ▾ sort by name ▾  
mandela  [less](#)  
 approximate search

shortlist title data search history  
**save**

title: first  last   
for example: first=1 last=10 for the first 10 hits of the result set  
first=3 last=3 for hit 3  
You can download a maximum of 100 titles.

format:  ▾  
 UTF-8  ISO-8859-1  
 word wrapping

Separate multiple addresses with commas.


Save the data to disk

If you wish to view the data in a new window, for printing or saving, please click on **screen**. To return to th


title: first  last  You can save a maximum of 100 titles.

If you wish to send the data to your shelf, for storage, please click on **myshelf**.


“Save” enables you to download metadata in text format. You can email it, save it to an external disk, copy it to a new window or save it online using the myshelf option.

-  1 9 Huxley, Anthony Julian 1920-1992  
GREEN INHERITANCE


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-  2 12 Huxley, Julian Sorell 1887-1975  
Evolution

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-  3 2 Huxley, Juliette 1896-  
Leaves of the tulip tree

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-  4 1 Huxley-Parlour, Julian  
the illustrators

The numbers highlighted in the screen shot above indicate the number of sources that have contributed to the record.


shortlist	<b>title data</b>	search history	<a href="#">first</a>   <a href="#">previous</a>   <a href="#">1</a>   <a href="#">2</a>   <a href="#">3</a>   <a href="#">4</a>   <a href="#">next</a>   <a href="#">last</a>
<b>results</b> search [and] (Name Keyword (NW:)) huxley julian   4 hits			

This is a shot of the command bar from the display of a single record. Notice that the tab “title data” is highlighted. This command bar enables easy navigation as follows:

- To move around the short list using “first, previous, 1, 2, 3, 4, next, last without returning to the short list screen
- To return to the short list directly, instead of using the browser back button
- To view your search history and re-launch a previous search

<b>labels</b>	pica+	marc21	
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This bar enables you to change the display of the record that you are viewing, into one of 2 coded formats. The default is the labeled display below.

<b>labels</b>	pica+	marc21	
<a href="#">edit record</a> <a href="#">save</a>		<b>ISNI:</b> 0000 0001 2539 6388 <b>Name:</b> <b>Christianson, Hans</b> <b>Christianson, Hans Peder</b> <b>Creation class:</b> txt <b>Creation role:</b> author <b>Titles:</b> Existence and stability of solitons for the nonlinear Schrodinger equation on hyperbolic space Quantum Monodromy and non-concentration near a closed semi-hyperbolic orbit <b>Sources:</b> PROQ SCHU <b>Publishers:</b> Department of Mathematics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 77 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139-4307, USA	<a href="#">first</a>

From any one of these 3 displays you are able to edit the record using the “edit record” command. More information on the edit function is found in the document “data contributors usage guidelines.doc”.

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1	2011-12-12	Janifer Gatenby	First draft
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3	2017-03-30	Barbara Rickenmann	Updated to align with software release March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2017 (added ORCID key).