

INDEX for evaluating databases and searches

REFERENCE CARD

The INDEX command is a cost-effective way to determine which STN databases contain the information you need. With INDEX, you can efficiently:

- Find the databases that cover your search topic
- Rank databases according to relevance to your search topic (the greatest number of hits)
- Enter and search the databases with the greatest number of hits

Example Use Cases

Example 1: Find databases that cover your search topic.

1. Use INDEX to enter the databases or clusters that contain information about your topic

The databases in this index are listed

2. Search your strategy.

Each database in the index list is scanned.

The number of databases with one or more answers is listed, as well as the number of answers found.

A query L-number is created.

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=> INDEX PATENTS

INDEX 'AUPATFULL, CANPATFULL, CAPLUS, CASREACT, CNFULL,
CROPU, DEFULL, EPFULL, FRFULL, FSTA, GBFULL, GENESEQ,
IFIAL, IFICLS, INFULL, INPADOCDB, INPAFAMDB, JPFULL,
KRFULL, PCTFULL, PATGENE, PIRA, PQSCITECH, RDISCLOSURE,
REAXYSFILEBI, RUFULL, TWFULL, ...'
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34 FILES IN THE FILE LIST IN STNINDEX

Enter SET DETAIL ON to see search term postings or to view
search error messages that display as 0* with SET DETAIL OFF.

=> S SILICON MATRIX AND GENERAL ELECTRIC/PA

      8  FILE CANPATFULL
      5  FILE CAPLUS
      5  FILE DEFULL
     45  FILE EPFULL
      1  FILE FRFULL
      1  FILE GBFULL
     35  FILE IFIAL
      8  FILE INPADOCDB
      6  FILE INPAFAMDB
     16  FILE JPFULL
     10  FILE KRFULL
      3  FILE PCTFULL
      1  FILE REAXYSFILEBI
      1  FILE RUFULL
      1  FILE TWFULL
     71  FILE USPATFULL
     63  FILE USPAT2
     23  FILE WPIDS
     23  FILE WPIX
     23  FILE WPINDEX

    20 FILES HAVE ONE OR MORE ANSWERS,
    34 FILES SEARCHED IN STNINDEX

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Example 2: Rank databases according to relevance to your search topic.

1. Use D RANK to order the databases by number of answers.

Each database with answers is given an F-number with F1 being the database with the most answers.

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=> D RANK

F1      71    USPATFULL
F2      63    USPAT2
F3      45    EPFULL
F4      35    IFIALL
F5      23    WPIDS
F6      23    WPIX
F7      23    WPINDEX
F8      16    JPFULL
F9      10    KRFULL
F10     8     CANPATFULL
F11     8     INPADOCDB
F12     6     INPAFAMDB
F13     5     CAPLUS
F14     5     DEFULL
F15     3     PCTFULL
F16     1     FRFULL
F17     1     GBFULL
F18     1     REAXYSFILEBI
F19     1     RUFULL
F20     1     TWFULL
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Example 3: Enter and search databases with the greatest occurrence of hits.

1. Use the F-numbers from D RANK in the FILE command to quickly create a multifile environment.

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=> FILE F1-F2, F4-F11

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Example 3: Enter and search databases with the greatest occurrence of hits. *(Continued)*

2. Enter SET MSTEPS ON to create an L-number for a search in each database in the multifile search.
3. Search the query

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=> SET MSTEPS ON
SET COMMAND COMPLETED
=> S L1
L2          71 FILE USPATFULL
L3          63 FILE USPAT2
L4          35 FILE IFIALL
L5          23 FILE WPIDS
L6          23 FILE WPIX
L7          23 FILE WPINDEX
L8          16 FILE JPFULL
L9          10 FILE KRFULL
L10         8 FILE CANPATFULL
L11         8 FILE INPADOCDB
TOTAL FOR ALL FILES
L12         280 L1
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For more information: Enter HELP INDEX at an arrow prompt.