Email Jumpstarts enable you to create shortcuts into the Ovid Web OvidSP interface "on the fly". These can be created to access various elements of the Ovid database. For example, the following Jumpstart URLs automatically perform simple searches:


Jumpstarts also allow for various functionalities such as:

- Creation of bookmarks for later use within browser (e.g., through cutting/pasting into browser favorites).
- Creation of search examples to be distributed to colleagues or students.
- Creation of a "reading list" or syllabus (e.g., professors wanting to provide URLs into Journal TOCs or an Issue list for their students).
- Ability to embed PIN information into jumpstart commands.
- Ability to embed login information into jumpstart commands.
- Full Text Article
- Journal TOC
- Issue List
- Journal List (e.g., create a link to Browse by Name or Browse by Category)
- Saved Search/SDIs (it runs last search in search history and takes you directly to search results - and retains entire history)
- Choice of parameter, Jumpstart returns a meaningful error message that pinpoints what is missing in the URL.

Blank spaces: No spaces are allowed in Jumpstart commands. All items after the space are lost and can cause abnormal results. For example, if you are searching a journal title, the spaces in the journal title must be indicated with plus signs (+).

Escape Characters: Certain characters used in Jumpstart text strings (for instance, in "Composing Jumpstart URLs", use N to prevent users from changing databases. Should be avoided.

Use N to cause Jumpstart to skip the News Screen.

Indicates a saved search type, temporary, permanent, or Auto Alert / SDI.

Use Y to automatically log the user out one minute after they display a page.

Specify a URL to automatically send the user to another location after they log out of Ovid.

Indicates a database in string format, using the database shortname.

Displays the Full Text of a selected Ovid Full Text article.

Sets the default format for the Citation Manager. Choices are ovid, medlars, reference.

Chooses an element of the Ovid interface. Choices are main, titles, reference, fulltext, journals, browse, search, asBody. Must be used with &AN.

Indicates a database in string format, using the database shortname.

Indicates the search value, in string format. Use either &SEARCH or &AN or &SEARCHTYPE and &SEARCHNAME.

Indicates an assession number for a specific record, in numeric format. Use either &ASSET or &AN.

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