

Gale Directory of Databases



Go directly to the data source with this definitive guide to electronic information resources

For more than 20 years, the *Gale Directory of Databases* and its predecessors have provided complete and comprehensive coverage of the electronic database industry worldwide.

The most complete product guide to the electronic database industry worldwide, *Gale Directory of Databases* contains detailed descriptions of nearly 13,000 publicly available databases accessible through an online vendor or batch processor or for purchase on CD-ROM, diskette, or magnetic tape, or as a handheld product. Separate listings for database producers, vendors and distributors provide full contact information and lists of the databases they offer.

Applications

Librarians, patrons and business researchers will use the *Gale Directory of Databases* to:

- Learn which data collections are available electronically
- Track databases by subject, vendor or platform
- Locate producers of information
- Learn which vendors distribute or market databases
- Find online sources for data
- Discover alternate formats for collection development

Benefits

A wide variety of search options and other features provide countless benefits to researchers including:

- Faster access to content saves time locating data resources
- Search by subject, platform, producer or distributor
- Search multiple fields of data simultaneously — research can be very broad or very specific
- Discover background information and contact information for database producers/vendors
- Track database industry statistics
- Data updates are automatic, requiring no reload or download*
- No hardware/storage issues*

* On the Internet via GaleNet

Coverage

Databases — more than 13,000 databases of all types in all subject areas produced worldwide that:

- Contain a collection of data or a body of information that is organized for rapid retrieval via a computer
- Are available online directly from the producer or through a third-party online service; or are issued on CD-ROM, diskette, magnetic tape, and/or handheld form; or are available through batch processing
- Are made publicly available through: online, CD-ROM, diskette, magnetic tape, handheld or batch access

Producers — more than 3,700 organizations or individuals, responsible for the gathering and organizing of the information used in the databases covered in the *Directory*, categorized by medium, depending on the products offered.

Vendors — more than 2,100 database vendors through which the databases in the *Directory* are available.

Updates

Twice yearly (September and March releases)

What you'll find

These elements may appear in a Database entry:

- Database name and acronym
- Producer name, address, and telephone numbers
- Contact information
- Alternate or former database
- Database type — (audio, bulletin board, directory, full-text, etc.)
- Updating frequency
- Online availability — also online as part of alternate electronic formats vendor* (portable databases only)
- System requirements*
- Software*
- Price*
- And much more

Database Producer entries include name, address, and contact numbers plus a list of the databases it produces.

Database Vendor entries include name, address, and contact numbers plus a list of databases available.

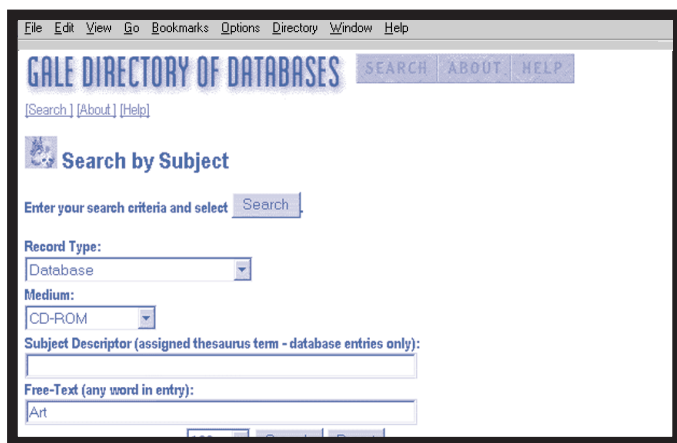
Searching Gale Directory of Databases on the Internet

Availability

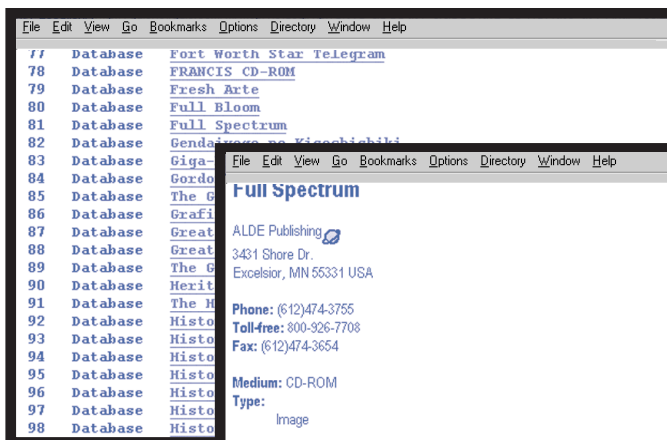
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▲ Search for the name of a product or its producer. Find producers or distributors in a specific geographic region



▲ Specify the format (CD-ROM, online, magnetic tape, etc.). Combine search parameters for focused research



Your search results are quick, accurate and rich in details ▶



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