

USER GUIDE for ProQuest Dissertations and Theses A&I

ProQuest Dissertations and Theses (PQDT) provides information about doctoral dissertations and master's theses. It represents the work of authors from over 1,000 graduate schools and universities and it contains more than 2 million entries. Some records provides a free first 24 page previews with ordering information.

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Go to **Advanced Search** to construct complex searches and select specific limiters

Enter search terms in the **Basic Search Box**.

To start the **Search**.

Try one of these options:

- Search the online Help.
- Learn about search syntax changes in the new ProQuest.
- Discover answers to common questions at ProQuest's Product Support Center.
- Got an uncommon question? Contact our Customer Support Team.

Search tip

By default, we will look for documents with all the terms entered. Use "quotation marks" to search for exact phrases. Separate terms with OR to find any of the words entered.

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2a. Click Advanced Search

2b. Enter search term and select the field to search on e.g., author, document title, Index Term (Keywords), etc.

2c. Select Operators **AND**, **OR**, **AND NOT**.

2d. Further define the search with Limit your search results to full-text, Publication date or source type, etc.

2e. Click Search to execute the search

Search options

Limit to: Full text

Publication date:

Author: Look up Authors

Advisor: Look up Advisors

University/institution: Look up Universities/institutions

Subject heading (all): Look up Subjects

Index term (keyword): Look up Index terms (keywords)

Manuscript type:

- Select all
- Master's theses
- Doctoral dissertations

Language:

- Select all
- Bosnian
- Catalan
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Danish
- Dutch
- English

Sort results by:

Items per page:

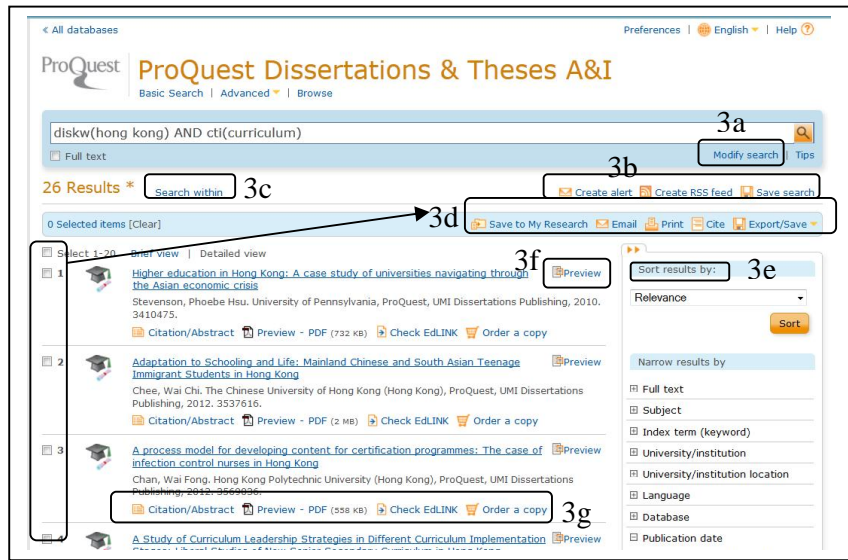
Duplicates: Include duplicate documents

Search subject areas

- Dissertations & Theses
- Education
- Health & Medicine
- Language & Literature
- Science & Technology
- Social Sciences

3. Search Result

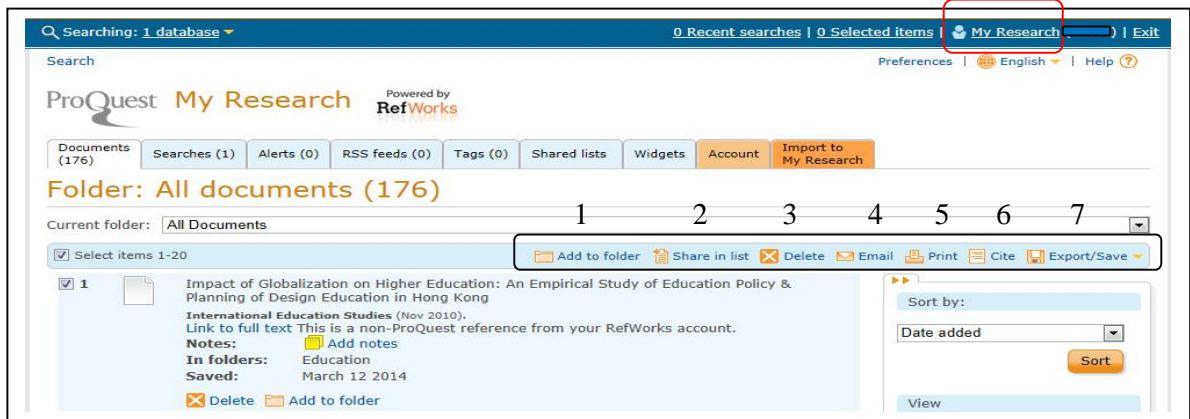
- 3a. Modify search options.
- 3b. Set up alerts, Create RSS feed, Save Search
- 3c. Search within results to narrow results
- 3d. Mark items to "Save to My Research" folder, or "Email", "Print", "Cite", "Export/Save" from the results page
- 3e. Sort or narrow results by relevance, publication date etc.
- 3f. Preview the content
- 3g. To view the Citation / Abstract or Preview etc.



4. Other feature and tools

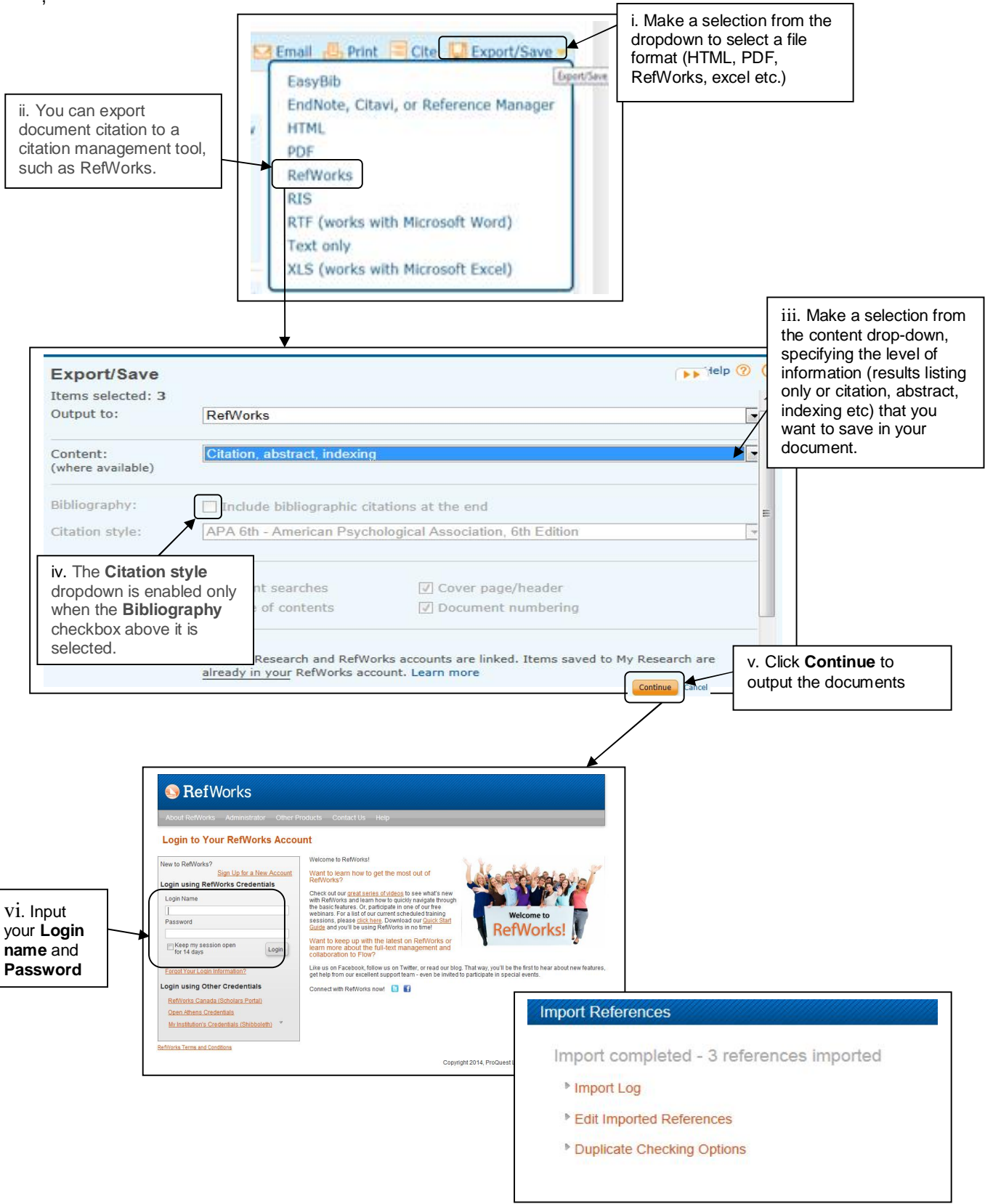
4a. My Research – Creating a person account

My Research is a place where you can save, manage, and organize the content and supporting materials you find and create in ProQuest. You can add documents, shared lists, delete, email, print, cite, export/save and more in My Research. Click on **My Research** at the top right hand corner, the default page title is **Folder: All documents**. The selected tab is Documents. Unless you add them to a different folder, they'll remain in **All documents**. Any documents that you add to My Research while you are signed in are automatically saved when your current session ends.



- 4a.1 Click the **Add to folder** button above the document list to move selected documents to a specified folder.
- 4a.2 Select the checkboxes corresponding to each document you want to include in your list. Click **Share in list** button. If you do not have a public profile, you'll be prompted to create one from your account information.
- 4a.3 Click **Delete** button to remove the selected document from your list
- 4a.4 Click **Email** button an item to yourself and others.
- 4a.5 Click **Print** button to open a version of the currently displayed document formatted for printing.
- 4a.6 Click the **Cite** to create a formatted citation you can include in a bibliography.

4a.7 Export or save with one or more documents to a citation manager, reporting tool or file. Click **Export/Save** button. Make a selection from the Content drop-down, specifying the output format. If you have a RefWork accounts, you can synchronize it at any time with your existing My Research account.



4b. Alert set up, create RSS Feed and Save Search



4b.1 Create Alert – create new content alerts to be sent via email.

1. View sources that will be used in searching for the alert.

2. Enter e-mail details and optional message; select HTML or text only format

3. Include either new materials only, or choose to also receive historical information

4. Schedule to receive alerts daily, weekly, monthly, or quarterly. Stop alerts in as little as two weeks or as much as one year. Renew at any time.

5. Click **Create alert** button to save settings

Create alert Help ? Close X

Fill out the form below to receive email alerts when new documents that match your search become available in ProQuest. *Required field

Step 1-Review search details

Name this alert:*

Searched for: diskw(hong kong) AND cti(curriculum)

Databases: ProQuest Dissertations & Theses A&I

Step 2-Define your alert email

Send to: stchan@ed.edu.hk
To change your email address, go to [Account information in My Research](#).

Also send to:
Use a comma or semicolon to separate multiple email addresses.

Subject: diskw(hong kong) AND cti(curriculum)

Message: [Add message](#) (optional)

Format: HTML Plain text (no images or text formatting)

Step 3-Define your alert content

Include search details: Yes No

Include highlighting: Yes No

Include:

Step 4-Schedule your alert

Send: Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly

Stop after:
You will be able to extend an alert past any end date you specify here.

Send scheduled alert even when no new documents match my search

This service is not intended for people under the age of 13 years old. If you are under the age of 13, please exit this service.

4b.2 Create RSS Feed – create an on-demand RSS Feed URL to run any saved search

Set up your RSS feed Help ? Close X

Your RSS feed will automatically notify you when new documents are available. [Learn more](#) *Required field

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Define your RSS feed preferences

Include search details: Yes No

Include: Newly published documents only Newly added documents, including historical items.

Choose to isolate only newly found materials each time the feed is run, or choose to also receive historical information along with new materials

4b.3 Save Search – save the selected document to My Research

Click **Save search** to save the current search to My Research. After you save a search, you'll be able to re-run it anytime you are in ProQuest.