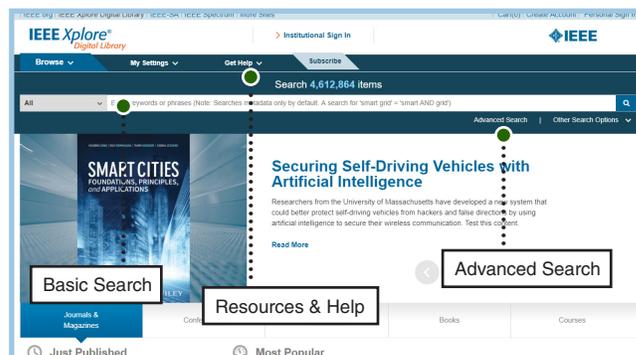# Getting Started with Your Search
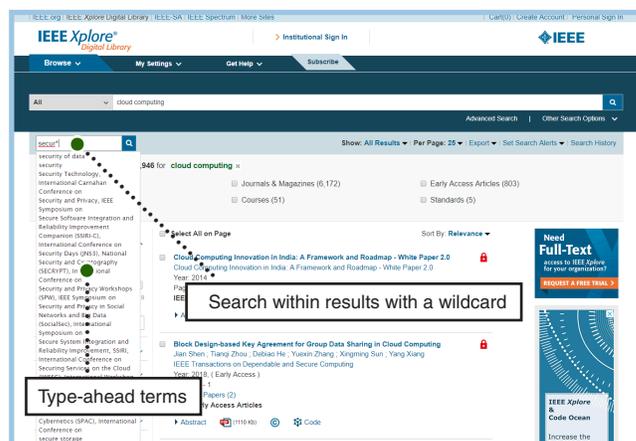
Start your search here

» IEEE *Xplore* searches for all terms in the metadata and ranks results by relevance.

» Boolean operators and field commands are supported in BASIC SEARCH. Operators (AND, OR, NOT, NEAR, ONEAR) must be in ALL CAPS.

» Use quotes (" ") for an exact phrase.

» IEEE *Xplore* supports a multi-character wildcard (*) and a single-character wildcard (?). Example: secur* retrieves secures, security, securing, etc. Wildcards can also be used within exact phrases.
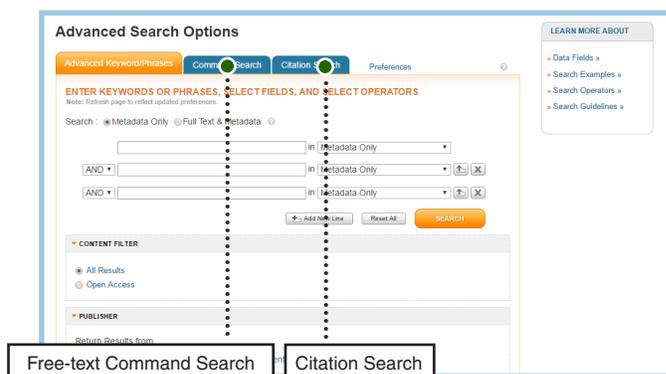
Basic Search

Resources & Help

Advanced Search

How to refine results

» On the search results page, use SEARCH WITHIN RESULTS to enter additional search terms.

» You can also refine by FACETS such as Year, Author, or Affiliation. For example, to limit your search to one or a few authors, select the author(s) then click APPLY REFINEMENTS to view refined search results.

» To remove search terms or refinements from the search, click "X" next to the item.

» Use the drop-down menus to show MY SUBSCRIBED CONTENT, to change the number of results PER PAGE, or to change the SORT BY order (newest first, most cited by papers or patents, etc.).

Search within results with a wildcard

Type-ahead terms

Advanced search options

» In ADVANCED KEYWORDS/PHRASES, you can search full-text and limit your query to specific fields using dropdown menus.

» Switch to the COMMAND SEARCH to use free text and nested concepts.

» Use the CITATION SEARCH tab to search for specific items, such as issue, page number, and year.

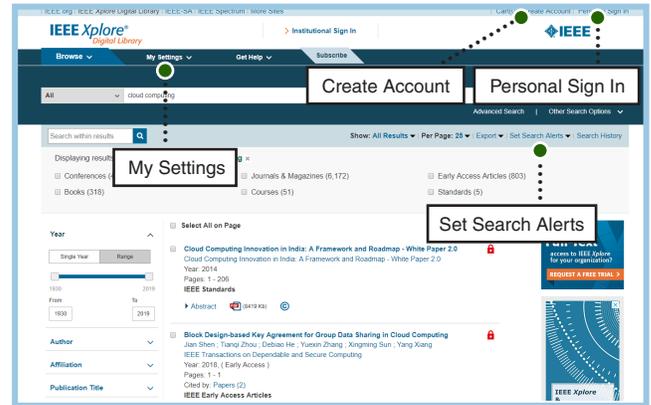Free-text Command Search

Citation Search

Tools, tips and training go to: www.ieee.org/training
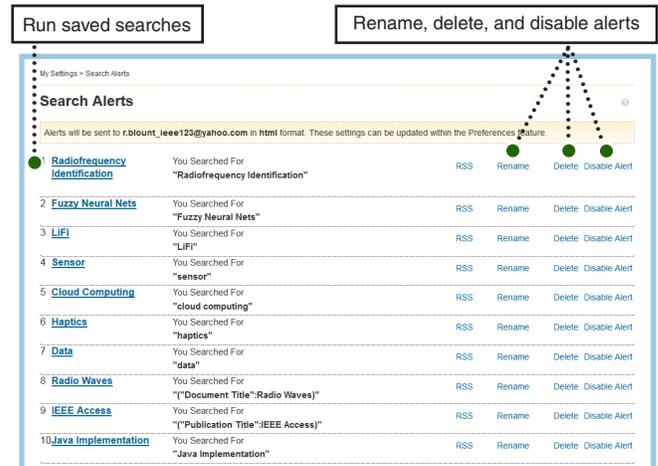
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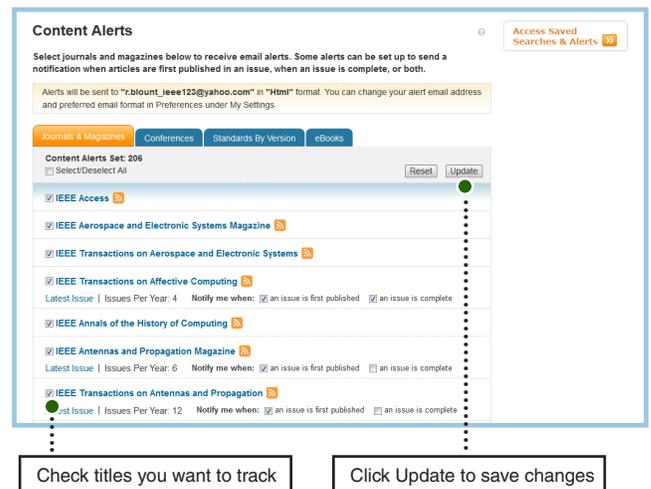Create Account — Personal Sign In — My Settings — Set Search Alerts

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