

Using Topic Guide – ProQuest Quick Reference

Topic Guide

The ProQuest Topic Guide lets you find articles by searching an index, or by exploring a hierarchical subject directory. Indexed topics may include subjects, companies, people, and locations.

Search for a Topic

1. Enter a term and click **Find Term**.

You see the term that most closely matches your search terms. Do one of the following:

- Scroll through the list to locate the term you want.
- Select a filtering tab (A).
- Navigate to a different page using the page number or **Next** and **Previous** links.

2. Once you have found a term, click **View Articles** to run a search using that term.

Or click **Narrow** to narrow your search using related terms. Narrow lets you focus a search by adding related terms

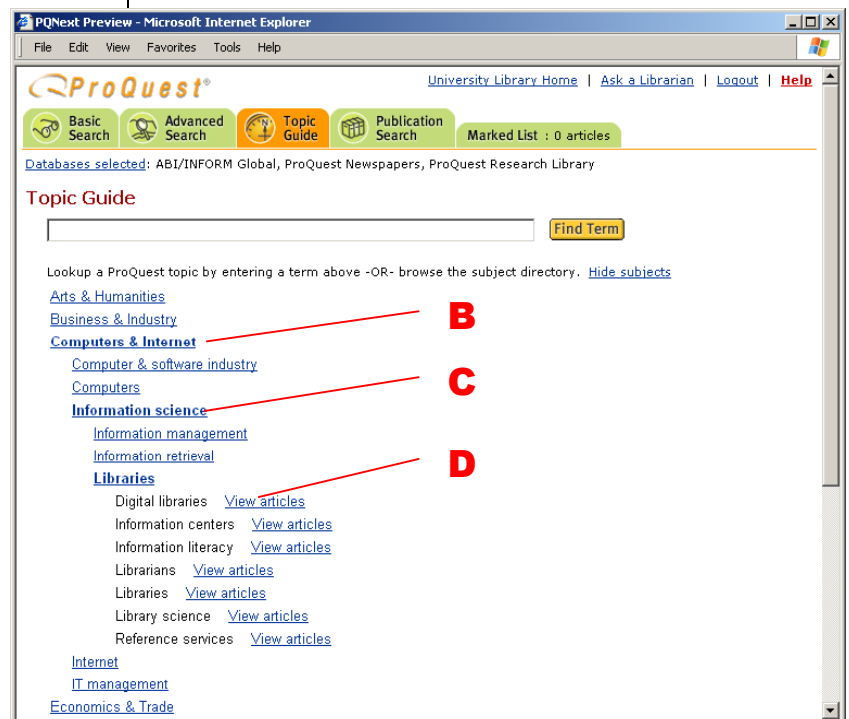
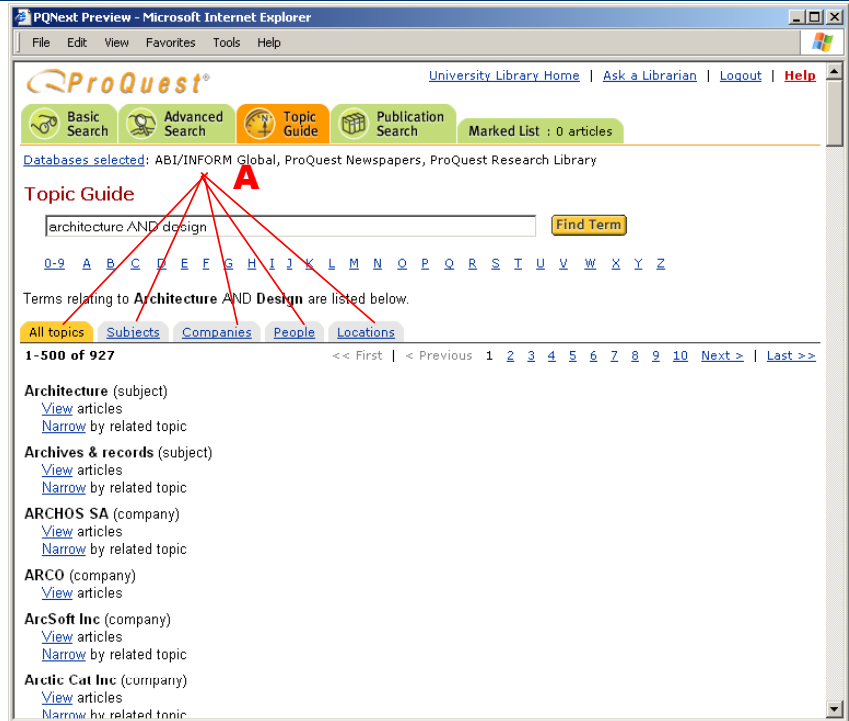
Filter Your Results

The tabs on the Topic Guide let you filter the options by category.

- **People (A)** lists famous or important people you're likely to want to include in your search. Names do not represent authors of articles contained in the ProQuest collections.
- **Locations (A)** lists geographical names, such as the names of cities, nations, landmarks, or regions.
- **Companies (A)** lists corporations, businesses, organizations, and other groups, such as performers.
- **Subjects (A)** lists keywords. Subjects in our subject directory are based on terms found in the ProQuest thesaurus, which contains a set of specialized terms used to categorize information in ProQuest.
- **All (A)** lists topics from all categories.

Topic Guide—Subject Directory

1. Click **browse subjects by topic** to view the topic tree.
2. Click the word that most closely resembles the subject you're interested in. (B)
A list of subtopics related to the subject you chose appears.
3. Click the subtopic that matches the information you want most closely. (C)
A list of words further refining the subtopic appears.
4. From that list, choose the word that most closely



suggests the kind of information you're looking for.

5. When you've reached the end of the list, and the topic you're searching can't be refined any further, **View Articles** appears next to each word in your list of final subject terms. (D)

6. Click **View Articles** next to the subject term that best represents the concept you're trying to find. ProQuest searches, and presents you with a list of articles matching that subject term. (D)