



Product Overview: CSA Illustrata

CSA Illustrata offers deep indexing for tables, figures, graphs, charts and other illustrations from the scholarly research and technical literature. “Deep indexing” categorizes data, variables and other content represented in tables, maps, photographs and other figures. Usually, indexing of research articles is done at a rather high, general level where only the key concepts of the work are represented by a dozen or so index terms. But by going deeper and specifically indexing the content associated with all the individual tables and figures, CSA Illustrata enables the researcher to find information that otherwise would not be retrievable in traditional, article-level and full-text indexing systems.

CSA Illustrata was developed with researchers and librarians to improve the precision, efficiency, and relevance of searches. During the development of CSA Illustrata, researchers were given access to a prototype and asked to comment on what they perceived as the potential uses and benefits of the system; such uses included:

- Gaining faster and more precise understanding of the work reported in articles by direct examination of the tables and figures
- Improving the efficiency of searching by providing more precise and smaller results sets
- Locating and retrieving data in particular formats or particular object types
- Making comparisons between their work and the work of others
- Assisting with writing of review papers, meta-analyses, proposals, and for generating hypotheses
- Supporting the transformation of practice and supporting the learning of new skills and methods, including how to effectively present results in tables, figures and graphs
- Use of objects by librarians to directly answer reference questions

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CSA Illustrata: Technology is interdisciplinary, covering over 2,400 journals from all major areas (see below). The database is updated bi-weekly with over 2 million new records added annually, and contains almost over 2.5 million records spanning 2000 to current.

- Architecture
- Computer Science
- Engineering
 - Aeronautical
 - Aerospace
 - Biochemical
 - Biomechanical
 - Civil
 - Earthquake
 - Electrical
 - Environmental
 - Mechanical
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Robotics



Product Overview: CSA Illustrata

CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences is interdisciplinary, covering over 2,600 journals from all major areas (see below). The database contains more than 3.1 million records spanning 1997 to current.

- Biology
- Earth Sciences
- Environmental Studies
- Medical Sciences
- Agriculture
- Fish and Fisheries
- Education
- Geography
- Veterinary Science
- Food and Food Industries
- Pharmacy and Pharmacology
- Meteorology
- Public Health and Safety
- Water Resources
- Conservation
- Forests and Forestry

Indexing for CSA Illustrata

CSA Illustrata: Technology and **CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences** on the CSA Illumina platform feature 28 searchable indexed fields and four Browsable Indexes.

Administration / Setup

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