The following updates are planned for the Scopus release on February 1, 2014. For questions or to provide us with feedback, please email Scopus Product Marketing at scopus.1@elsevier.com. We will try to answer all questions directly or via public forums such as the Scopus blog posts or future Release Notes.

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Redesign of the Scopus User Interface
With this release, we have enhanced the core search experience by updating the Scopus user interface. The primary goal of this redesign is to streamline the number of steps a researcher needs to take to accomplish the most common tasks.

Main improvements:

- The Scopus interface is more action driven. Items or icons will only appear active when the user performs an action. For example, on the Home page, ‘Search history’ is not shown until the user has actually performed a search. On subsequent pages, options such as ‘Export’ will only become available when the user has selected results to export.
- It is easier to scan results on the Results page and to sort and export the chosen results.
- Author and Affiliation profiles are optimized for easier scanning, amongst other improvements.
- Using the new visual style, in-product user messages clarify the message context and appear consistently below the main navigation bar (below the page header).

Home Page
In addition to color modifications and minor design changes, the Home page of Scopus remains largely the same. Specific changes include:

1. The Home page includes ‘Browse Sources’ and ‘Analyze Journals’ (this functionality was previously located on the main navigation bar below the Scopus logo). This new location highlights these actions as primary activities by placing them next to the main search tabs. [Screenshot 1]
2. Instructive labels appear in the watermark of the Search box. [Screenshot 1]
3. A user’s Search history will only appear after a search has been completed. The Search history will show five searches by default but up to 50 can still be shown. [Screenshot 2]
4. Additional ‘Advanced search’ fields for funding: FUND-SPONSOR (Funding sponsor), FUND-ACR (Sponsor acronym from FundRef), FUND-NO (Grant number) were added.
Screenshot 1

'Search history' appears when returning to the Home page.

Screenshot 2

Screenshot 3
Document Results Page

In addition to color modifications and other design changes such as moving and enlarging the font used to indicate the number of results returned, the Results page sees a few specific changes that will make navigation easier for users. Specific changes include [Screenshot 3]:

1. Users can quickly sort on ‘Date’ (newest), ‘Cited-by’ and ‘Relevance’ (these options used to appear behind a drop down menu). The drop down menu is still there and includes other options such as: ‘Date’ (oldest), ‘First Author’ (A-Z, Z-A) and ‘Source Title’.
2. Buttons such as ‘Export’, ‘Download’ and ‘View citation overview’ that require a user to first perform an activity are disabled until activated by the user e.g. the user has to make a selection of the results for these action buttons to be activated. ‘Limit to’ and ‘Exclude’ and the ‘Search within results’ buttons are other examples of where this behavior occurs. This behavior is consistent throughout Scopus.
3. Action links such as ‘Show abstract’ only show up when the user hovers over a result. This makes it easier to scan the Results page. Links will only appear blue on hover over. And yet another example of where this interaction occurs is the ‘View more’ in the ‘Refine results’ panel.
4. Outward links to full text will always display, ensuring that available full text is easily identifiable.
5. The number of results returned has a new text treatment (larger font) and placement.
6. ‘Export’ appears as a pop-out panel. The primary research management tools are called out using logos and text labels. Users can directly ‘Export’ results to Mendeley. [Screenshot 7]
7. ‘Select all’ and ‘Select page’ are one checkbox with ‘Select page’ as the default. To ‘Select all’ instead of the page, the menu next to the checkbox must be used.
8. ‘Show all abstracts’ has moved to under the ‘Sort’ options.
9. Web Results are no longer linked to from Scopus; Patent results remain.
10. The numbering of results has been removed as have the column headers.
11. The ‘Quick search’ functionality has been removed. This was a search option on the Results page and resulted in user confusion because it started a new search and did not search within results. The ability to ‘Search within results’ is clearly labeled.

**Screenshot 3**

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1. The only major change is that the sidebar has been updated with the new design styles.
2. The count of Cited by documents is in the title of the box and three documents are listed rather than two.
3. Three Related documents (based on shared references) are displayed instead of two; it is easier to get to more Related documents.
4. Reference list action items, ‘Export’, ‘Print’, ‘Email’, and ‘Create bibliography’ are only active once an item is selected (this behavior is consistent throughout Scopus).
Author and Affiliation Pages

For Author profile and Affiliation profile pages, the purpose of changes is to create a better research performance overview for a certain Author or Institute. Additionally, the Author and Affiliation ‘Search’ and ‘Results’ pages have also been updated to the new design standards. Specific changes include:

See screenshots on next two pages.

Author Pages [Screenshot 5]

1. The Author profile receives a CV-style design that allows for easier scanning of the main column that includes information such as h-index, documents and citations.
2. The Author profile shows the 20 most recent documents instead of the two currently in view. Outward links to full-text documents also show on the document list. (More documents will also show on the free Author profile version that researchers can view without having access to Scopus.)
3. A prominent ‘Follow this Author’ link will help authors become more visible to their peers and to more easily track their competitors; this feature allows users to set up alerts for when new documents are indexed for a specific author.
4. Important links such as ‘Request author detail corrections’, ‘Add to ORCID’ and ‘Get citation alerts’ still remain and are grouped together.
5. The Analysis tools are more clearly grouped together.
6. As on the Document Details Page, three citing documents show in the sidebar rather than two.
7. It is now possible to directly ‘Export’ all documents of an author for use in reference managers like Mendeley and RefWorks from the Author profile page.
8. Author search result pages have a checkbox to quickly filter on ‘Exact matches only’.

Affiliation Pages [Screenshot 6]

The Affiliation page will have the same look and feel as the Author page, easier to scan and key information is better grouped.

1. Collaborating affiliations (institutions) and top Sources are more prominently placed.
Author Profile Example

Screenshot 5
Affiliation Profile Example

Screenshot 6
Exporting Results and New Mendeley Export Option

The biggest overall change to Export is that on all relevant pages, whether it is the Document results page, Document details page or the new ‘Export’ option on the Author details page, users can ‘Export’ references in one click.

1. A pop-out panel clearly indicates the primary reference managers (Mendeley, Endnote, and RefWorks) through the use of logos. [Screenshot 7]
2. After a user exports once, his/her settings are saved enabling them to complete the next export with one click. This preference will be saved during the current session or across sessions for logged-in users. [Screenshot 8]
3. Additionally, a new export option has been added – a user can export directly to Mendeley. This builds on the support added for the Mendeley Web Importer in November 2013 (see Scopus blog for more details). [Screenshot 8]

Screenshot 7
Source Browse and Journal Pages
The design of the Source Browse page has also been updated to reflect the updated look and feel of Scopus. Specific changes to the Journal pages include:

1. Main journal information is grouped at the top of the page.
2. ‘Set alert’ is now ‘Follow this source’ (similar to the ‘Follow this author’ feature on Author profile pages).
3. Journal metrics information such as SNIP and SJR is more prominent.
4. ‘View citation overview’ appears when hovering over the document list.

Support Hub / Help Functionality
The Scopus Help files have been migrated to a new platform. The new Help platform will make it easier to search and browse for answers. This front-end platform is part of the same call tracking system that our customer support team uses. This means that users will get better customer service.

More information on the new Help functionality will follow in subsequent Release notes and blog posts.