

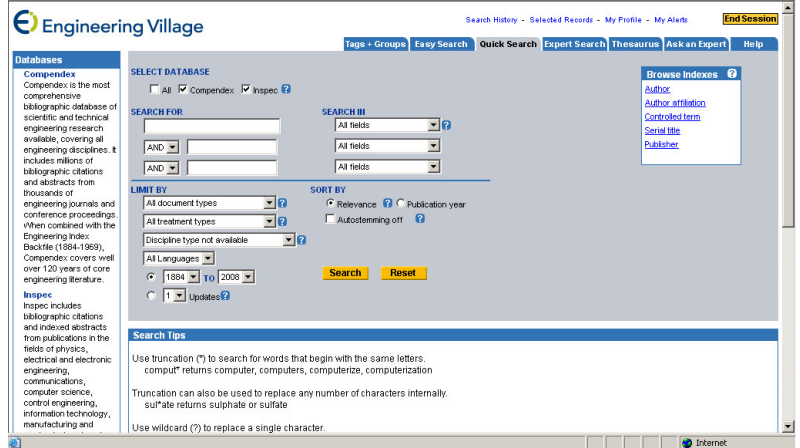
INSPEC now on Engineering Village 2

The INSPEC database can now be found on Engineering Village alongside Compendex. The advantage is that there is only one search interface to deal with, you can now search both simultaneously and you can also remove any duplicate records that are found on both databases.

For almost any search in technology areas

(particularly computing, maths and engineering) these two databases combined should be a tremendous asset in finding journal articles and conference proceedings.

The Science Faculty too, however, may find there are particular subject areas



Extra funds

You may be aware of the extra £300,000 that the Library has been



given to spend on books and journals to help counteract some of the above-inflation price rises we've been experiencing—particularly on journals and databases.

Department/Faculty budgets have been increased accordingly and you should get in touch with your faculty Librarian or your Library Liaison Officer about the possibilities which this may present for new books in your subject area.

Very approximately there is an extra £25,000 in the Technology Faculty budget over last year and the same again for the Science Faculty budget.

No doubt the credit crunch will catch up with us eventually, but this will stave it off for a while.

which make it worth exploring for particular fields such as geophysics, biomed and biophysics—not to mention nanotechnology and oceanography.

Check it out as ever via our Subject Directory or the Library Catalogue. Don't forget

to tick (or untick) the databases you wish to search just above the search box.

If you wish to use the Thesaurus feature you will have to select either INSPEC or Compendex as there is no combined

thesaurus for both products.

If you have any questions about accessing this database or in using it, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Timothy Collinson or Sue Stevenson.

Mature Students on your course?

Returning to Learning

We mentioned the Library workshops last month but it is perhaps worth highlighting the first three in the series. All run in October and are specifically aimed at mature students coming back to education. They cover: researching information, dealing with reading and academic writing. More details here:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/workshops>

Please encourage students to book or drop in as they wish and make the most of these useful workshops.

Turnstiles now Live

Bring your campus card!

If you've been over to the Library in the last week or three, or saw the all staff email from the University Librarian, you will probably be aware that the Library turnstiles are now activated. Campus cards are required for both staff and students and can be swiped over the sensor to allow swift and easy access.



Staff who've never used the Library for borrowing or those with new cards will probably find that they need to be 'activated' the first time you come. This can be done very quickly at the Issue Desk and reception can let you through the gates to get this done.