



World Religion Database

User Guide

WORLD RELIGION



DATABASE

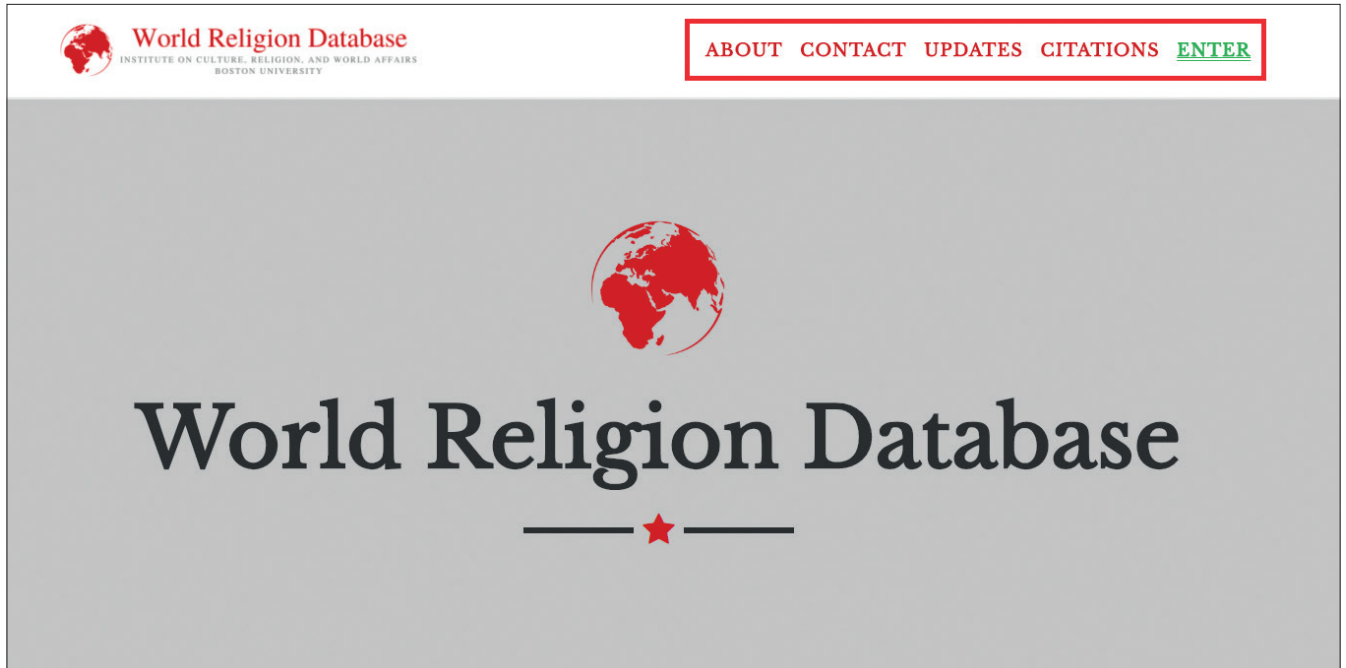
Renewed in 2018 with a new user interface, updated 'look and feel' and features for collaborative work, the *World Religion Database* (WRD) contains detailed statistics on religious affiliation for every country in the world. It is the major source to render a definitive picture of international religious demography. The *WRD* provides both current and historical data, as well as sophisticated forecasts of future developments. For each of the world's religions, best estimates at multiple dates for the period 1900 to 2050 are given. The *WRD* also offers access to the sources which underlie the figures in the database, such as censuses and surveys.

Through an interactive feedback mechanism users can leave comments on sources or methodology related to any figure reported in the *WRD*. The *WRD* is constantly updated with new sets of data as they become available, such as estimates of religious affiliation at the province level and religious freedom information for all countries in the world.

No other database available today is as comprehensive as *WRD*.

Navigating WCD

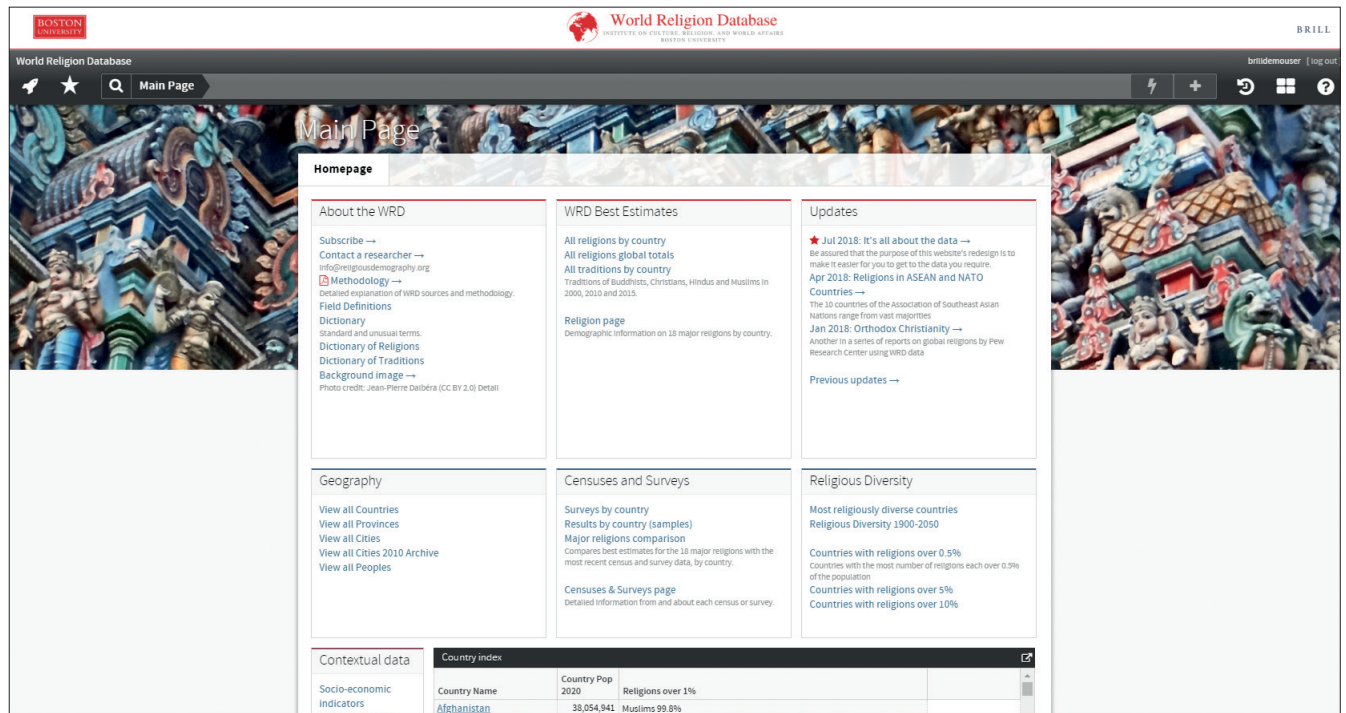
The World Religion Database homepage gives you the following overview with information on what the database is about, when the latest updates have occurred, contact information, information on how to cite the database, as well as an FAQ at the bottom.



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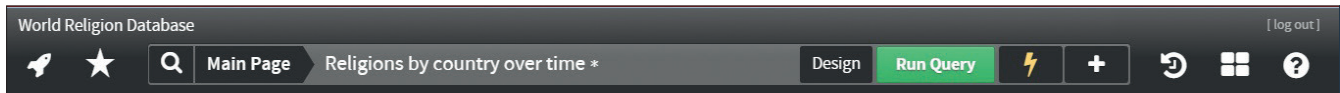
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Log in to the database on the top right and you will be taken to the Main Page.



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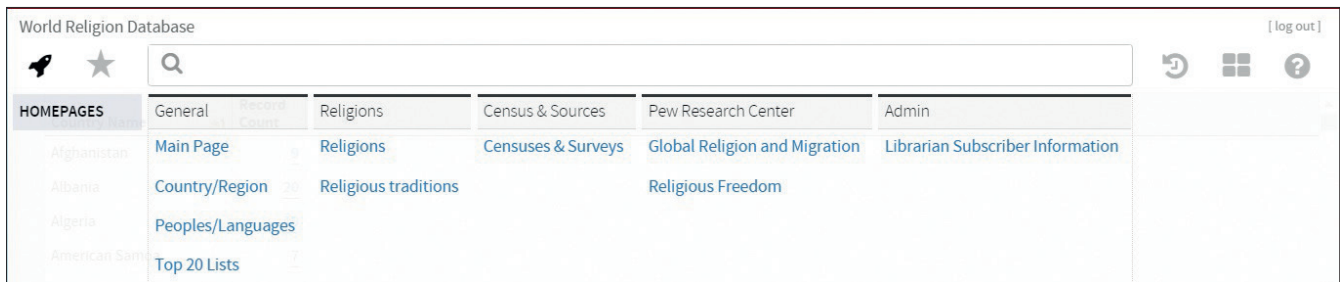
Launchpad



The navigation bar at the top of every page is called the Launchpad. This view allows for easy manipulation of data within the results grid and offers access to individual records through links. The tabs on the Launchpad may vary depending on what page or record is being displayed.

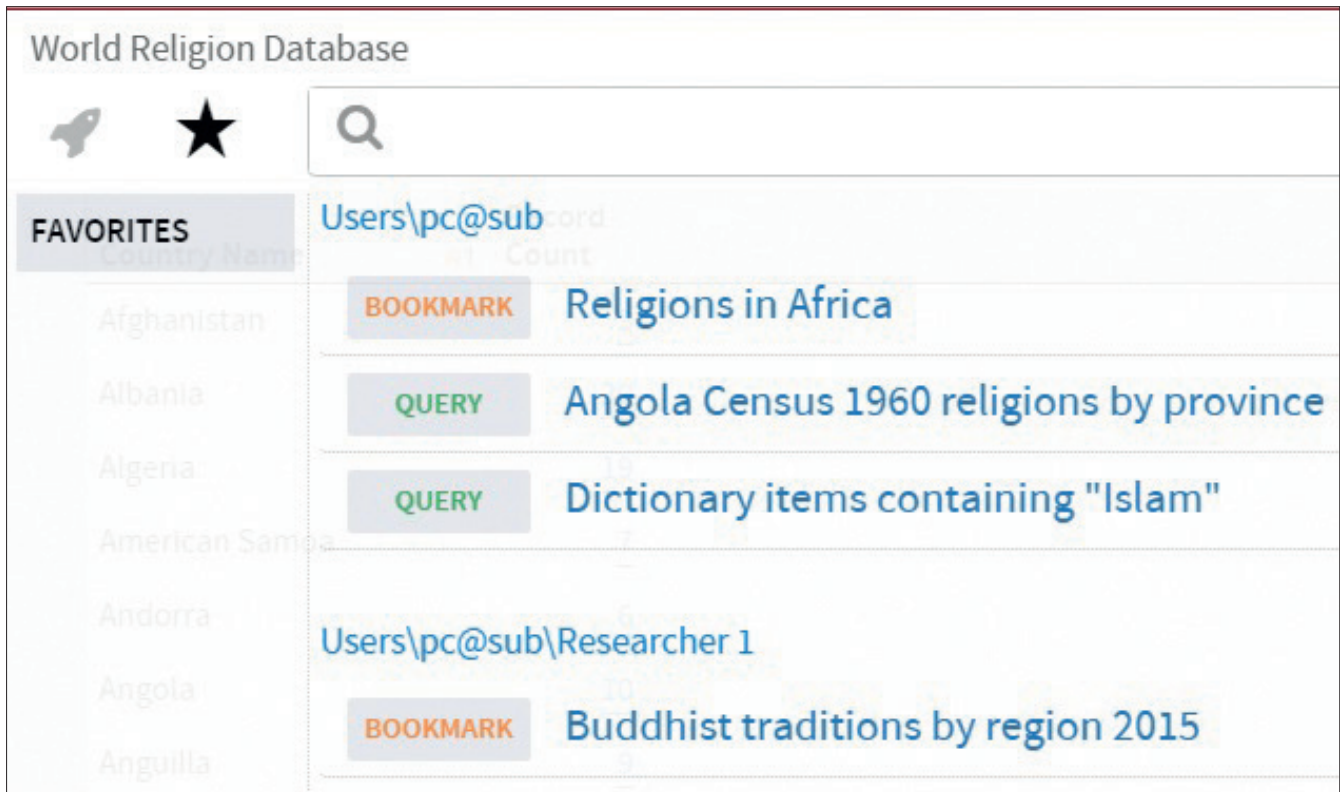
Navigate

Click on the rocket icon to navigate to various homepages. Homepages are grouped together by category.



Favorites

Click on the star to view queries and records that have been saved to Favorites.



Search

Click in the Search bar to quickly look up individual records or queries. Note that the Search tool is also available in the expanded navigation bar.

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RESULTS	City	City results containing the phrase Shia (2 matches)
RESULTS	Culture (hence Peoples)	Culture (hence Peoples) results containing the phrase Shia (1 matches)
RESULTS	Dictionary	Dictionary results containing the phrase Shia (14 matches)
RESULTS	People	People results containing the phrase Shia (266 matches)
RESULTS	People - Religion	People - Religion results containing the phrase Shia (418 matches)
RESULTS	Sub-religions	Sub-religions results containing the phrase Shia (215 matches)
RESULTS	Surveyed Religions	Surveyed Religions results containing the phrase Shia (116 matches)
RESULTS	Muslim traditions 2015	
RESULTS	Muslim traditions by region 2015	

Actions

Click on the lightning bolt to run procedures. Available procedures are dependent on homepage, query, or detail screen in use. Currently the only action available is to export results to Excel.

Design

Run Query

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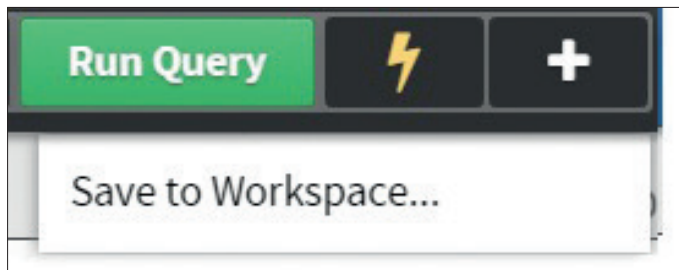
Export

Export to Excel

Actions

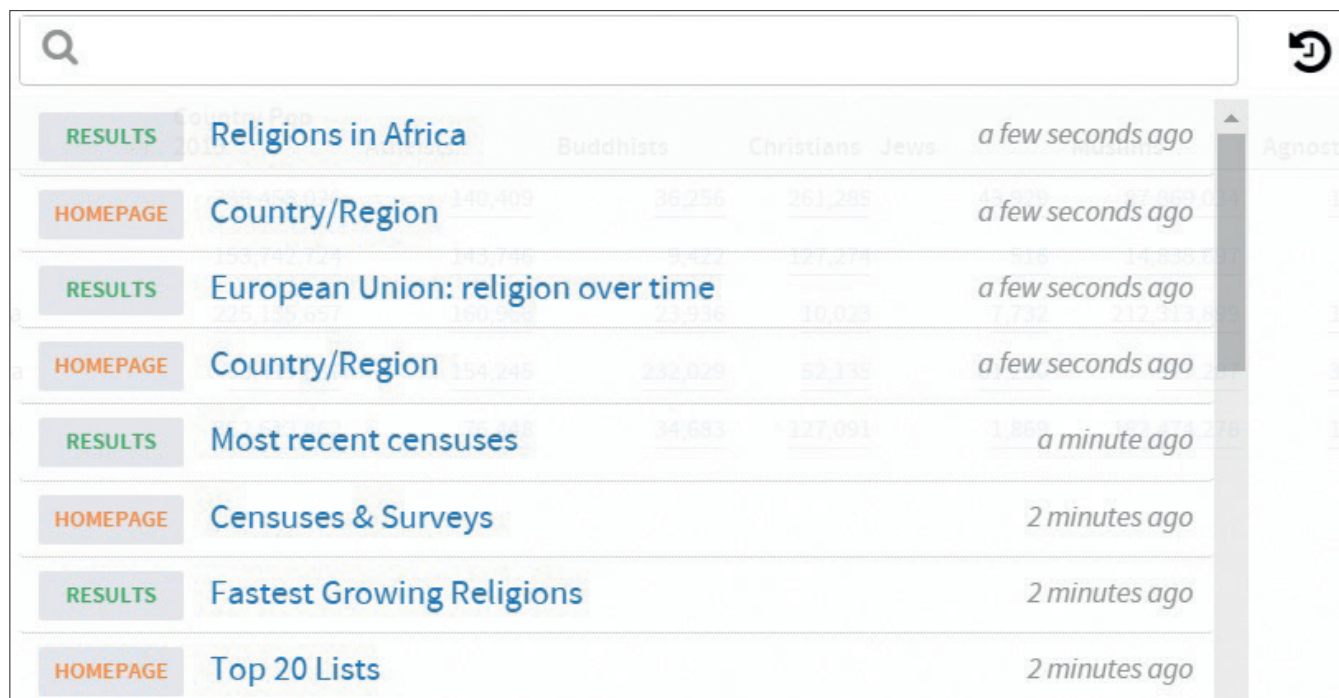
Organize

Click on the plus icon for options to overwrite or save queries or bookmarks to Workspaces.



History

Click on the clock icon to see most recent search history. This icon allows for easy navigation to previously-viewed detail screens and query results



Workspaces

Click on the squares icon to view Workspaces. Workspaces are folders used to save queries and records.

Query Results

The results of a query present your data as requested through the parameters set on the query design. This view allows the easy manipulation of data within the results grid and offers access to individual records through hyperlinks.

Religion 1	Pop 1900	Pct_1900	Pop 1970	Pct_1970	Pop 2005	Pct_2005	Total increase pa	Rate 2005_2015	Pop 2015	Pct_2015	Pop 2025	Pct_2025	Pop 2025
Christians	557,754,602	34.44%	1,229,448,027	33.22%	2,130,604,801	32.57%	27,744,332	1.22%	2,408,048,120	32.62%	2,718,956,927	33.22%	3,461,111,111
Muslims	200,318,122	12.37%	570,772,699	15.42%	1,427,056,087	21.81%	30,747,562	1.98%	1,734,531,709	23.49%	2,064,020,113	25.22%	2,801,111,111
Hindus	202,973,290	12.53%	462,980,539	12.51%	893,077,485	13.65%	11,291,344	1.20%	1,005,990,922	13.63%	1,099,885,569	13.44%	1,221,111,111
Agnostics	3,028,610	0.19%	544,290,164	14.71%	669,224,713	10.23%	3,349,459	0.50%	702,719,298	9.52%	707,234,549	8.64%	681,111,111
Buddhists	126,956,371	7.84%	234,957,917	6.35%	477,436,475	7.30%	4,208,782	0.85%	519,524,291	7.04%	567,682,723	6.94%	581,111,111
Chinese folk-relig...	379,974,110	23.46%	238,026,581	6.43%	433,199,854	6.62%	1,900,784	0.43%	452,207,697	6.12%	465,063,217	5.68%	401,111,111
Ethnoreligionists	117,312,835	7.24%	169,430,360	4.58%	231,958,566	3.55%	3,652,789	1.48%	268,486,459	3.64%	267,938,170	3.27%	271,111,111
Atheists	226,220	0.01%	165,156,380	4.46%	137,427,157	2.10%	3,448	0.01%	137,461,632	1.86%	132,202,385	1.62%	121,111,111
New religionists	5,985,985	0.37%	39,382,298	1.06%	62,601,128	0.96%	288,455	0.45%	65,485,676	0.89%	64,460,430	0.79%	61,111,111
Sikhs	2,962,000	0.18%	10,668,200	0.29%	22,286,867	0.34%	304,098	1.30%	25,327,846	0.34%	29,483,710	0.36%	31,111,111

Results Grid

This screen displays after 'Run Query'. Each column in the results originates from a field in the query design.

Links

Drill down options in the results grid are indicated in blue. Check the column header to understand what type of record is accessible through the link.

Status Indicator

The asterisk symbol next to the query name indicates that this query has been modified from the default template. The symbol also appears in the URL at the top of your browser. To revert back to the default, simply remove the asterisk from the URL.

Design

To change your query settings, click the Design link. This link will bring the user back to the query design page to redefine your search.

Action

Click on the lightning icon to export this set of query results to Excel.

Organize

Click on the plus icon for options to overwrite or save queries to Workspaces.

What is a Query?

A query is the primary tool you'll use for finding detailed information, displaying that information in various formats, and performing actions using your results.

The screenshot shows the 'World Religion Database' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Main Page' and 'Religions by country over time *'. Below this is a search bar and a 'Run Query' button. The main area is divided into three panes: 'All Fields' (left), 'Included Fields' (middle), and 'Field Properties' (right). The 'Included Fields' pane shows a list of fields with checkboxes and icons for sorting and removal. The 'Field Properties' pane shows the configuration for the selected 'Country Name' field, including a filter 'begins with alge or azer' and options for 'Summarize', 'Subtotal Header', and 'Freeze Pane'.

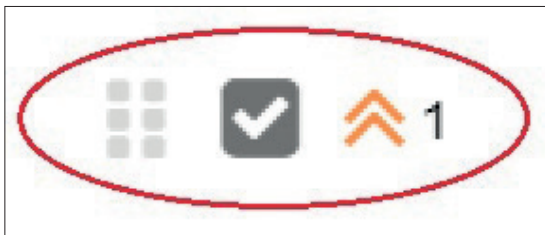
Search Fields

Can't find a field? Use the search bar to type the name or part of the name of the field in question.

Available Fields

This list presents a full catalog of possible fields. Double click on any field to pull it into query design.

Included Fields



Move

Use the drag and drop icon to rearrange the order of fields.

View

This icon indicates which fields will be displayed.

Sort

Use this icon to set a sort order on query results. Clicking once sorts ascending; twice descending; Shift + Click removes.

Sort Level

The sort level number displays the level of sorting applied to the field.

Remove a Field

Too many fields? Click the red X icon to remove a particular field from query design.

The screenshot shows a search configuration interface. At the top, there is a dropdown menu labeled 'begins with' and a button labeled 'Operator'. Below this, there is a text input field containing 'alge; azer' and a button labeled 'Criteria'. A note at the bottom of the input field says 'Use another field as criteria value'.

Operator

This setting answers the “how” question: how to search for data in this field?

Criteria

This setting answers the “what” question: what specific data is needed in this field? Use a semi-colon to indicate “or”, so “alge; azer” translates as “this country name begins with alge or azer”

Run

‘Run Query’ will provide results based on query design.

Workspace

The Workspace functionality allows you to save queries (reports), bookmark sample queries or records in locations which are shared by people using the same login. Queries and bookmarks should be treated as temporary (since any user may accidentally remove them from the workspace), and queries which have not been run for over a year could also be removed by the system.

Workspace Access

Use the squares icon to open the Workspace Overview. The icon is accessible from all pages including queries and details screens.

Save items to a Workspace with the plus sign “organize” button on the Launchpad. Save a new query, bookmark an existing one, and optionally add it as a favorite.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled 'Save to workspace...'. It has a list of users under the 'Shared' tab, with 'pc@sub' selected. Below the list, there are options for 'Type' (Bookmark, New Query) and 'Favorite' (star icon). A 'Description' field contains the text 'Religions in Algeria and Azerbaijan'. At the bottom, there are 'Save New Query' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Workspace Overview [↑](#)

pc@sub Sort by: Description [▲](#)

Workspaces Add Workspace

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Researcher 1

Queries Edit

- ☆ QUERY Angola 1960 Surveys by province #2715
Survey_data Date Modified: Never
- ★ QUERY Angola Census 1960 religions by province #2716
Survey_data Date Modified: Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 1:54am by pc@sub
- ★ QUERY Dictionary items containing "Islam" #2717
dictionary Date Modified: Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 1:56am by pc@sub

Bookmarks Edit

- ★ BOOKMARK Religions in Africa #429
Country Date Saved: Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 12:50am by pc@sub

Notes Edit

Queries

The Queries section offers a full list of reports saved within the Workspace. Saved reports display in alphabetical order for easy navigation.

Bookmarks

Bookmarks are links to the sample queries provided on the various home pages.

Records

Individual records can be bookmarked and saved to a Workspace. Use the Records section to access frequented locations quickly and efficiently.

Favorites (the “Star” icon)

Add frequently used reports to your favorites list. Favorited reports can be located with the star icon.

Workspace creation and deletion

Within an existing Workspace, additional sub-Workspaces can be created by clicking the “Add Workspace” button. Named workspaces can be seen by anyone using the same login so treat them as an envelope you’ve left yourself on a noticeboard.

Since these are available to all users in the organization, Workspaces can only be deleted by email. Workspaces named something to indicate “Please Delete” will also be periodically removed.

Add Notes

The Notes section can be used to offer a description of the contents within a Workspace.

Further instructions

For further instructions and 'how to's', visit: brill.com/wrdo

Questions?

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