

EBSCO Products – Definitions

Institutional Profiles:

In order to provide access, usage reporting and customization options, EBSCO creates individual accounts with multiple profiles for each institution. Many DISCUS participating institutions already have an EBSCOhost account with profiles in place. Public libraries and any academic institutions that are new to EBSCO will have an individual account and profiles set up as a part of this implementation. EBSCO will be adding the new products provided by DISCUS (in partnership with PASCAL) to each institution's individual account prior to the July 1st launch date.

The EBSCOhost Platform, Products and Interfaces/User Experiences:

After the accounts and profiles have been set up, libraries will need to decide how to link to the 30+ EBSCO products in a way that best meets the needs of their users. There are several linking options for the EBSCO products selected for DISCUS – from the simple to the more complex. To help with this process, it's important to provide a few brief details about EBSCOhost, the products and their interfaces.

The EBSCOhost Platform - An interface that makes it possible to search multiple EBSCO databases at once with a single search. Databases reside in the EBSCOhost Web profile for this platform. However, not all of the EBSCO products in the DISCUS collection can be searched through EBSCOhost. Some are stand-alone products.

Stand-Alone products – Products that have their own unique, stand-alone interfaces. EBSCO defines these interfaces as “user experiences.” These products are NOT available for searching in EBSCOhost.

- Auto Repair Reference Center
- Consumer Health Complete
- NovelList Plus
- NovelList Plus K-8
- Points of View Reference Center

Products that have their own interfaces (user experiences), but the content can also be searched on the EBSCOhost platform:

- Business Source Premier
- History Reference Center
- Literary Reference Center
- Science Reference Center
- Small Business Reference Center

K-12 Student Interfaces (User Experiences) - The following are interfaces with content from a variety of relevant products. They are designed to facilitate easy access and use:

- Searchasaurus: Elementary School Research
- Student Research Center: Middle School Research
- Student Research Center: High School Research