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ONTAP® DIALINDEX® (File 290)

FILE DESCRIPTION

DIALINDEX®, File 411, is the online master index to DIALOG databases (excluding menu-driven files and gateways). It is designed to assist users in identifying the DIALOG databases that contain information on a given subject. Search topics can be tested in a group of files of the user's choosing or in one or more database categories provided by DIALOG. Using a single SELECT statement of up to 240 characters to describe the search topic, a user can easily determine which databases are the best candidates for a search on the desired topic.

File 290, ONTAP DIALINDEX, offers users an opportunity to practice database selection using the ONTAP files. See page 411-4 of this Bluesheet for a list of the ONTAP categories.

DATABASE CATEGORIES

To maximize the value of using DIALINDEX, and also OneSearch®, DIALOG databases have been grouped into categories by subject. Each category is assigned an acronym for use in searching that file group; for example, the Market Research category has the acronym MKTRES. Supercategories, which are groups of categories such as ALLBUSINESS, can be searched only in DIALINDEX.

Categories and Supercategories were revised in November 1998. An index is available at http://library.dialog.com/bluesheets/. A hierarchical presentation (without acronyms) is available at http://www.dialogweb.com.

A complete list of databases included in each category may be found online on Dialog by entering HELP and the eight characters of a category's acronym.

DIALINDEX COMMANDS

SET FILES/SHOW FILES. After BEGINning in DIALINDEX (B 411), specify the list of files to be searched with the SET FILES (abbreviated SF) command. The file list can consist of file numbers, one or more category acronyms, or a combination, e.g., SF 16,POLLUT. Databases may be eliminated from a category using NOT, e.g., SF MKTRES NOT 570. To see the file banners for the file list specified with SET FILES, enter the command SHOW FILES.

SELECT. All of the features of the SELECT command can be used, but no sets are created in DIALINDEX. To apply the same SELECT command to a new SET FILES list, simply enter S alone.

EXPAND. The EXPAND command may be used to view the indexes of up to 100 files, but EXPAND entries cannot be SELECTed in DIALINDEX.

SAVE TEMP. The SAVE TEMP command may be used in DIALINDEX to save the SELECT command for additional searching in actual DIALOG files. Be sure to save the strategy before using RANK FILES.

RANK FILES. DIALINDEX output displays in file number order. To rank results in order by the number of items retrieved from each file, enter the RANK FILES (abbreviated RF) command. The resulting display includes N-reference numbers which can be used instead of file numbers to begin a search in the desired files, e.g., BEGIN N1-N5,N9.

TIPS

USE FILE 411
to quickly and easily identify files that contain information on a given subject.

USE SAVE TEMP
to save a SELECT statement after using it in DIALINDEX.

USE BEGIN HITS
to begin a search directly in all files having DIALINDEX results. Then use EXS to re-run your saved searched.

DIALOG FILE DATA

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                  Undefined (File 290)

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?BEGIN 411
File 411:DIALINDEX(R)
DIALINDEX(R)
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*** DIALINDEX search results display in an abbreviated ***
*** format unless you enter the SET DETAIL ON command. ***
?sf papersmj,47 not 703
   You have 16 files in your file list.
  (To see banners, use SHOW FILES command)
?s (college? or universit?)(4n)(liquor or drinking or alcohol)/ti,lp,de not
drug?/ti,lp,de
Your SELECT statement is:
   s (college? or universit?)(4n)(liquor or drinking or alcohol)/ti,lp,de not
drug?/ti,lp,de

            Items    File
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              73    146: Washington Post Online_1983-1998/Oct 12
              13    387: The Denver Post_1994-1998/Oct 09
               3    471: New York Times Fulltext-90 Day_1998/Oct 12
               6    478: Houston Chronicle_1990-1998/Oct 12
              82    498: Detroit Free Press_1987-1998/Oct 08
              22    630: Los Angeles Times_1993-1998/Oct 12
             137    631: Boston Globe_1980-1998/Oct 09
              86    632: Chicago Tribune_1985-1998/Oct 12
              99    633: Phil.Inquirer_1983-1998/Oct 11
              42    638: Newsday/New York Newsday_1987-1998/Oct 11
              50    640: San Francisco Chronicle_1988-1998/Oct 12
              56    702: Miami Herald_1983-1998/Oct 09
              94    713: Atlanta J/Const._1989-1998/Oct 11
               6    715: Christian Sci.Mon._1989-1998/Oct 13
              25    725: (Cleveland)Plain Dealer_Aug 1991-1998/Oct 11
              46     47: Magazine Database(TM)_1959-1998/Oct 12
   All files have one or more items; file list includes 16 files.


?save temp alc
Temp SearchSave "TDALC" stored

?rank files
Your last SELECT statement was:
   S (COLLEGE? OR UNIVERSIT?)(4N)(LIQUOR OR DRINKING OR ALCOHOL)/TI,LP,DE
NOT DRUG?/TI,LP,DE
Ref        Items    File
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N1           137    631: Boston Globe_1980-1998/Oct 09
N2            99    633: Phil.Inquirer_1983-1998/Oct 11
N3            94    713: Atlanta J/Const._1989-1998/Oct 11
N4            86    632: Chicago Tribune_1985-1998/Oct 12
N5            82    498: Detroit Free Press_1987-1998/Oct 08
N6            73    146: Washington Post Online_1983-1998/Oct 12
N7            56    702: Miami Herald_1983-1998/Oct 09
N8            50    640: San Francisco Chronicle_1988-1998/Oct 12
N9            46     47: Magazine Database(TM)_1959-1998/Oct 12
N10           42    638: Newsday/New York Newsday_1987-1998/Oct 11
   All files have one or more items; file list includes 16 files.
        - Enter P or PAGE for more -
?p
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SAMPLE RECORD (cont'd)

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Your last SELECT statement was:
   S (COLLEGE? OR UNIVERSIT?)(4N)(LIQUOR OR DRINKING OR ALCOHOL)/TI,LP,DE NOT
DRUG?/TI,LP,DE
Ref        Items   File
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N11          25    725: (Cleveland)Plain Dealer_Aug 1991-1998/Oct 11
N12          22    630: Los Angeles Times_1993-1998/Oct 12
N13          13    387: The Denver Post_1994-1998/Oct 09
N14           6    478: Houston Chronicle_1990-1998/Oct 12
N15           6    715: Christian Sci.Mon._1989-1998/Oct 13
N16           3    471: New York Times Fulltext-90 Day_1998/Oct 12


   All files have one or more items; file list includes 16 files.
At this point, initiate a OneSearch using BEGIN HITS, BEGIN N numbers, or
BEGIN categories and/or File numbers. Then use EXS tdalc to re-run saved
search.
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SUPERCATEGORY ACRONYMS

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ALLBIOSCI1   (Biosciences)
ALLBUSINESS1  (Business)
ALLCHEM1  (Chemistry)
ALLCHEMH1  (Chemical Handbooks and  Encyclopedias)
ALLCODIR1  (Company Directories)
ALLCOFIN1  (Company Financials and Reports)
ALLCOMMON1  (Common Law Marks)
ALLENERGY1  (Energy)
ALLENG1  (Engineering)
ALLENVIR1  (Environment)
ALLGOVER1  (Government)
ALLHUMAN1  (Humanities)
ALLINDMK1  (Industries and Markets)
ALLIP1  (Intellectual Property)
ALLMATER1 (Materials)
ALLMEDPH1  (Medicine and Pharmaceuticals)
ALLNEWS1  (News)
ALLONTAP1  (ONTAP Files)
ALLPAPER1  (Newspapers Fulltext)
ALLPAT1  (Patents)
ALLPATFU1  (Patents - Fulltext)
ALLPHYS1 (Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics  Research)
ALLPRODUCTS1 (Products)
ALLREFERENCE1  (Reference)
ALLSCIENCE1  (Science)
ALLSOC1  (Social Sciences)
ALLSOCHU1  (Social Sciences and Humanities)
ALLTMKS1  (Trademarks)


Supercategories can only be searched in DIALINDEX.
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS

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ADCO1  (Advertising Company Directories)
ADVERTBUS1  (Advertising and Media Industry News)
AEROBUS1  (Aerospace and Defense Industry News)
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

AEROSPACE (Aerospace)
AGRI1 (Agriculture)
AGRIBUS1 (Food and Agriculture Industry News)
ALTMED1 (Alternative Medicine)
ARCHITEC1 (Architecture)
ARTS1 (Arts and Humanities)
ARTTAPS (Arts and Humanities ONTAPS)
ASIACO1 (Asia/Pacific Company Directories)
ASIAFIN1 (Asia/Pacific Company Financials)
ASIANEWS1 (Asia/Pacific News)
ASSNS1 (Associations)
ASTRON1 (Astronomy)
AUTO1 (Automotive Research)
BIOBUS1 (Biosciences and Biotechnology Industry News)
BIOCHEM1 (Biochemistry)
BIOGRAPH1 (Biography)
BIOSCI1 (Biosciences)
BIOTAPS (Bioscience ONTAPS)
BIOTECH1 (Biotechnology)
BOOKS (Book Catalogs)
BRANDNMS1 (Brand Names)
BUSECON (Business Economics)
BUSSTAT1 (Industry/Product Statistics)
BUSTAPS (Business ONTAPS)
BUYERS1 (Buyers Guides)
CANADACO1 (Canadian Company Directories)
CANADAFI1 (Canadian Company Financials)
CANADANE1 (Canadian News)
CASREGNO (CAS(R) Registry Numbers-Chemical and Medical Files)
CBD (Commerce Business Daily Files)
CERAMICS1 (Ceramics and Composites)
CHEMBUS1 (Chemical Industry News)
CHEMCO1 (Chemical Manufacturers/Suppliers)
CHEMENG1 (Chemical Engineering)
CHEMLIT1 (Chemical Literature)
CHEMPROD1 (Chemical Product Directories)
CHEMPROP1 (Chemical Properties)
CHEMREGS1 (Chemical Regulation)
CHEMSUBS1 (Chemical Substances)
CHEMTAPS (Chemistry ONTAPS)
CITEDREF1 (Cited References)
CIVILENG1 (Civil Engineering)
CLAIMS (CLAIMS/U.S. Patents)
COATINGS1 (Paints and Coatings)
CODIR1 (Company Directories)
COMMON1 (Other Common Law Sources)
COMPOSITES1 (Ceramics and Composites)
COMPSCI1 (Computers, Electronics, and Telecommunications)
CONFPAP1 (Conference Papers)
CONSUMER1 (Consumer Information)
CORPHIER1 (Corporate Structure and Hierarchy)
COUNTRIES1 (Country Report)
DATABASES1 (Database Directories)
DEFBUS (Defense and Aerospace Industry)
DEFTAPS (Defense and Aerospace Industry ONTAPS)
DEFTECH (Defense Technology)
DIALTOOL1 (Dialog Search Tools)
DRUGCO1 (Pharmaceutical Company Directories)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

DRUGCOUN1 (Pharmaceutical Country Reports)
DRUGDEV1 (Drug Development Pipeline)
DRUGDIR1 (Drug Directories)
DRUGECON1 (Pharmacoeconomics)
DRUGPRO1 (Pharmaceutical Company Profiles)
DUNSINTL (D&B International Directory Files)
ECOLOGY1 (Ecology and Conservation)
ECON1 (Economics)
EDGAR (EdgarPlus(TM) Files)
EDUCAT1 (Education)
EECOMP1 (Electrical Engineering)
EIU (Economist Intelligence Unit Files)
ELECTENG1 (Electrical Engineering)
ELECTRON1 (Computers, Electronics, and Teleommunications Industry News)
ENERGY1 (Energy)
ENERGYA1 (Energy Files + API Subscriber files)
ENERGYBUS1 (Energy Industry News)
ENERGYP1 (Energy Files + TULSA Subscriber files)
ENERGYREGS1 (Energy Regulation)
ENG1 (Engineering)
ENGBUS1 (Engineering and Construction Industry News)
ENVIRON1 (Environment)
ENVREGS1 (Environmental Regulation)
EURBUSNEWS1 (European Regional Business News)
EUROPECO1 (European Company Directories)
EUROPEFIN1 (European Company Financials)
EUROPENEWS1 (European News Sources)
EUROTMKS (European and International Register Trademarks)
EVENTS1 (Upcoming Conferences and Events)
EXECNEWS (Executive News)
EXTEL (EXTEL International Files)
FINBUS1 (Banking and Financial Services Industry News)
FINCO1 (Banking and Financial Services Company Directories)
FIRST (Continuously Updated News Files)
FOODREGS (Food Regulation)
FOODSCI1 (Food Sciences)
FORESTRY1 (Forestry)
FOUNDAT (Foundations/Grants)
GENERALNEWS (General News Files)
GENMAGS1 (General Interest Magazines)
GEOLOGY (Geology)
GEOLOGYP (Geology + TULSA Subscriber file)
GEOPHYS (Geophysics)
GEOSCI1 (Geosciences)
GOVT (Government)
GOVTPROC1 (Business Opportunities, Procurement, and Contracts)
GPO (U.S. Government Printing Office Publications)
HEALTH1 (Health)
HEALTHBU1 (Healthcare Industry News)
HISTORY1 (History)
HUMANITIES (Humanities)
IMSSUB (IMSworld Subscriber Files)
IMSWORLD (IMSworld Files)
INFOSCI1 (Library and Information Services)
INSTRUM1 (Instrumentation and Control)
INTLCO (International Company Directories)
INTLNEWS1 (Global News (English-Language Sources))
INVESTMENT1 (Investment Analysts' Reports)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

IPO (Initial Public Offerings)
JAPANCO (Japanese Company Directories)
JAPANNEWS (Japanese Business News)
KOMPASS (KOMPASS Files)
LABOR1 (Labor)
LANGUAGE1 (Language and Linguistics)
LATINCO1 (Latin American Company Directories)
LATINNEWS1 (Latin American News)
LAW (Legal Information)
LAWENFOR1 (Law Enforcement)
LCCAT (LC Catalog Files)
LEISURE1 (Leisure/Recreation/Travel)
MAGSALL (Journals and Magazines)
MAGTEXT (Full-Text Journals and Magazines)
MANAGE1 (Management)
MANEWS1 (Mergers and Acquisitions News)
MANUFACT1 (Manufacturing)
MANUFBUS1 (Manufacturing Industry News)
MARINE (Marine Science)
MARKETFULL (Market Research Reports)
MATBUS1 (Materials Industry News)
MATERIALS1 (Materials)
MATH1 (Mathematics)
MATRANS1 (M&A Transactional Directories)
MECHENG1 (Mechanical Engineering)
MEDDEV1 (Medical Devices)
MEDDEVCO1 (Medical Device Company Profiles)
MEDENG1 (Medical Engineering)
MEDIADIR1 (Directories -- Periodicals and Other Media)
MEDICINE1 (Medicine)
MEDTAPS (Medical File ONTAPS)
MEDTEXT (Fulltext Medical Journal Files)
MERGEACQ (Mergers and Acquisitions)
METALS1 (Metals)
METEOROL1 (Meteorology)
MIDEASTC1 (Middle Eastern/African Company Directories)
MIDEASTN1 (Middle Eastern/African News)
MINING1 (Mining)
MKTRES1 (Market Research Information)
MSDS1 (Materials Safety Data Sheets)
MULTIIND1 (General Industry Information)
NATMKS1 (North America Trademarks)
NEWSCO1 (Company News)
NEWSDAILY (News, Current - Daily Updates)
NEWSFILE (News, Archival)
NEWSINDEX1 (Newspaper Indexes)
NEWSWIRES1 (Newswires)
NUCSCI1 (Nuclear Science)
NURSING1 (Nursing and Health Administration)
NUTRIT1 (Nutrition)
OILPAT1 (Petroleum and Energy Patents)
ONTAPS (Online Training And Practice Files)
OWNERS1 (Ownership)
PAINTS1 (Paints and Coatings)
PAPERS (Newspapers)
PAPERSCA (California Newspapers)
PAPERSCE (U.S. Central Region Newspapers)
PAPERSCO (Colorado Newspapers)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

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PAPERSDC  (District of Columbia Newspapers)
PAPERSEU  (European Newspapers)
PAPERSFL  (Florida Newspapers)
PAPERSGA  (Georgia Newspapers)
PAPERSIN  (Indiana Newspapers)
PAPERSKY  (Kentucky Newspapers)
PAPERSLA  (Louisiana Newspapers)
PAPERSMA  (Massachusetts Newspapers)
PAPERSME  (Maine Newspapers)
PAPERSMJ1  (U.S. Major Newspapers)
PAPERSMN  (Minnesota Newspapers)
PAPERSMO  (Missouri Newspapers)
PAPERSNC  (North Carolina Newspapers)
PAPERSNE  (U.S. Northeast Region Newspapers)
PAPERSNU  (New Papers added since March 1997)
PAPERSNY  (New York Newspapers)
PAPERSOH  (Ohio Newspapers)
PAPERSPA  (Pennsylvania Newspapers)
PAPERSSC  (South Carolina Newspapers)
PAPERSSE  (U.S. Southeast Region Newspapers)
PAPERSTX  (Texas Newspapers)
PAPERSUK  (United Kingdom Newspapers)
PAPERSVA  (Virginia Newspapers)
PAPERSWA  (Washington (State) Newspapers)
PAPERSWE  (U.S. Western Region Newspapers)
PAPERSWI  (Wisconsin Newspapers)
PAPERTECH  (Paper Technology)
PATAMER1  (American Patents)
PATASIA1  (Asia-Pacific Patents)
PATCITES1  (Patent Citation Files)
PATENTCN1  (Chinese Patents)
PATENTEP1  (European Patents)
PATENTFR1  (French Patents)
PATENTJP 1 (Japanese Patents)
PATENTS1  (Patents)
PATENTUS1  (U.S. Patents)
PATF  (Full Text U.S. Patents)
PATFAM1  (Equivalent Patents/Families)
PATFULL  (Full Text U.S. Patents
PATLEGAL  (U.S. Patent Litigation)
PATSTAT1  (Post-Issuance Legal Status)
PATTAPS  (Patent ONTAPS)
PATWORLD1  (Worldwide Patents)
PCINFO  (Personal Computer Information)
PEOPLE1  (People)
PETROL  (Petroleum, Oil and Gas)
PETROLA  (Petroleum, Oil and Gas + API Subscriber  Files)
PETROLP  (Petroleum, Oil and Gas + TULSA   Subscriber Files)
PHARM1  (Pharmacology)
PHARMIND1   (Pharmaceutical Industry News)
PHARMPAT1  (Pharmaceutical Patents)
PHARMR  (Pharmacology + RINGDOC-Files)
PHARMREG  (Pharmaceutical Regulation)
PHILOS1  (Philosophy and Religion)
PHIND  (Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Industry News  Files)
PHYSICS1  (Physics)
PIERS  (PIERS Export and Import Files
PJB   (PJB Files)
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ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

PKGTECH1 (Packaging Technology)
PLASTICS1 (Rubber and Plastics)
POLISCI1 (Political Science)
POLLUT1 (Pollution)
PRODANN1 (Product Announcements)
PRODINFO (Product Information)
PRODUCTS   (Industrial and Consumer Products)
PROUS (Prous Science Publishers Files)
PSYCH1 (Psychology)
PUBAFF (Public Affairs)
PUBCO1 (United States Public Company Filings and   Financials)
REGIONAL1 (United States Regional Business News)
REGS (Regulations)
REMARC (REMARC Files)
RESCENTERS1 (Research Centers)
RETAILBUS1 (Retail Industry News)
REVIEWS1 (Book Reviews)
RNCHEM (CAS(R) Registry Numbers - Chemistry Files)
RNLOOKUP1 (CAS(R) Registry Number Lookup)
RNMED (CAS(R) Registry Numbers - Medical Files)
SAFETY1 (Safety)
SCHOOLS (School Directories)
SCISEARCH (SCISEARCH files)
SCITAPS (Science and Technology ONTAPS)
SCITECH (Science and Technology)
SOCSCI1 (Social Science)
SOCTAPS (Social Science ONTAPS)
SOFTWARE1 (Software Directories)
STATUSEP1   (European Patent Office)
STATUSUS1 (United States Patent Office)
TAXACCT1 (Tax and Accounting)
TAXANALYSTS (Tax Analysts Files)
TECHDIR1 (Technology Company/Organization Directories)
TECHPAT1 (Technology Patents)
TELEBUS (Telecommunications Business)
TELECOM (Telecommunications Technology)
TEXTILE1 (Textiles)
TICKERDIR (Company Directories with Ticker   Symbols)
TICKERNEWS   (Company News Files with Ticker   Symbols)
TMKAMER1 (All America Trademarks)
TMKS1 (All Trademarks)
TMLEGAL (U.S. Trademark Litigation)
TODAYSNEWS1 (Today's News)
TOXHAND1 (Toxicity Handbooks)
TOXICOL1 (Toxicology)
TRADELIT1 (Trade Literature)
TRADEMEX1 (Trade Transactions - Mexico)
TRADEMKS1 (All Trademarks)
TRADEUS1 (Trade Transactions - United States)
TRANSBUS1 (Transportation Industry News)
TRANSPORT1 (Transportation)
UKCO1 (United Kingdom Company Directories)
UKFIN1 (United Kingdom Company Financials)
UKNEWS1 (United Kingdom News)
UMI (UMI Files)
USCO1 (U.S. Company Directories)
USFIN1 (U.S. Company Financial Sources)
USGOVPUB1 (U.S. Government Publications)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

USPATFUL1 (U.S. Patent Office (Official Gazette))
USPOLICY1 (U.S. Government Policy)
USREGS1 (U.S. Government Regulations)
USTMKS1 (U.S. Trademarks)
VETSCI1 (Veterinary Science)
WASHNEWS (Washington D.C. News)
WASTE1 (Waste Management)
WATER1 (Water and Aquatic Sciences)
WOPOLICY1 (World Government Policy)

1 New or modified category (November 1998)

FOR ONLINE HELP:
See HELP FIELDS 411 for searchable fields; HELP FORMAT 411 for output formats; HELP LIMIT 411 for limits; HELP RATES 411 for cost information; HELP SORT 411 for sorts.