



The Library is pleased to announce the preview release of **ERgo**

An invitation to participate in an exciting development !

You are invited to participate in the development of **ERgo**, an exciting new user information resource for students and staff of the University of Adelaide. With your input to help us improve it, we plan to have an official launch of this very important service in first semester 2006.

What is ERgo?

ERgo provides a **simple but powerful** way to search our Electronic Resources for references, and retrieve journal articles from the 16,000+ electronic journals to which the Library subscribes.

ERgo allows you to:

- search several databases at once, and see the results in a single, combined list
- find the available full text options with a single click
- retrieve the full text of an article (where available)
- make a document delivery request for the article, or search the Library Catalogue or other resources
- personalise **ERgo** to create your own collection of databases, save searches and results and email results to yourself

Link to ERgo from the Library's home page, at: <http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/>

Why is this labelled 'Preview'?

Right now, we have around 100 databases configured for use in **ERgo**. As you may imagine, there are many differences in the way these databases operate, and configuring them all to work through a single interface is a complex and difficult process. Work is ongoing to make searching as robust as possible, but some problems are yet to be resolved.

To help with the fine-tuning process, we are making available a preview version of **ERgo** during Semester 2 to gain more experience with the system in a real user environment.

We invite you to help us in improving the service, by sharing your impressions with the development team. We thank you for your assistance and your patience in using this service.

More information on ERgo is available from the project leader, Steve Thomas: telephone extension 35190 or email stephen.thomas@adelaide.edu.au

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The screenshot shows the 'Reference Wizard' interface for the University of Adelaide Library. The page title is 'The University of Adelaide Library' and the breadcrumb trail is 'The University of Adelaide > Library > Reference Wizard'. The main heading is 'Browse/Basic Search'. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Reference Wizard:** A sidebar menu with links for Quick Search, Basic Search, Advanced Search, Find Resources, About, and Help/Feedback.
- Login:** A section with a 'Login' button and text explaining that logging in allows users to create a personal collection and save searches.
- Saved Searches:** A section with a 'Please Login' message.
- University of Adelaide:** The university's logo and contact information, including the address (North Terrace, Adelaide SA 5005), phone (+61 8 8303 5372), fax (+61 8 8303 4369), and email (library@adelaide.edu.au).
- Search Interface:** The main search area, titled 'Step 1. Choose collection(s) to search:'. It features a 'Library Collections' table with columns for 'Select', 'Expand / Description', and 'Info'. The table lists several collections: 'Databases by Subject', 'Databases by Title', 'General Interest', 'Library Catalogues', 'Under Construction', and 'Web search'. A checkbox for 'Include library catalog in search?' is present. Below the table is 'Step 2. Enter your search details:', which includes a search input field, a 'search' button, a dropdown for 'Free Text', a dropdown for '20 records per page', a dropdown for 'Default order', and a checked checkbox for 'Remove Duplicate Hits?'. A 'View XML' button is also visible.
- Footer:** Copyright information for 2006, last modified date (26 April 2006), and contact details for the library administrator.

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Feedback

We are very keen to hear about your experiences while you are using ERgo and especially to find out about any problems that you may encounter.

Your feedback will be a valuable source of information on how the system is functioning, and will be of great help to us in fine tuning this new information resource.

Please let us know your opinion of ERgo on the Feedback form at:

<http://www.library.adelaide.edu.au/help/ergofb.html>