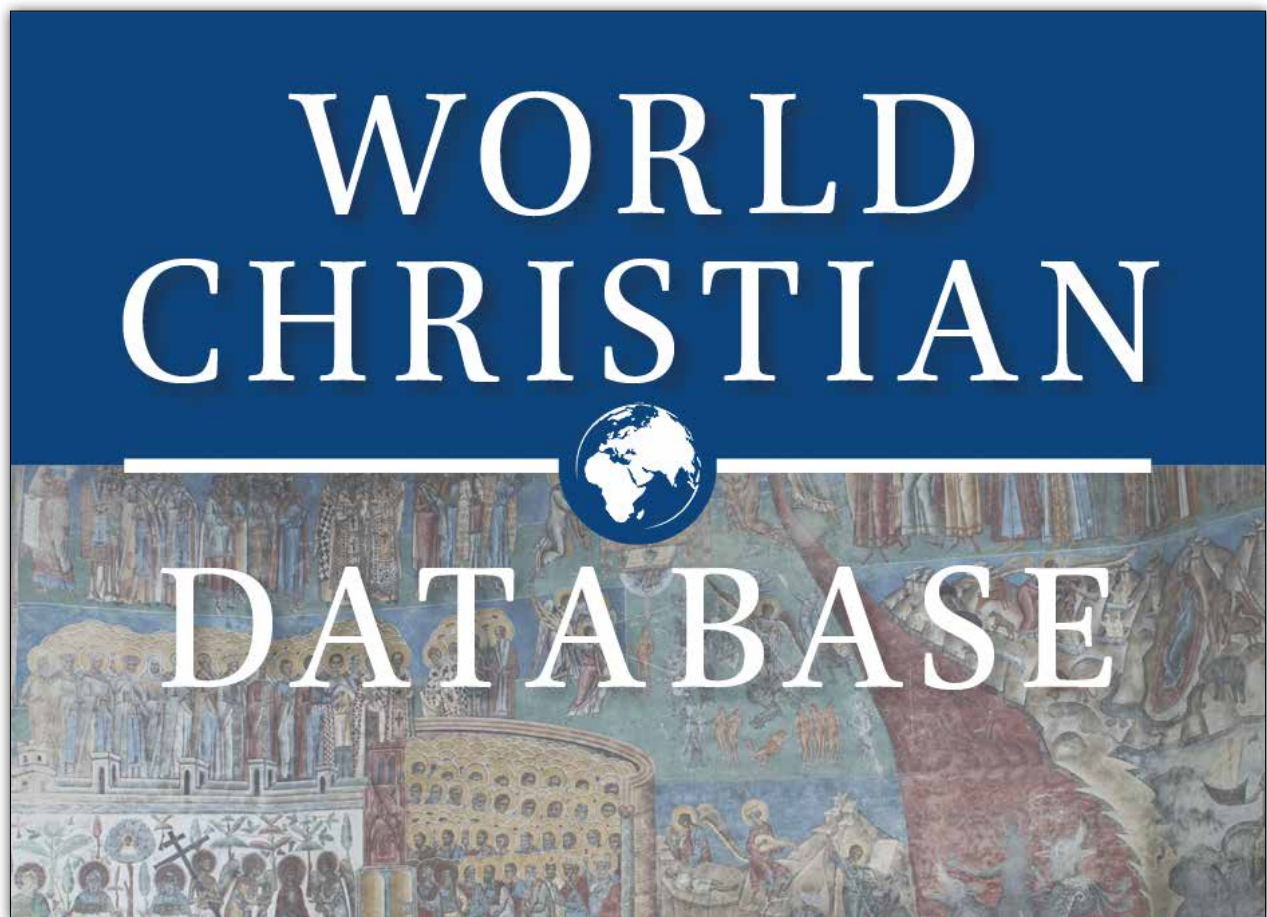




World Christian Database

User Guide



Renewed in 2018, with a new user interface, updated 'look and feel' and features for collaborative work, the World Christian Database (WCD) includes detailed information on 9,000 Christian denominations and on religions in every country of the world. Extensive data are available on 234 countries and 13,000 ethno-linguistic peoples, as well as on 5,000 cities and 3,000 provinces. Additional secular data is included on population, health, education, languages, and communication. Information is readily available on religious activities, growth rates, religious literature, worker activity, and demography.

Thousands of sources are evaluated and reviewed on a weekly basis by a professional staff dedicated to expanding and updating WCD. This makes WCD an extraordinary database, an invaluable reference tool for professionals, scholars, students, agencies, health organizations, and news media.

There is no other resource completely focused on providing global statistics on World Christianity today.

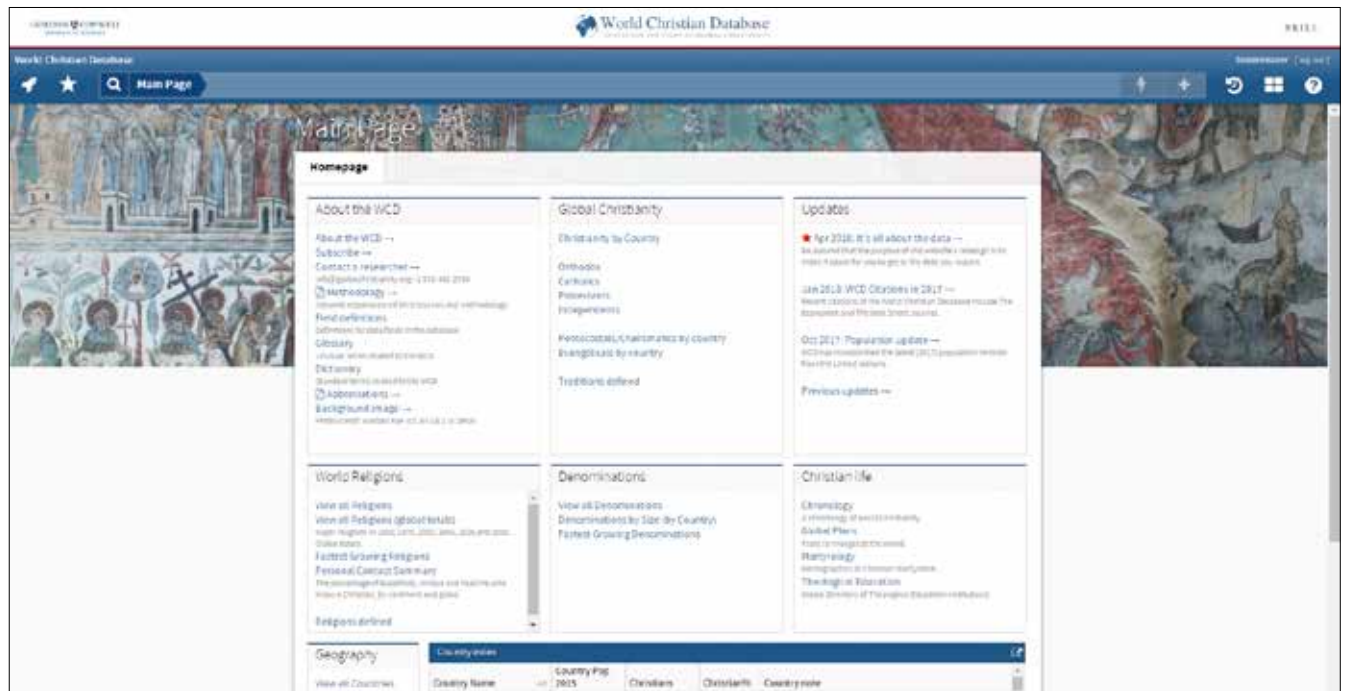
Navigating WCD

The World Christian 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.



USER GUIDE

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



WORLD CHRISTIAN DATABASE

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.



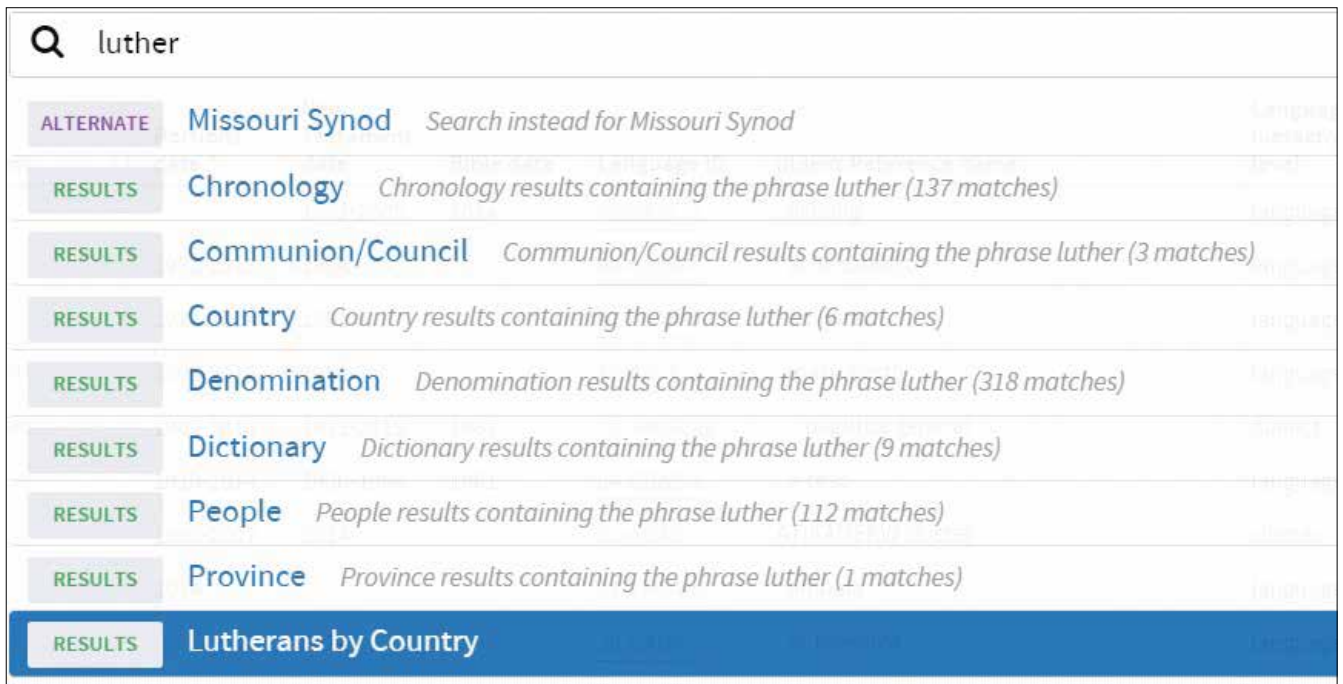
Favorites

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



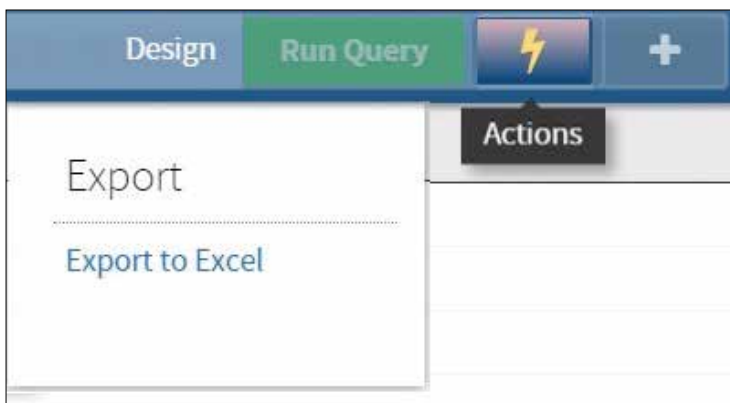
Search

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.



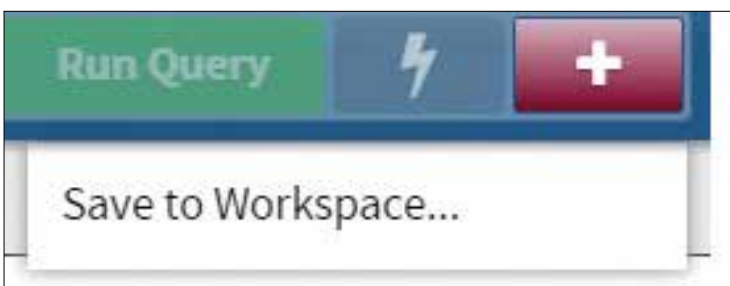
Actions

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.



Organize

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



History

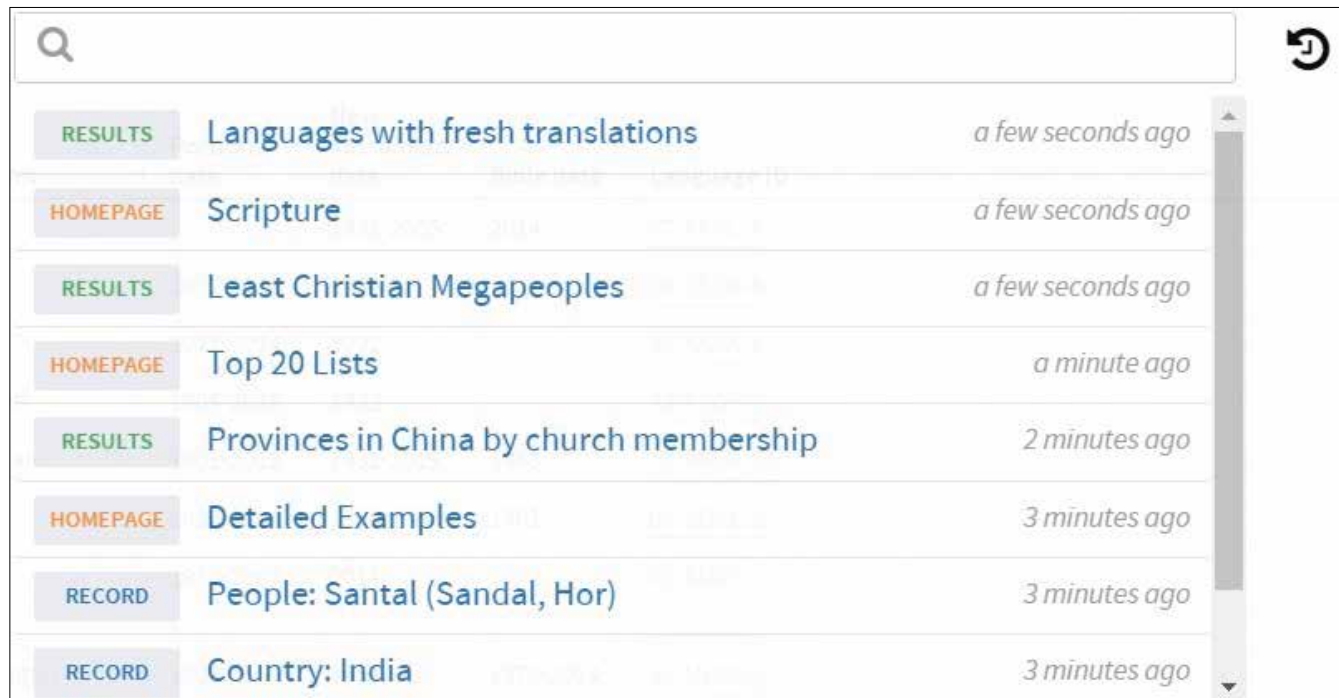
Click on the clock icon to see most recent search history. This icon allows for easy navigation to previously-viewed detail screens and query results.

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.



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.

Country of denomination	Denomination Name	Year Begun	Minor tradition	Affiliated 1970	Affiliated 2000	Affiliated 2015	Growth% pa 2000-2015	Congr
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Seventh-day Adventist Church	1909	Adventist	1,030	800	670	-1.18%	
Botswana	Africa Evangelical Church	1969	Nondenominational; national or ethnic; no ch...	115	2,000	3,600	4.00%	
Botswana	Anglican Church: D Botswana	1899	Anglican	7,000	10,900	10,000	-0.57%	
Botswana	Apostolic Faith Mission of Africa	1958	Baptistic-Pentecostal or Keswick-Pentecostal...	500	11,000	16,600	2.78%	
Botswana	Assemblies of God in Botswana	1963	Baptistic-Pentecostal or Keswick-Pentecostal...	2,000	12,000	26,000	5.29%	
Botswana	Baptist Convention of Botswana	1968	Baptist	150	1,100	1,800	3.34%	
Botswana	Christian Brethren	1968	Christian Brethren (Plymouth Brethren; Open ...	200	400	590	2.62%	
Botswana	Church of God of Prophecy	1958	Holiness-Pentecostal: 3-crisis-experience	1,440	2,000	1,700	-1.08%	
Botswana	Church of the Nazarene	1984	Holiness (Conservative Methodist, Wesleyan, ...	0	400	2,500	12.99%	
Botswana	Dutch Reformed Church (Mother Ch)	1830	Reformed, Presbyterian	2,000	3,000	2,800	-0.46%	

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

The screenshot shows the 'Fields' panel with a list of available fields. The 'Country Name' field is selected and its properties are shown in the 'Properties' panel. The 'Properties' panel shows the 'Country Name' field with a search filter 'begins with' and a text input field containing 'alge; azer'. Below the 'Properties' panel, there are three buttons: 'All Fields', 'Included Fields', and 'Field Properties'.

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.



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.

Save to workspace...

Personal ▼ info@globalchristianity.org

Users

- ▶ Dr. Zurlo

Type: Bookmark **New Query** Favorite: ☆

Description:

Workspace Overview / info@globalchristianity.org

Sort by: Description | Search workspace: | Add Bookmark

Workspaces

- Dr. Zurlo

Queries

- Christianity** #3740
Date Modified: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 10:13am by info@globalchristianity.org
- Orthodox by Country** #3739
Date Modified: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 9:24am by info@globalchristianity.org
- View all Religions (global totals)** #3738
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Bookmarks

- Christianity** #339
Country
Date Saved: Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 9:26am by info@globalchristianity.org

Notes

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': watch a demo video by co-editor Gina Zurlo on brill.com/wcd

Questions?

Please feel free to contact us whenever questions arise while using World Christian Database: sales-us@brill.com (the Americas) or sales-nl@brill.com (Europe, Middle East, Africa & Asia-Pacific)

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