

DIALINDEX®

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**.

An index to Categories and Supercategories 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.

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SAMPLE RECORD

?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

SAMPLE RECORD (cont'd)

Your last SELECT statement was:

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S (COLLEGE? OR UNIVERSIT?) (4N) (LIQUOR OR DRINKING OR ALCOHOL)/TI,LP,DE NOT
DRUG?/TI,LP,DE
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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 tdlc to re-run saved search.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SUPERCATEGORY ACRONYMS

ALLBIOSCI (Biosciences)
 ALLBUSINESS (Business)
 ALLCHEM (Chemistry)
 ALLCHEMH (Chemical Handbooks and Encyclopedias)
 ALLCODIR (Company Directories)
 ALLCOFIN (Company Financials and Reports)
 ALLCOMMON (Common Law Marks)
 ALLENERGY (Energy)
 ALLENG (Engineering)
 ALLENVIR (Environment)
 ALLGOVER (Government)
 ALLHUMAN (Humanities)
 ALLINDMK (Industries and Markets)
 ALLIP (Intellectual Property)
 ALLMATER (Materials)
 ALLMEDPH (Medicine and Pharmaceuticals)
 ALLNEWS (News)
 ALLONTAP (ONTAP Files)
 ALLPAPER (Newspapers Fulltext)
 ALLPAT (Patents)
 ALLPATFU (Patents - Fulltext)
 ALLPHYS (Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics Research)
 ALLPRODUCTS (Products)
 ALLREFERENCE (Reference)
 ALLSCIENCE (Science)
 ALLSOC (Social Sciences)
 ALLSOCHU (Social Sciences and Humanities)
 ALLTMKS (Trademarks)

Supercategories can only be searched in DIALINDEX.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS

ADCO (Advertising Company Directories)
 ADIS (ADIS Files)
 ADVERTBU (Advertising and Media Industry News)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

AEROBUS (Aerospace and Defense Industry News)
AEROSPACE (Aerospace)
AFPEW (Agence France Presse English Wires)
AFPFW (Agence France Presse French Wires)
AFRICANE (Africa News Files)
AGRI (Agriculture)
AGRIBUS (Food and Agriculture Industry News)
ALTMED (Alternative Medicine)
APNEWS (AP News Files)
ARCHITEC (Architecture)
ARTS (Arts and Humanities)
ARTTAPS (Arts and Humanities ONTAPS)
ASIACO (Asia/Pacific Company Directories)
ASIAFIN (Asia/Pacific Company Financials)
ASIANEWS (Asia/Pacific News)
ASSNS (Associations)
ASTRON (Astronomy)
AUTO (Automotive Research)
BIOBUS (Biosciences and Biotechnology Industry News)
BIOCHEM (Biochemistry)
BIOGRAPH (Biography)
BIOSCI (Biosciences)
BIOTAPS (Bioscience ONTAPS)
BIOTECH (Biotechnology)
BOOKS (Book Catalogs)
BRANDNMS (Brand Names)
BRIDGE (Bridge World Markets News)
BUSECON (Business Economics)
BUSSTAT (Industry/Product Statistics)
BUSTAPS (Business ONTAPS)
BUSWIRE (Business Wire Files)
BUYERS (Buyers Guides)
CANADACO (Canadian Company Directories)
CANADANE (Canadian News)
CANWIRE (Canada Newswire Files)
CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service)
CASREGNO (CAS(R) Registry Numbers-Chemical and Medical Files)
CERAMICS (Ceramics and Composites)
CHEMBUS (Chemical Industry News)
CHEMCO (Chemical Manufacturers/Suppliers)
CHEMENG (Chemical Engineering)
CHEMLIT (Chemical Literature)
CHEMPAT (Chemical Patent Files)
CHEMPROD (Chemical Product Directories)
CHEMPROP (Chemical Properties)
CHEMREGS (Chemical Regulation)
CHEMSUBS (Chemical Substances)
CHEMTAPS (Chemistry ONTAPS)
CITEDREF (Cited References)
CIVILENG (Civil Engineering)
CLAIMS (CLAIMS/U.S. Patents)
COATINGS (Paints and Coatings)
CODIR (Company Directories)
COMMON (Other Common Law Sources)
COMPOSITES (Ceramics and Composites)
COMPSCI (Computers/Electronics/Telecommunications)
CONFPAP (Conference Papers)
CONSUMER (Consumer Information)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

CORPHIER (Corporate Structure and Hierarchy)
COUNTRIE (Country Report)
DATABASE (Database Directories)
DEFBUS (Defense and Aerospace Industry)
DEFTAPS (Defense and Aerospace Industry ONTAPS)
DEFTECH (Defense Technology)
DRUGCO (Pharmaceutical Company Directories)
DRUGCOUN (Pharmaceutical Country Reports)
DRUGDEV (Drug Development Pipeline)
DRUGDIR (Drug Directories)
DRUGECON (Pharmacoeconomics)
DRUGPRO (Pharmaceutical Company Profiles)
DUNSINTL (D&B International Directory Files)
ECOLOGY (Ecology and Conservation)
ECON (Economics)
EDGAR (EdgarPlus(TM) Files)
EDUCAT (Education)
EECOMP (Electrical Engineering)
EIU (Economist Intelligence Unit Files)
ELECTENG (Electrical Engineering)
ELECTRON (Computers, Electronics, and Telecommunications)
ENERGY (Energy)
ENERGYA (Energy Files + API Subscriber files)
ENERGYBUS (Energy Industry News)
ENERGYP (Energy Files + TULSA Subscriber files)
ENERGYRE (Energy Regulation)
ENG (Engineering)
ENGBUS (Engineering and Construction News)
ENVIRON (Environment)
ENVREGS (Environmental Regulation)
EURBUSNEWS (European Regional Business News)
EUROMON (Euromonitor Files)
EUROPECO (European Company Directories)
EUROPEFIN (European Company Financials)
EUROPENEWS (European News Sources)
EUROTMKS (European and International Register Trademarks)
EVENTS (Upcoming Conferences and Events)
EXECNEWS (Executive News)
EXTEL (EXTEL International Files)
FBO (FedBizOps Daily Files)
FINBUS (Banking and Financial Services News)
FIRST (Continuously Updated News Files)
FOODREGS (Food Regulation)
FOODSCI (Food Sciences)
FORESTRY (Forestry)
FOUNDAT (Foundations/Grants)
FRANCENE (News of France)
FROST (Frost & Sullivan Files)
GENERALNEWS (General News Files)
GENMAGS (General Interest Magazines)
GEOLOGY (Geology)
GEOLOGYP (Geology + TULSA Subscriber file)
GEOPHYS (Geophysics)
GEOSCI (Geosciences)
GOVT (Government)
GOVTPROC (Business Opportunities/Procurement/Contracts)
GPO (U.S. Government Printing Office Publications)
HEALTH (Health)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

HEALTHBU (Healthcare Industry News)
HISTORY (History)
HUMANIT (Humanities)
IMS (IMS Files)
IMSSUB (IMSworld Subscriber Files)
INFOSCI (Library and Information Services)
INSTRUM (Instrumentation and Control)
INTLCO (International Company Directories)
INTLNEWS (Global News (English-Language Sources))
INVESTME (Investment Analysts' Reports)
IPO (Initial Public Offerings)
ITARTASS (ItarTass News Files)
JAPANCO (Japanese Company Directories)
JAPANNEWS (Japanese Business News)
KOMPASS (KOMPASS Files)
LABOR (Labor)
LANGUAGE (Language and Linguistics)
LATINCO (Latin American Company Directories)
LATINNEWS (Latin American News)
LAW (Legal Information)
LAWENFOR (Law Enforcement)
LCCAT (LC Catalog Files)
LEISURE (Leisure/Recreation/Travel)
MAGSALL (Journals and Magazines)
MAGTEXT (Full-Text Journals and Magazines)
MANAGE (Management)
MANEWS (Mergers and Acquisitions News)
MANUFACT (Manufacturing)
MANUFBUS (Manufacturing Industry News)
MARINE (Marine Science)
MARKETFU (Market Research Reports)
MATBUS (Materials Industry News)
MATERIALS (Materials)
MATH (Mathematics)
MATRANS (M&A Transactional Directories)
MECHENG (Mechanical Engineering)
MEDDEV (Medical Devices)
MEDDEVCO (Medical Device Company Profiles)
MEDENG (Medical Engineering)
MEDIADIR (Directories -- Periodicals/Other Media)
MEDICINE (Medicine)
MEDTAPS (Medical File ONTAPS)
MEDTEXT (Fulltext Medical Journal Files)
MERGEACQ (Mergers and Acquisitions)
METALS (Metals)
METEOROL (Meteorology)
MIDEASTC (Middle Eastern/African Company Directories)
MIDEASTN (Middle Eastern/African News)
MINING (Mining)
MKTRES (Market Research Information)
MSDS (Materials Safety Data Sheets)
MULTIIND (General Industry Information)
NAPAPLUS (Newspapers and Periodical Abstracts)
NATMKS (North America Trademarks)
NEWS2002 (Newsroom 2002 Content)
NEWSCO (Company News)
NEWSDAILY (News, Current - Daily Updates)
NEWSFILE (News, Archival)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

NEWSINDEX (Newspaper Indexes)
NEWSROOM (Newsroom files, all years)
NEWSWIRES (Newswires)
NUCSCI (Nuclear Science)
NURSING (Nursing and Health Administration)
NUTRIT (Nutrition)
OILPAT (Petroleum and Energy Patents)
ONTAPS (Online Training And Practice Files)
OTHERSOC (Other Sources)
OWNERS (Ownership)
PAINTS (Paints and Coatings)
PAPERS (Newspapers)
PAPERSCA (California Newspapers)
PAPERSCS (U.S. Central Region Newspapers)
PAPERSCO (Colorado Newspapers)
PAPERSDC (District of Columbia Newspapers)
PAPERSEU (European Newspapers)
PAPERSTX (Florida Newspapers)
PAPERSTG (Georgia Newspapers)
PAPERSTI (Indiana Newspapers)
PAPERSTK (Knight-Ridder Newspapers)
PAPERSTKY (Kentucky Newspapers)
PAPERSTLA (Louisiana Newspapers)
PAPERSTMA (Massachusetts Newspapers)
PAPERSTME (Maine Newspapers)
PAPERSTMJ (U.S. Major Newspapers)
PAPERSTMN (Minnesota Newspapers)
PAPERSTMO (Missouri Newspapers)
PAPERSTNC (North Carolina Newspapers)
PAPERSTNE (U.S. Northeast Region Newspapers)
PAPERSTNU (New Papers added since March 1997)
PAPERSTNY (New York Newspapers)
PAPERSTOH (Ohio Newspapers)
PAPERSTPA (Pennsylvania Newspapers)
PAPERSTSC (South Carolina Newspapers)
PAPERSTSE (U.S. Southeast Region Newspapers)
PAPERSTTX (Texas Newspapers)
PAPERSTUK (United Kingdom Newspapers)
PAPERSTVA (Virginia Newspapers)
PAPERSTWA (Washington (State) Newspapers)
PAPERSTWE (U.S. Western Region Newspapers)
PAPERSTWI (Wisconsin Newspapers)
PAPERSTECH (Paper Technology)
PATAMER (American Patents)
PATASIA (Asia-Pacific Patents)
PATCITES (Patent Citation Files)
PATENTCN (Chinese Patents)
PATENTEP (European Patents)
PATENTFR (French Patents)
PATENTJP (Japanese Patents)
PATENTS (Patents)
PATENTUS (U.S. Patents)
PATF (Full Text U.S. Patents)
PATFAM (Equivalent Patents/Families)
PATFULL (Full Text U.S. Patents)
PATLEGAL (U.S. Patent Litigation)
PATSTAT (Post-Issuance Legal Status)
PATTAPS (Patent ONTAPS)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

PATTEXT (Fulltext Patents)
PATWORLD (Worldwide Patents)
PCINFO (Personal Computer Information)
PEOPLE (People)
PETROL (Petroleum, Oil and Gas)
PETROLA (Petroleum, Oil and Gas + API Subscriber Files)
PETROLP (Petroleum, Oil and Gas + TULSA Subscriber Files)
PHARM (Pharmacology)
PHARMIND (Pharmaceutical Industry News)
PHARMPAT (Pharmaceutical Patents)
PHARMR (Pharmacology + RINGDOC-Files)
PHARMREG (Pharmaceutical Regulation)
PHILOS (Philosophy and Religion)
PHIND (Pharmaceutical and Healthcare News Files)
PHYSICS (Physics)
PIERS (PIERS Export and Import Files)
PJB (PJB Files)
PKGTECH (Packaging Technology)
PLASTICS (Rubber and Plastics)
POLISCI (Political Science)
POLLUT (Pollution)
PRNEWS (PR Newswire Files)
PRODANN (Product Announcements)
PRODINFO (Product Information)
PRODUCTS (Industrial and Consumer Products)
PROMT (PROMT Files)
PROUS (Prous Science Publishers Files)
PSYCH (Psychology)
PUBAFF (Public Affairs)
PUBCO (United States Public Company Filings and Financials)
REGIONAL (United States Regional Business News)
REGS (Regulations)
REMARC (REMARC Files)
RESCENTE (Research Centers)
RETAILBU (Retail Industry News)
REVIEWS (Book Reviews)
RNCHEM (CAS(R) Registry Numbers - Chemistry Files)
RNLOOKUP (CAS(R) Registry Number Lookup)
RNMED (CAS(R) Registry Numbers - Medical Files)
SABI (South American Business Information)
SAFETY (Safety)
SCHOOLS (School Directories)
SCISEARCH (SCISEARCH files)
SCITAPS (Science and Technology ONTAPS)
SCITECH (Science and Technology)
SECONLIN (SEC Online Files)
SOCSCI (Social Science)
SOCTAPS (Social Science ONTAPS)
SOFTWARE (Software Directories)
STATUSEP (European Patent Office)
STATUSUS (United States Patent Office)
TAXACCT (Tax and Accounting)
TECHDIR (Technology Company/Organization Directories)
TECHPAT (Technology Patents)
TELEBUS (Telecommunications Business)
TELECOM (Telecommunications Technology)
TEXTILE (Textiles)
TICKERDI (Company Directories with Ticker Symbols)

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF CATEGORY ACRONYMS (cont'd)

TICKERNE (Company News Files with Ticker Symbols)
TMKAMER (All America Trademarks)
TMKS (All Trademarks)
TMLEGAL (U.S. Trademark Litigation)
TODAYSNE (Today's News)
TOXHAND (Toxicity Handbooks)
TOXICOL (Toxicology)
TRADE (Trade & Import/Export Files)
TRADELIT (Trade Literature)
TRADEMEX (Trade Transactions - Mexico)
TRADEMKS (All Trademarks)
TRADEUS (Trade Transactions - United States)
TRANSBUS (Transportation Industry News)
TRANSPOR (Transportation)
UKCO (United Kingdom Company Directories)
UKFIN (United Kingdom Company Financials)
UKNEWS (United Kingdom News)
UPI (UPI News Files)
USCO (U.S. Company Directories)
USFEDNEW (U.S. Federal News Files)
USFIN (U.S. Company Financial Sources)
USGOVPUB (U.S. Government Publications)
USNEWSWI (U.S. Newswire Files)
USPATFUL (U.S. Patent Office (Official Gazette))
USPOLICY (U.S. Government Policy)
USREGS (U.S. Government Regulations)
USTMKS (U.S. Trademarks)
VETSCI (Veterinary Science)
WASHNEWS (Washington D.C. News)
WASTE (Waste Management)
WATER (Water and Aquatic Sciences)
WOPOLICY (World Government Policy)
WPI (World Patent Index Files)
XINHUA (Xinhua News Files)

Databases within each category can be displayed online while searching Dialog, by entering HELP categoryname, e.g., HELP USREGS.

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.