

Iraqi Union Catalog

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Introduction.

The Iraqi Union Catalog aims to establish a unified framework for collaborative work among Iraqi libraries academic, public, and specialized—in order to promote resource sharing, reduce costs, and standardize the rules and technologies used in cataloging and classification processes. Additionally, the catalog seeks to develop a scientific mechanism for identifying, documenting, and preserving Arab and Islamic heritage, both published and unpublished, which is widely dispersed across Arab and non-Arab libraries around the world.

Establishment.

In collaboration between the Iraqi Society for Information Technology and the Center for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs of the Holy Shrine of Imam Hussein, the Iraqi Union Catalog was launched on December 29, 2016, with an initial dataset comprising the holdings of the Library of the Holy Shrine of Imam Hussein and four university libraries: the University of Technology Library, the University of Baghdad Library, the University of Karbala Library, and the University of Babylon Library.

One year after its launch, the number of libraries that had contributed their data to the catalog's database exceeded 20 libraries, most of which were academic institutions. The number of cataloged records reached approximately 400,000 entries, representing more than 800,000 print and digital resources.

Accessing the Iraqi Union Catalog Website.

We can access the Iraqi Union Catalog website through the following link: <https://iquc.org/>.

This catalog operates using the Koha Integrated Library System (ILS), which enables the integration of multiple libraries into a unified working environment. It also provides users with the ability to search across the entire catalog's holdings or select a specific library for a more focused search.

The Iraqi Union Catalog supports two languages for searching and use: Arabic and English, allowing users to choose their preferred language based on their needs and preferences.

Upon accessing the link above, the homepage of the Iraqi Union Catalog will appear. It features a search box that enables users to search for topics they are interested in to retrieve relevant information resources.

a collection of topics is displayed below the search box, allowing users to browse and select from them. The number of available resources for each topic is also shown, as illustrated in the following figure.

الفهرس العراقي الموحد

Enter your search keyword here ...



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below the search box, a collection of topics is displayed. Users can view all the topics covered by the Iraqi Union Catalog by clicking on the "View All Topics" option. Upon doing so, a table will appear displaying all the topics, along with the number of available resources under each topic, as shown in the following figure.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Iraqi Union Catalog. The header features the logo 'الفهرس العراقي الموحد' and the language 'Ar'. Below the header is a grid of 49 topics, each with a corresponding number of resources. The topics are arranged in a 7x7 grid, with the last cell in the bottom row containing a truncated topic name.

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علوم القرآن	القانون	الرجال والتراجم	الاحاطة الجارية	الفلسفة	الدراسات الشعرية	الادارة
مصدر 2020	مصدر 1911	مصدر 1867	مصدر 1745	مصدر 1324	مصدر 1314	مصدر 1187
تفسير القرآن	علم النفس	القصص والروايات	تاريخ العراق	الحديث الشريف	النقد الادبي	علم الاقتصاد
مصدر 1168	مصدر 1119	مصدر 1114	مصدر 1080	مصدر 1061	مصدر 997	مصدر 965
الرسائل الجامعية	اللغة العربية	الصحافة والاعلام	الاسرة	فارغ	علم النحو	الاخلاق
مصدر 962	مصدر 933	مصدر 900	مصدر 871	مصدر 862	مصدر 804	مصدر 782
علم الاجتماع	امير المؤمنين (ع)	اللغات الاجنبية	النبي الاعظم (ص)	اللغة الفارسية	اهل البيت (ع)	اصول الفقه
مصدر 761	مصدر 753	مصدر 717	مصدر 705	مصدر 693	مصدر 674	مصدر 666
الطب	علم التربية	الملل والنحل	الكتب والمكتبات	التصوف والعرفان	الفنون والحرف اليدوية	الدراسات اللغوية
مصدر 646	مصدر 642	مصدر 611	مصدر 576	مصدر 574	مصدر 553	مصدر 539
علوم الحديث	مناهج وطرق التدريس	الزراعة	عن الامام الحسين (ع)	نما والمسرح والتلفزيون	الجغرافية	علوم الحاسبات

Searching the Catalog

The Iraqi Union Catalog offers two types of searches: Basic Search and Advanced Search.

1) Basic Search:

This type of search requires no prior experience from the user. All the user needs to do is enter a search term into the search box displayed on the homepage. The system will then display the results that match the query.

if a user searches for a topic or term such as "Information", the results will be presented in a list format, including multiple records of information resources. The user can choose from these results after selecting the relevant library, and each record will also display the barcode associated with the resource, as shown in the following figure.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the search results for the term "information" on the IQUC website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: https://iquc.org/search?q=information&offset=0&r=505. The website's header features the logo of the National Library and Archives of the State of Palestine and the text "القطيب العراقي للبحوث". The search bar contains the term "information" and shows 121 results in 0.73 seconds. Below the search bar, there are filters for "All", "الكتب", "ملفات رقمية", "المجلات", "Map", "Manuscript", "الرسائل الجامعية", "All library", and "All". The first result is highlighted in blue and contains the following information:

الرسائل الجامعية "GIS" = Spatial Analysis of Public services (Schools and Kindergartens) in Nablus City Using the Tool of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) / طاهر جمعة طاهر يوسف.

By: يوسف، طاهر جمعة طاهر [مؤلف].

Language: Arabic **Summary language:** English **Spoken language:** Arabic

Publisher: نابلس، فلسطين : جامعة النجاح الوطنية، كلية الدراسات العليا، 2007

Description: ورقة : جداول، خرائط ؛ 30 سم b - ب - س، 139

Content type: نص **Media type:** بدون وسيط **Carrier type:** مجلد

Other title: Spatial Analysis of Public services (Schools and Kindergartens) in Nablus City Using the Tool of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

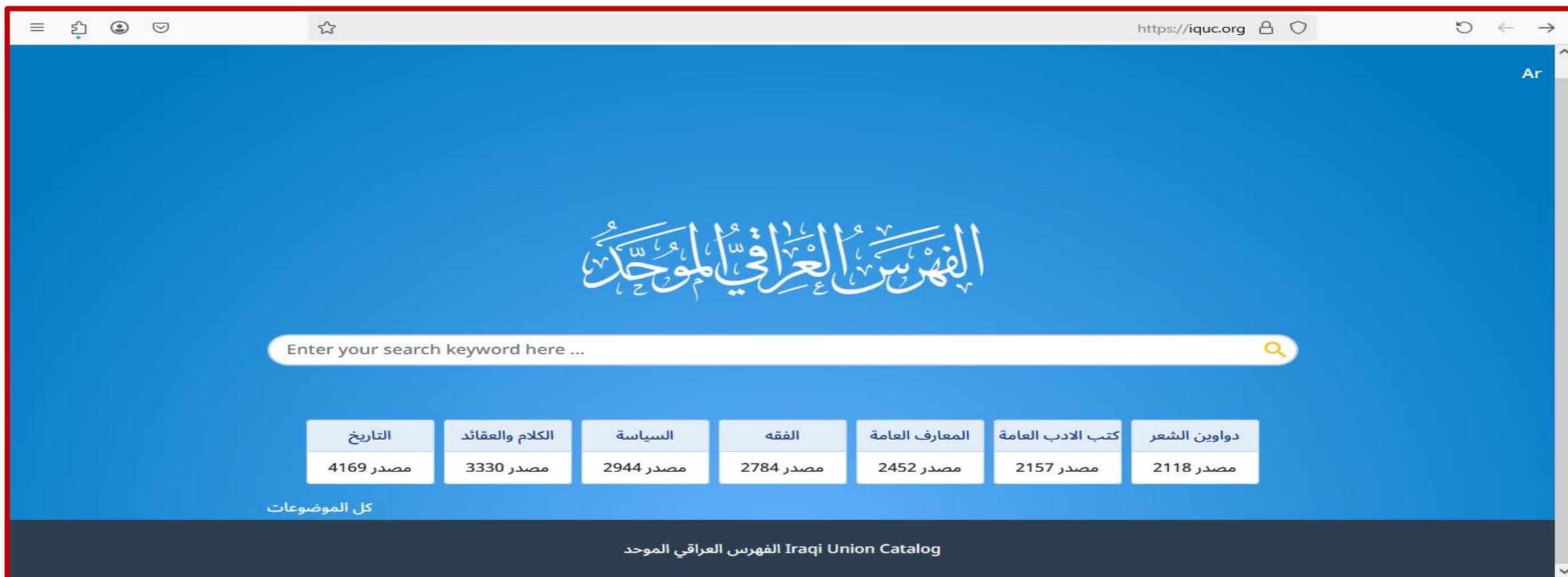
Dissertation note: رسالة الماجستير جامعة النجاح الوطنية، كلية الدراسات العليا، 2007.

barcode : 0000118970 **library :** كربلاء

2. Advanced Search:

Advanced Search provides more sophisticated options to customize the search process, allowing users to obtain more precise results compared to the Basic Search described above.

To perform an advanced search, users need to return to the system's homepage and click on the link located at the bottom of the page, as shown in the following figure.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Iraqi Union Catalog (Iraqi Union Catalog). The page features a blue background with the title 'الفهرس العراقي الموحد' (Iraqi Union Catalog) in white Arabic calligraphy. Below the title is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Enter your search keyword here ...'. Underneath the search bar is a table with seven columns, each representing a different subject area and its corresponding number of sources. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text 'كل الموضوعات' (All subjects) and 'Iraqi Union Catalog الفهرس العراقي الموحد'.

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Enter your search keyword here ...

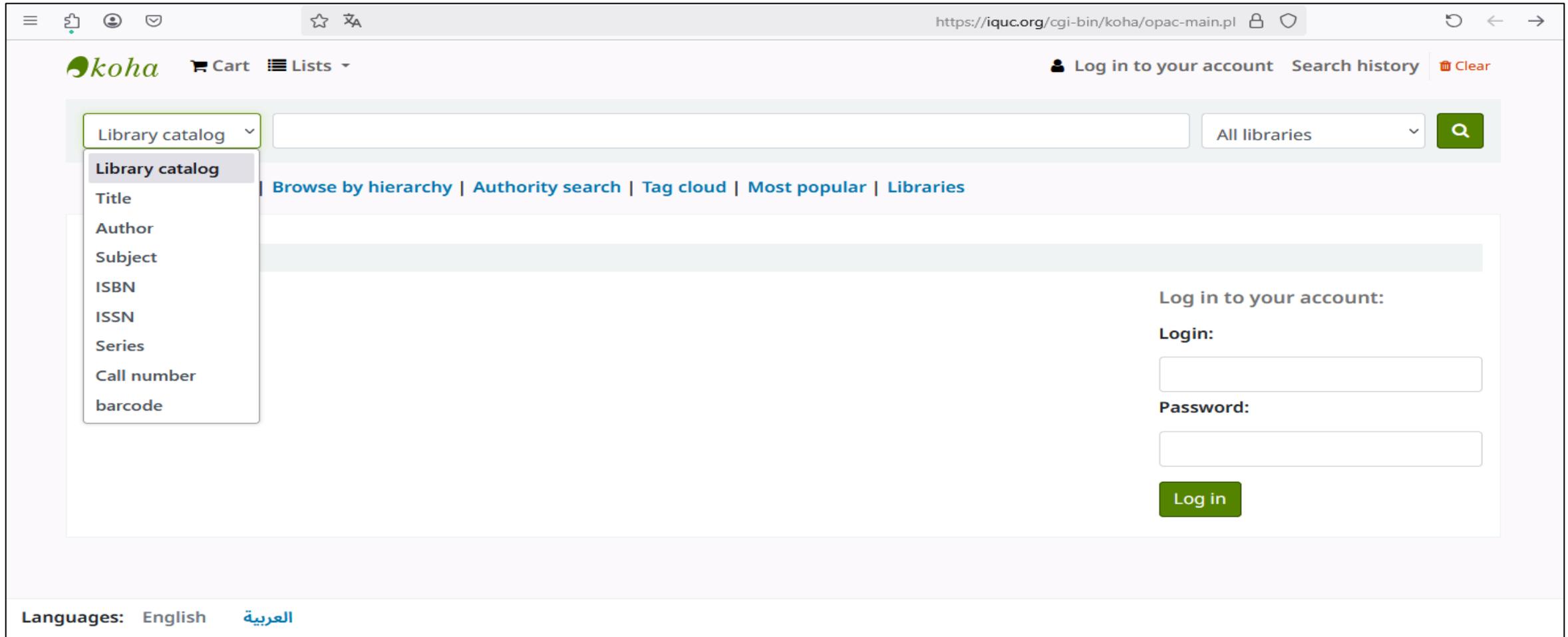
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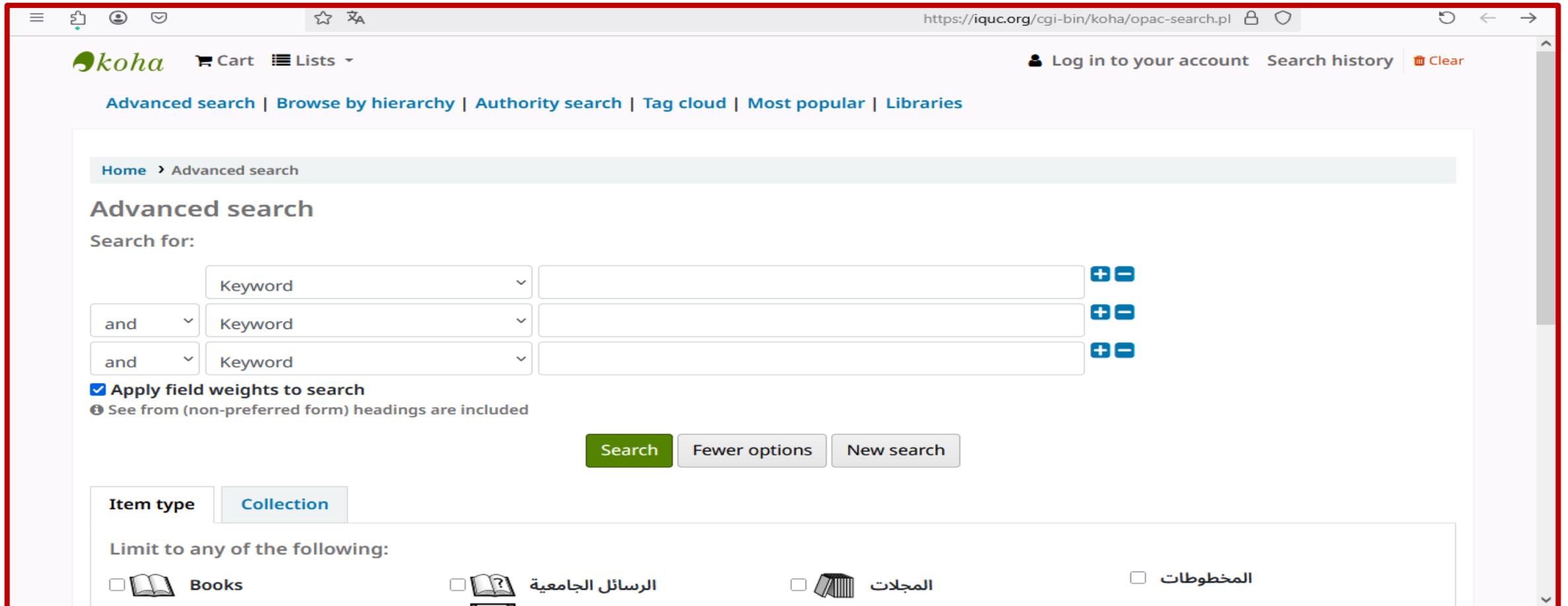
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Additionally, users have the ability to narrow their search by specifying particular fields, which allows for more focused and efficient retrieval of information, as illustrated in the following figure:



To perform an Advanced Search, the user must click on the “Advanced Search” option located at the top left corner of the page. Upon clicking this option, a set of filters and search parameters will appear, allowing the user to narrow down the search criteria and obtain more accurate and relevant results, as shown in the following figure:



The screenshot displays the Koha library system's advanced search page. At the top, the Koha logo is on the left, and navigation links for 'Cart' and 'Lists' are in the center. On the right, there are links for 'Log in to your account', 'Search history', and 'Clear'. Below the header, a navigation bar offers options: 'Advanced search' (selected), 'Browse by hierarchy', 'Authority search', 'Tag cloud', 'Most popular', and 'Libraries'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Advanced search' and a title 'Advanced search'. The search section includes a 'Search for:' label and three search rows. Each row has a dropdown menu set to 'Keyword', a text input field, and expand/collapse buttons (+/-). The first two rows are connected by 'and' dropdowns. Below the search rows, there is a checked checkbox for 'Apply field weights to search' and an information icon with the text 'See from (non-preferred form) headings are included'. At the bottom of the search section are three buttons: 'Search' (green), 'Fewer options', and 'New search'. A filter section titled 'Item type' shows 'Collection' as the selected filter. Below this, a section 'Limit to any of the following:' contains four checkboxes with corresponding icons and labels: 'Books', 'الرسائل الجامعية' (University Journals), 'المجلات' (Magazines), and 'المخطوطات' (Manuscripts).

After specifying the keywords, subject, and author's name, the user can then click on the Search button to display the results based on the selected criteria — as shown in the following figure:



The screenshot displays a library catalog interface. At the top, there are navigation links: [Advanced search](#), [Browse by hierarchy](#), [Authority search](#), [Tag cloud](#), [Most popular](#), and [Libraries](#). The main content area shows the details for a book. The breadcrumb trail is: [Home](#) > Details for: [التكشيف والمكانز والمستخلصات بين الاعمال الفنية والاعوية المرجعية والخدمات المعلوماتية المعاصرة /](#). Below this, there are three view options: [Normal view](#), [MARC view](#), and [ISBD view](#). The title of the book is **التكشيف والمكانز والمستخلصات بين الاعمال الفنية والاعوية المرجعية والخدمات المعلوماتية المعاصرة / تأليف محمد عبد الجواد شريف**. The author is listed as **By: شريف, محمد عبد الجواد**. The material type is **Text**, the language is **Arabic**, and the publication information is **دمشق : دار العلم والايمان للنشر والتوزيع, 2014م**. The edition is **الطبعة الأولى**, the description is **سم 24**, and the ISBN is **977-308-245-8**. The subject(s) are [خدمات المعلومات](#), [المستخلصات](#), [المكانز](#), and [الكتب والمكتبات](#). The LOC classification is **Z695.9 .S53 2014**. The item type is **Books**. There are **Holdings (2)** and **Comments (0)**. The page also features a sidebar with options: [Browse results](#), [Previous](#), [Back to results](#), [Next >>](#), [Print](#), [Add to your cart](#), [Unhighlight](#), [Save record](#), and [More searches](#). The average rating is **0.0 (0 votes)**.

After conducting the search—where the author's name (Mohammed) was specified, along with the subject and keywords related to information and libraries—the results appeared according to the selected criteria.

However, Advanced Search does not stop there. It also allows users to filter results by the type of information resources they wish to retrieve. For instance, users may choose to view only books, theses and dissertations, journals, manuscripts, or other types of resources. This added level of filtering enhances the precision of the search, as illustrated in the following

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select the type of resource

https://iquc.org/cgi-bin/koha/opac-search.pl

Search Fewer options New search

Item type **Collection**

Limit to any of the following:

 Books  الرسائل الجامعية  المجلات  المخطوطات

 خرائط  ملفات رقمية

Location and availability:
All libraries v
 Only items currently available for loan or reference

Sort by:
Relevance v

Publication date range
For example: 1999-2001. You could also use "-1987" for everything published in and before 1987 or "2008-" for everything published in 2008 and after.

Language
No limit v

Audience
Any audience v

Content
Any content v

Format
Any format v

Additional content types for books/printed materials
Any v

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