HOW TO USE OA-ONLINE

Homepage

Warning

You should type any information both ways:
- words without any orthographic signs: الأثير, الأمدي...
- words with orthographic and vocalic signs: الأَثِير, الآمِدِي...

Signs and symbols

ISM (ism): ئئئئ means that the “ism” is quoted in the source.
# means “approximately”
% means “around” (date) or “deduced” (information)
? means “uncertainty” in the data
+ means “more than”
- means “less than”
Search

You want to look for one name (ism): محمود. You type محمود in “content” then click on Search and you will get all the Mahmoud quoted anywhere in the database “content”. You want to check whether محمود can be quoted in “comment”, you type it in “comment”, then Search.

You look for a sequence of words: عزّ الدولة والدين by typing it in “content” and you can get all the identities of those whose honorific title is عزّ الدولة والدين.

You want to find all the identities related to Egypt and Cairo, you type مصر in “content” and you will get all the مصر. المصري. مصرية آله.

You type the nisba السلامي, and you have no specific vocalization in mind. You get all the id with the ductus السُلَمِي but if you look for an id called al-sulamī you have to mark off Strict and you type the word with its vowels سُلَمَي. If you need to type سلّامي remember that sukun (ۛ) is not quoted in OA2.

View an entry

The OA2 data begins with id 1001. Each identity begins with an “id” number. You will use View an entry when you will get a handle on the database.

Advanced search
Before using “Advanced search”, have a look at Advanced search elements (Documents) and find out the list of categories. Advanced Search offers the possibility to restrict your quest to one category or to combine several categories.

You may choose one category and type a data in “Content” or in “Comment”. You may also combine categories by adding one or several new lines. You will get all the occurrences registrated in the database.

Something to remember: the sign _ equal to “search all”

For example:
You need to find out all the occupations (SWM) in شندرات الذهب لابن العماد
You will select REF and type SD in “content”, then click Add another line, select SWM and type _ in “content”.
To delete a search line, click on X on the right.
Then click on Search.
As a result, you will obtain **7560 entries**:
The answer can be visualised both ways: **List** or **Table**.

Ex.: a search about physical particularities (SIF) of the individuals quoted in SD.

**List**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comments</th>
<th>Contents</th>
<th>Category</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ISM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SUH</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NSB</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SIF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MAT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SD, t. 1, p. 131</td>
<td>REF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SD1, t. 1, p. 131</td>
<td>REF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Table**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comments</th>
<th>Contents</th>
<th>Category</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>ISM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SUH</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>NSB</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>SIF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>MAT</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SD, t. 1, p. 131</td>
<td>REF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SD1, t. 1, p. 131</td>
<td>REF</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Go to this person*

**Customize category view** allows to tick or to tick off items in the category viewer:
Sorting options allows to sort the results alphabetically
You may choose from one to three categories and you can change the sorting order from ascending to descending or vice versa.

For example:
You search for all the *nisba* (NSB) in Nağși’s *Riğāl* (RN). If you want them in alphabetical order, click on **Category 1**, select NSB, then click on **Sort**.
You can also sort these *nisba*-s in alphabetical order of any other category. For example: Category one ISM, Category 2 IAB, Category 3 GAD.

Remember that you can first customize the categories you want to appear on your computer screen before selecting Sorting options. Here the result appears with the following categories: ISM, IAB, GAD, NSB and MAT.
SOME EXAMPLES FROM SD
(شذرات الذهب لابن العماد)

Quest 1

What are all the professions, crafts, occupations (SWM) held by the individuals registered in SD?

Click “advanced search”, then select SWM (شغل, وظيفة, منصب),
Type _ in “content”, and you will get all the biographies which contain the category SWM.

Quest 2

How to find out the names (ism) which contains a ظ tā’ marbūta in شذرات الذهب لابن العماد

1. click on “advanced search”, then select:
ISM “ends with (fragment), type ظ in content

2. click on “Add another line”, choose REF and type SD in “content”

3. click on Search

There are 286 entries
If you want to know how many are women, go back to **Advanced search**, add another line, select GNS (concerns women and girls) and type _ in “content”. Click on search:

and you will get 88 entries.
Quest 3

Who travelled to Bagdad in search of knowledge during the VI\textsuperscript{th} Century?

1. who travelled to Bağdâd:
   open “advanced search”, then in “category” select:
   HRI, and activate the drop-down menu by typing ب، then select بغداد
   Add another line

2. and died between 500 and 600:
   select MAT
   less than and type 600
   greater than and type 500

And you will get 25 entries. You can sort the answers chronologically: click on Sorting options, select MAT in Category 1 (ASC).