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## Using TREN: the Theological Research Exchange Network

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# Searching TREN

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- Search results can be limited to institution through the Advanced Search option.
- TREN searches are more limited than most databases. For an extended explanation of how to search, see the [TREN search instructions](#).

# Searching TREN: Advanced Search

- The Advanced Search allows you to limit to institution, so you can get a list of IWS dissertations by year.

**Search For Theses/Dissertations:**

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- The Advanced Search also enables a subject search.

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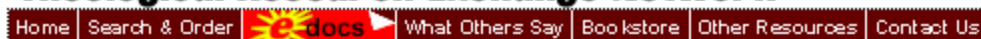
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# Searching TREN: eDocs

- On the TREN main page, click on eDocs.

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- On the eDocs page, use the Search eDocs box for a basic keyword search.



- Click “more search options” for the advanced search.

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