

## Basic STN Commands

STN has two versions of command language:

- NOVICE (at least the first four letters of the command) - You are prompted for all information necessary to process the command.
- EXPERT (the first three letters of the command, and in some cases just the first letter) - You are not prompted for additional information, so you should supply all information that is not a default option.

The command tables below identify both the NOVICE (shown in purple) and EXPERT (shown in black) versions of the command.

## Main Commands

Main commands are ordered as you might use them in a searching session.

Use this command:	When you want to:	Example
INDEX IND	Scan two or more databases or a cluster of databases for topics before you search them.	=> INDEX CAPLUS EMBASE => IND GOVREGS
FILE FIL	Enter a database or cluster to search or display answers.	=> FILE REGISTRY => FIL PATENTS
EXPAND E	Look at the neighboring terms in a search index to verify that it is a valid search term. Twelve terms are shown by default. To continue down the same index, enter E <RETURN>. If you do not append a search code, the Basic Index is examined.	=> EXPAND BATES C/AU => E GLYCERIN
SEARCH S	Perform a search. If you do not append a search code, the search is performed in the Basic Index.	=> SEARCH BATES C/AU => S TSCA
DISPLAY D	Display answers. Non-consecutive answer numbers must be separated by commas or spaces. For a list of fields that may be displayed, enter HELP DFIELDS at an arrow prompt in the database.	=> DISPLAY 1-5,8 => D L2 1 4 TI AU
LOGOFF LOG Y	End your online session.	=> LOGOFF => LOG Y
LOGOFF HOLD LOG H	Temporarily end your online session and hold the entire session for 120 minutes at no charge.	=> LOGOFF HOLD => LOG H

## Additional Commands

Use this command:	When you want to:	Example
ANALYZE ANA	Extract terms from display fields and provide statistical analysis. For a list of fields that may be used, enter HELP EFIELDS at an arrow prompt in the database.	=> ANALYZE L3 1-PA => ANA HIT L1 AU
ARCHIVE ARC	Purchase the right to store STN search results for up to n users within your worldwide organization.	=> ARCHIVE 100 10 => ARC 100 10

Use this command:	When you want to:	Example
DISPLAY BROWSE D BRO	Browse through an answer set. You can view consecutive answers, non-consecutive answers, change formats, and view additional answers without re-entering the DISPLAY command.	=> DISPLAY BROWSE L4 => D BRO
DUPLICATE DUP	Remove or identify duplicate records from one or more answer sets.	=> DUPLICATE REM L5 => DUP IDE L1 L2
HELP ?	Request online help. Enter HELP and a command name for help on how to use a specific command. Enter HELP MESSAGES for a list of all online help messages available. Enter HELP DIRECTORY in a database for a list of helps for the database. Enter HELP COST in a database for pricing details for the database. Enter HELP PRICE for STN pricing information.	=> HELP INDEX => ? DIS BROWSE
NEWS	Display current news headlines on STN. To see a specific news item, enter NEWS followed by the number or name of the news item at the arrow prompt. To see current content information for a database, enter NEWS FILE at an arrow prompt in the database.	=> NEWS => NEWS 8 => NEWS HOURS
ORDER	Order a document from a document supplier. For a list of suppliers, enter HELP ORDER SUPPLIER at an arrow prompt.	=> ORDER
PRINT	Print answers by delivering them to an e-mail address.	=> PRINT L3
REDISTRIBUTE RED	Purchase the right to redistribute STN search results for up to n users within your worldwide organization.	=> REDISTRIBUTE 250 5 => RED 250 5
SAVE SAV	Save an L-number query, answer set, or list in your long-term storage. A monthly fee is charged for saved items. You must enter an L-number and a name ending in /Q for a query, /A for an answer set, or /L for an L-number list.	=> SAVE L6 VISION/Q => SAV L1 COMIC/A => SAV ALL C6H6/L
SDI (or ALERT)	Request that current-awareness searches be run automatically when a database or a set of databases is updated.	=> SDI => SDI MFILE
SELECT SEL	Extract terms from display fields that can then be used as search terms. For a list of fields that may be used, enter HELP EFIELDS at an arrow prompt in the database.	=> SELECT L1 1-5 RN => SEL L1 1-5 HIT RN
SET	Set various session parameters. When you SET a parameter, it remains in effect until you log off or modify the SET parameter. For a list of SET commands, enter HELP SET at an arrow prompt.	=> SET DFORMAT HIT => SET DUPORDER FILE => SET UNIT MP=C
TRANSFER TRA	Extract terms from display fields and search them in a single step.	=> TRANSFER L1 1- AU => TRA L2 PN, APPS 1-10

### For more information

Enter HELP, followed by the name of the command, e.g., HELP ANALYZE.

See also other STN Documentation available at [www.cas.org](http://www.cas.org).

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