Lexis-Nexis Academic Tutorial

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Accessing Lexis-Nexis

• To access Lexis-Nexis from the Bell Library homepage, click on “Find Articles” and then “Multiple Subjects” on the Quick Search page.
Lexis-Nexis (Finding newspaper articles)

- Enter Lexis-Nexis Academic, click on the “News” tab on the top.
Lexis-Nexis (newspaper articles)

- On the News page, enter your **Search Term(s)** (Step 1), then select a **News Source** (Step 2) from the drop-down list such as U.S. Newspapers and wires. Next, **Specify a Date** range for finding articles (Step 3).
Lexis-Nexis (newspaper articles)

- Hopefully, many articles from a variety of newspapers and magazines related to your topic will come up in the search. It is a good idea to limit the date range (to perhaps a week). If more than 3,000 articles are retrieved, a list of the most relevant articles will appear.
Lexis-Nexis (newspaper articles)

- This screen shows the full-text of one article in Lexis-Nexis, with article citation information including Headline, Byline (author), and publication info along with print, downloading and e-mail options.
Lexis-Nexis (Legal)

- From the Lexis-Nexis main page, click the legal tab to enter the legal section of the database.
Lexis-Nexis (Legal)

- With Lexis-Nexis (Legal), there are several search options. For example, one can search for **cases** in the database of **Law review** articles.
Lexis-Nexis (Legal)

- We can sort these law review articles by relevance or date.
Lexis-Nexis (Legal)

- Beyond searching for articles in U.S. and Canadian Law Reviews, Lexis-Nexis presents several other options for searching for Legal information. These include the possibility of searching Federal and State Cases, Federal and State Codes, Tax Laws, as well as Canadian and European Union court cases and legislation as well as patents.
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- Within Federal and State Cases, a search can be limited to Texas-related cases
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- Within a search of Texas Federal and State Cases pertaining to the Death penalty (a search brings up 999 results viewed as most relevant), one can view **TX Court of Criminal Appeals cases, U.S. Court of Appeals Cases, U.S. District Court Cases, U.S. Supreme Court Cases, Texas Court of Appeals and Civil Appeals Cases and Texas Supreme Court Cases**.
Lexis-Nexis (Business)

- Enter Lexis-Nexis Academic, click on the “Business” tab on the top.
There are a range of searching options for finding company dossiers. One can search by company name, ticker name, DUNS name or by company type and location.
In the Company Dossier **Snapshot** (in the example of Starbucks) one finds a wealth of information including basic info about the company, i.e. address, website, stock ticker name, number of employees, and industry trade codes. One also finds the following information in the **Snapshot** as one scrolls down: the company’s **Business Description**, **Yearly Financials**, **Key Competitors**, basic **Stock Information** (# of market shares), the name of its **Auditor**, a list of its **Executives**, a list of its **Board of Directors**, a list of its **Brands**, links to **Current News** related to the company and **Current Stock Quotes and Charts**.
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- One may also do a detailed search of recent news related to the company in question (Starbucks in this example). Links are provided of recent articles from major newspapers, magazines, Newscast transcripts (i.e. NBC News) and legal publications.

Depending on the company name, the results that are returned when clicking any of the following links may include instances where the words in the company name appear in a different context.
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- One may also search news stories by **Topic**. Company-related stories are broken down by the categories of: the company’s **Business Activity, Corporate Structure, Financial-related news, Legal-related news, Marketing and Products**. One may also search for news stories by **Region** of publication.
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- Next, one can view the company’s **Corporate Hierarchy**, including a list of the name and location of any subsidiaries.
Detailed **Financial Information** related to the company is also available in the dossier. This extensive information includes: Sales and Income figures for the past 5 years, information about the company’s annual Assets and Liabilities, income and cash flow statements for the past 3 years, a Ratio Analysis for the company over the past 3 years, the company’s balance sheet figures and liabilities for the past several quarters, a more detailed list of competitors with links to their dossiers, information about the company’s Top Institutional Stock Shareholders, and additional information.
In the dossier, one may also view extensive *Legal Information* about the company in question. This information includes lists to extensive links of recent legal cases involving the company.
In the company dossier, one may also research *Intellectual Property Information* related to the company including recent Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights applied for by the company.
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- Finally, one can put together a **Custom Report** of the above described types of information related to the company that would be most useful for the project in question.
Lexis-Nexis (People)

- Enter Lexis-Nexis Academic, click on the “People” tab on the top.
Lexis-Nexis (People)

- The People feature also allows one to search for news stories and biographical information related to particular persons of interest using a variety of biographical indexes.