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• Altogether 57 digitized Biographical Archives

• Biographical entries for 6 million persons from the World Biographical Index

• Biographical articles for 5.56 million persons

• Altogether 8.4 million articles, published from 1559 to the end of the 20th century.
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• African Biographical Archive (AfBA)
  (233 Sources published 1807-1993)

• American Biographical Archive (ABA I, II, III and Suppl.)
  (626 Sources published 1702-1998)

• Arab-Islamic Biographical Archive (AIBA I, II)
  (376 Sources published 1760-2002)

• Australasian Biographical Archive (ANZO-BA and Suppl.)
  (194 Sources published 1866-1987)

• Baltic Biographical Archive (BaBA I, II)
  (317 Sources published 1772-1995)

• Biographical Archive of the Classical World (BAA)
  (87 Sources published 1820-1989; Persons from 8th Century BC up to 8th AD)

• Biographical Archive of the Middle Ages (BAMA)
  (56 Sources published 17th Century-2002)

• Biographical Archive of the Benelux Countries (BAB I, II)
  (188 Sources published 1581-1998)
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- Biographical Archive of the Soviet Union (1917-1991) (BASU)
  Russian Biographical Archive + Supplement (RBA and Suppl.)
  (398 Sources published 1817-2002)
- British Biographical Archive (BBA I, II und III)
  (748 Sources published 1601-2002)
- Canadian Biographical Archive (CaBA)
  (162 Sources published 1848-1997)
- Czech and Slovakian Biographical Archive (CSBA)
  (212 Sources published 1711-1994)
- Chinese Biographical Archive (CBA)
  (89 Sources published 1898-1994)
- French Biographical Archive (ABF I, II, III and Suppl.)
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  (90 Sources published 1677-1996)
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- Hungarian Biographical Archive (UBA)
  (152 Sources published 1559-1995)
- Indian Biographical Archive. India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka (IBA)
  (184 Sources published 1815-1995)
- Italian Biographical Archive (ABI I to IV and Suppl.)
  (879 Sources published 1646-2001)
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  (273 Sources published 1781-2001)
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  (Sources published 1875-2000; Persons up to 2000)
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  (433 Sources published 1621-1999)
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  (302 Sources published 1850-1997)
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- ASIA
- EUROPE
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- Biographical Archive of the Classical World
- Biographical Archive of Christianity (2011)
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Kings
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Civil Servants
Politicians
Seamen
Farmers
Apothecaries

Teacher
Mathematicians
More than just a list of prominent names:

- Portrait of the population as they were in real life, with all their achievements and attainments, along with their curiosities and peculiarities

- Often two or more entries for a person from different sources and periods. Different viewpoints and estimations about a person can be found, a full historical picture of a person’s life.
The sources in WBIS Online

→ A unique diversity of selected biographical reference sources per country, region, language or cultural area:

- Biographical Lexica
- Historical accounts
- Handbooks
- Memoirs
- Encyclopedias
- Who's Who
- Almanacs

- Many of the older texts are unique biographical sources, which are no longer lent out in libraries because of their fragile condition

- Display of the original biographical articles as a facsimile image
• The Biographical Archives Online can be purchased and subscribed separately or in customized combinations as desired. Each Biographical Archive Online is a unique and self-contained reference work in its own right.

• Libraries have high flexibility to build up their individual biographical collections for the library’s special needs.

• Independent from the number of Biographical Archives subscribed, libraries have access to the complete World Biographical Index including short biographical information on more than 6 Million persons.
Search possibilities in WBIS Online

- K. G. Saur Database Platform
- Interface in 6 languages:
  - German, English, French, Italian, Spanish and Romanian
- Occupation Classification in 6 languages
- 4 Search options (Basic Search, Biographical Search, Bibliographic Search, Microfiche Search)
- 12 Search criteria
- Export of data:
  - Print functionality
  - Sending index entries by email
  - Download as PDF: view, print and save digitized biographical articles
- SaveURL: Articles as well as search results can be saved with a persistent URL
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*Search Results*
Biographical Document

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Other Name(s): c.h. Mark Twain
Gender: male
Year of birth: 1835
Year of death: 1910
Occupation: novelist; journalist
Occupation classification: Narrative Writers (583); Journalists, Correspondents, Editors, Critics (685)
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Nat-Lib. Knight; Authors. Men: Am, Duyckinck/Duyckinck
1875; Salzmann, Parapsychology; Vinson:
Novelists; Kirkpatrick, Larousse
Short title: Drake F.S.
CLEMENS, SAMUEL LANGHORNE, but seldom or never known save as Mark Twain, b. Florida, Mo., in 1835. Ed. in common schools only, which fact partially accounts for his sense of humor. Despite lack of college course has since been tagged with symbolic letters by several of the leading colleges. Was funny from birth but it took thirty odd
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