

Getting Started



Video

Sign Up and Sign In

To learn how to Sign Up and Sign In, click [here](#).

Create a new Nest

A Nest® is the Nested Knowledge term for an updatable, collaborative review project. Be sure to look over our list of [Key Definitions in Nested Knowledge](#) before you launch yourself in! As a first-time user, you have the option to create a new nest that is guided or a standard demo nest:

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Welcome to Nested Knowledge

Do you have a research question ready to do a Literature Search in the software? This is the first step to creating a living review.

If not, check out one of our demonstration nests from previously published reviews. They are partially complete to give you an idea of what a nest looks like.

Each demo has a corresponding wiki page to walk you through the nest yourself. All demos are copies you own (don't worry about breaking anything!) and are accessed in AutoLit.

Create Your First Nest

Create a New Nest (Guided)

Demonstration Nests

Nest	
COVID-19: Antivirals	Start Demo
Osteoarthritis: Tanezumab	Start Demo
Heart Failure: ACE Inhibitors & ARBs	Start Demo

After creating your first nest, anytime you return to the [AutoLit Home](#) page, it will list all nests to which you have access and you can create a new nest on the left hand side:

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	Name ↕	Owner ↕	Records ↕	Accessed (Me) ↓	Accessed (Any) ↕
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dual Mobility: Primary only (newest)	Nicole Hardy	472	Nov 19, 2022	Nov 19, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Distal Ischemic Stroke	Kevin Kallmes	295	Nov 19, 2022	Nov 19, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Data Elements - Embolization for cSDH	Kevin Kallmes	237	Nov 19, 2022	Nov 19, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	MASTRO - Embotrap vs. Solitaire vs. Trevo	Nicole Hardy	1562	Nov 19, 2022	Nov 19, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	TIA - Ischemic Pre-conditioning	Sherief Ghozy	249	Nov 11, 2022	Nov 11, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	SME Balloon Guide Catheter update 2022	Erin Sheffels	147	Oct 19, 2022	Nov 17, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Femoral Neck Fractures	Kevin Kallmes	1678	Oct 12, 2022	Nov 18, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Anterior vs. Posterior - Mechanical Thrombectomy	Kevin Kallmes	787	Oct 10, 2022	Nov 16, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nested Knowledge Publications	Kathryn Cowie	42	Oct 4, 2022	Nov 16, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tranexamic acid (TXA) in spine surgery	Erin Sheffels	509	Sep 27, 2022	Sep 27, 2022
<input type="checkbox"/>	COVID-19 Steriods	Kevin Kallmes	441	Sep 27, 2022	Sep 27, 2022

Practice in a Demo

If you would prefer to practice in a nearly-complete project to guide you on nest building, you can see how [here](#).

Name your Nest

You can choose any name for your nest, but we recommend noting a subset of: the Population, Disease, Intervention(s), interested parties, and/or other unique identifier(s).

Name Your Nest

Give your nest a name (you can always change it later):

Intervention for Disease State, Research Group

Cancel

Create

A Guided Nest

If you choose to create a guided nest, a modal will be displayed and prompts you brainstorm ideas for each part of the literature review. Don't worry, it's all preliminary and can be edited in each corresponding section after exiting this modal!

Modules:

Literature Search

Screening

Tagging

Extraction

Risk of Bias

Add A Preliminary Search

To get started with your systematic review, it's best to start by drafting an initial search. For many types of reviews, experts recommend entering search terms that fall into four categories: Population, Interventions, Comparators, and Outcomes (PICO). In this case, it is alright to enter your comparators in the "intervention" section. By entering PICO terms here, AutoLit can pre-populate your protocol, search strategy, tags, and more. Don't worry: you can always modify these items later as your research question evolves. Not drafting a PICO-based search? Feel free to skip this step.

What is the **Population** you wish to study?

Search Term:

Add +

Hit "Add" to populate this list

What is the **Intervention** you wish to study?

Search Term:

Add +

Hit "Add" to populate this list

What is the **Outcome** you wish to study?

Search Term:

Add +

Hit "Add" to populate this list

Skip

Skip All

Next

Starting Out with a Empty Nest

If you choose to create an unguided nest, don't be alarmed, you will be met with an empty nest:

The screenshot displays the AutoLit web application interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for "About", "Docs", "Support", and "AutoLit". A user profile for "Nicole" is visible in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar, a sidebar on the left contains several menu items under different categories: "Nest Home" (Dashboard, Settings), "Literature Search" (Other Sources, Duplicate Review, Search Exploration, Query Builder), "Screening" (Configure Screening), "Tagging" (Configure Tagging), "Extraction" (Configure Extraction), "Study Inspector", "Synthesis" (Manuscript Editor, Abstract Editor, Export), and "Protocol" (Show Table of Contents). The main content area is titled "Protocol" and features a "Show Table of Contents" button. It contains a placeholder text for a protocol template, followed by sections for "Study Design", "Research Question:", "Background:", "Search Strategy:", "Methods", "Screening Strategy", "Population, Interventions/Comparators, and Outcomes", and "Data Extraction and Reporting:". Each section has a brief instruction. On the right side, there's a "Notes" panel with tabs for "Notes", "Your Mentions", and "All Mentions". It includes a rich text editor with bold, italic, underline, bulleted list, numbered list, and link icons, along with a comment icon.

Here, you have several options and resources accessible to you:

Add a Protocol

In the Nest Home module, you can add a protocol by clicking “Edit” in the Protocol section in the main screen.

Add a Literature Search

Your nest will not have any records until you add a [Search](#), [Import studies in bulk](#), [Add studies individually](#), or [Bibliomine](#) an existing paper.

Optional: Search Exploration

If you are unsure on how to build a query, but have a review topic in mind, you can use [Search Exploration](#). There, you can enter any concepts of interest and expand on your initial ideas based on AI recommendations of additional terms and review of candidate studies. It also automatically generates a query that you can use directly to build your search in the nest.

Add Users and Organizations

To invite collaborators to your nest, add other users and/or organizations, Learn how to [manage users](#) and [manage organizations](#).

Jobs and Documentation

The icons in the top right corner are there to provide you with progress updates and guidance.

- **Horizontal Bars:** shows you the progress of jobs working in the background
 - Here you can view all active, completed, and failed Jobs (such as recurring searches, PDF import, etc.) that are running in the background in your nest.

In some cases, such as running searches in Literature Search or Search Exploration, an active job will restrict new activities, such as adding a new search while that Job is active.

Click “View Jobs” to view active, completed, and failed Jobs.

- **Question Mark:** links out to the relevant Documentation page to provide guidance for the particular page you are on.

These icons are available on every page in your nest, sometimes split between with a progress bar depending on the module.



Next Steps

Not sure what to do next? Check your [Nest Settings](#) to ensure you have configured your research project to your preferences. Then, if you have added a [Literature Search](#), move on to [Screening studies](#)!

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