

# About <odesi>

## What is <odesi>?

<odesi> is a web-based data exploration, extraction and analysis tool. It is the product of a unique partnership between university libraries, business, and government, which greatly improves access to statistical data for researchers, teachers, and students. <odesi> provides researchers the ability to search for survey questions (variables) across hundreds of datasets held in a growing number of collections. <odesi> supports basic tabulation and analysis online, and allows for the downloading of most datasets into statistical software for further analysis. <odesi> provides unprecedented access to extensive collections of polling and social survey data. Key polling data collections include: [Canadian Opinion Research Archive \(CORA\)](#) , [Canadian Gallup](#), and [Ipsos Reid](#) . [Statistics Canada](#)'s public-use survey data forms the core of <odesi>'s social survey data holdings. <odesi> is expanding its survey data to include other national and international data sources.

<odesi> is of benefit to both the experienced and beginning researcher. It introduces undergraduates to data literacy and data discovery at an early stage in their careers; it provides the experienced researcher the ability to search immediately across hundreds of datasets and collections, allowing for faster and more meaningful data reviews, and instant access to data for further study.

<odesi> was developed from 2007 to 2009 as a jointly funded project between the [Ontario Council of University Libraries \(OCUL\)](#) and [OntarioBuys](#). As of October 2009, the <odesi> project becomes an ongoing service within the highly successful [Scholars Portal](#) model.

## Contact Us

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## Contributors

<odesi> benefits from the contributions of many OCUL members including those that participate in the OCUL ODESI Markit! Program, the collaborative group responsible for selection, deposit, curation, DDI markup, and maintenance of the ODESI data collections.