



Practice — Visual Information Field Displays

Preview



 **Introduction**  This practice opportunity allows you to react and adapt to the cues and guidelines for the eight visual information field displays.

You should assume that Sam and Sal —

- are colleagues who have been educated and trained along with you.
- ask you to examine their work output before it “goes to print.”

Work setting options

You have these options for doing these practice work sessions:

- work alone.
- interact with one or two others.


Expected output

The output expected from these practice sessions is twofold:

- decision for Sam’s or Sal’s version as the better of the two.
- verbal or written reference to supportive cues and/or guidelines in the KnowSys documentation.

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Action**Field Display Practice**

Directions

Read the following displays of action field information, then decide which “after” version is better: Sam’s or Sal’s.

Note: Support your decision by references to cues and/or guidelines.

**Action:
“before”**

This text appeared in a recent Internet Resources publication:

“All the WAIS servers (or sources, the terms are interchangeable) are marked with the WAIS for Macintosh icon. To retrieve a specific source, create a new question with WAIS for Macintosh (if you’re using the VT-100 interface, glance back at chapter 9 for details on how to use it), drop the Directory-of-Servers source into the Sources box, and type the name of the source into the question. While you’re at it, consider typing in some related words to see whether the search finds anything else interesting along the same topics. After you click on the Run button, WAIS should return a list of sources, one of which should be the one you want. If not, make sure you spelled everything correctly.

“After you have this new source, drag it into your Sources window and save it, and then you can ask a new question using your new source.”

More...



 **More... Action Field Display Practice**

Sam's "after" *Sam built this linear action table, preceding it with this directive stem:*
 Follow these steps to retrieve a specific source,
 using a Wide Area Information Server (WAIS).
 Before you begin, you will need to select the "WAIS for Macintosh" icon.

Step	Action
1	Create a new question. <i>Note:</i> If you are using the VT-100 interface, then refer to Chapter 9 for directions on how to use it.
2	Drop the Directory-of-Servers source into the box, tagged "Sources."
3	Type the name of the source into the question. Do you want to see if the search finds anything else interesting along the same topics? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If yes, then</i> type in some related words. • <i>If no, then</i> go to next step.
4	Click on the Run button. Does WAIS return a list of sources? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If no, then</i> check accuracy of your spelling and repeat Steps 1 through 3. • <i>If yes, then</i> go to next step.
5	Drag the new source into your Sources window, and save it. <i>Result:</i> You're ready to ask a question using your new source.

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More... *Action* Field Display Practice

Sal's "after" *Sal built this linear action table, preceding it with this directive stem:*

These steps describe how to retrieve a specific source using a Wide Area Information Server (WAIS).

Important:

Before you begin, the "WAIS for Macintosh" icon must be selected.

If you are using the VT-100 interface, then refer to Chapter 9 for directions on how to use it.

Step	Action
1	Create a new question.
2	Drop the Directory-of-Servers source into the "Sources" box.
3	Type the name of the source into the question. <i>Note:</i> Accurate spelling is essential for WAIS search success.
4	Do you want to see if the search finds anything else interesting along the same topics? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If yes, then</i> type in some related words. • <i>If no, then</i> go to next step.
5	Click on the Run button.
6	Does WAIS return a list of sources? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If no, then</i> check accuracy of your spelling, and repeat Steps 1 through 5. • <i>If yes, then</i> go to next step.
7	Drag the new source into your Sources window, and save it. <i>Result:</i> You are ready to ask a new question using your new source.
