

# TNG Gendex Search

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*If you are not comfortable with html and php editing, this page may not be for you*

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## GENDEX Direct Search form

If you want to add a simple/integrated way for your users to access the TNG Gendex Search, try adding this form to the bottom of your search page. If you are comfortable with a text editor, you can add this to your existing TNG search page in just a few minutes.

*Revision 2.0 - Jul 2, 2008 - updated for TNG V7, now self updates the title*

*Revision 1.3 - Jul 11, 2007 - minor html validation correction.*

*Revision 1.2 - May 14, 2007 - no changes required, valid for TNG V6.1*

*Revision 1.2 - Oct 25, 2006 - updated with Multi-language support(contributed by Jean Deslauriers)*

*Revision 1.1 - Sep 30, 2006 - minor cosmetic adjustment to line up the field entry boxes*

## What's a GENDEX Search

The TNG Gendex project is a single searchable index of genealogy records from contributing users. At this writing, it includes indicies from over 600 databases, and contains over 5.5 million names. The main page to this index is [here](#)

## Example

To see how the TNG Gendex search form will look on your search page, you can preview it on my site at [My Search Page](#) at the bottom of the page. As of version 2.0, this script will check Darrin's site after 'N' days (default 10), read the gendex form and extract the # of databases and names and automatically update the script variables to display the form with updated numbers.

## Requirements

1. A working TNG installation - see *The Next Generation of Genealogy Sitebuilding*
2. A backup of your TNG searchform.php file.

## TNG Modifications for TNG V5, V6, or V7

The following zip file contains the single gendexform.php file.

- The zip file TNG\_gendexform\_2.0.zip contains 1 file:

- `gendexform.php` - the Gendex form to be included in the TNG `searchform.php` file

1. backup your existing TNG `searchform.php` file
2. download this zip (`TNG_gendexform_2.0.zip`)
3. unzip it, examine the contents
4. find and open your original `searchform.php` file
  - edit the last few lines of the file
    - change the last lines from this

```
</form>
<br /><br />
<?php
tng_footer( " " );
?>
```

- to this

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</form>
<?php @include($cms[tngpath] . "gendexform.php"); ?>
<br /><br />
<?php
tng_footer( " " );
?>
```

- you can copy the single line above from this page and paste it into your file

5. close your `searchform.php` file and copy it to your base TNG directory
6. copy the `gendexform.php` to your base TNG directory
  - ensure the `gendexform.php` is readable by all and writeable by owner and group. This script will automatically re-write itself with new information at predefined intervals, so the script `gendexform.php` must be writeable. The permission may have to be set to at least 664 or 775 depending on your server operation.
7. check it out

#### ■ **In the event of a problem with your TNG site**

1. copy your backup `searchform.php` file to your base TNG directory
  - all should be well now
2. you may also delete the `gendexform.php` file

## Acknowledgements

Thanks go out to **Jean Deslauriers** who converted the initial gendex search form for multi-language support.

## Support

1. You're sort of on your own... If you have a specific question, or feel some additional info in the above would help others, feel free to contact me directly. Mail me here
  - Please post suggestions, or your own flavour of this mod to the forum or list

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