Vendor Cheat Sheet

Sessions

Each vendor has its own rules as to what a session is. While comparing database stats across vendors is typically apples to oranges, with a little trickery you can make it a little closer to Granny Smith apples to Honeycrisp apples.

Vendor	Session length (minutes)	Example baseline (minutes)	Example sessions from vendor	Example Excel multiplication	Example final session numbers
Britannica	30	20	5000	x 1.5	7500
World Book	15	20	5000	x 0.75	3750
EBSCO	15	20	5000	x 0.75	3750
Scholastic	5	20	5000	x 0.25	1250
Gale	20	20	5000	---	5000
Learning Express	Total login time	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Full-text retrievals

- Scholastic considers every page in Bookflix (even the menus) a retrieval
- World Book considers the content page for each article, images, videos, and sounds a retrieval.
- Full-text retrievals vs. Retrievals: depends on the platform. Always keep in mind if the abstract is something you want to track or not.

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