Visual Searching

Are you a visual learner? Have you used a clustering search engine such as KartOO? The EBSCOHost databases have, in addition to the basic and advanced search, a visual search.

What is it?
The library database company EBSCOhost teamed with the search engine Grokker to display results using a visual map instead of a list of articles.

Why use it?
This search may be useful for visual learners, for preliminary searches to get a sense of what is written on your topic, to see related facets of a topic, and more.

How can I use it?
1. Select an EBSCOhost database. For example:
   - Academic Search Premier
   - Business Source Complete
   - ERIC (education)
   - PsycINFO
   - SocINDEX
   - Or any other EBSCOhost database

2. Select the Visual Search tab.

3. Enter your keywords in the Find box. Click "search" to search the database using your keywords. Here is an example from SocINDEX
4. Click on different parts of the results.
   - Circles stand for categories of results. Click on circles to see sub-categories.
   - Squares stand for individual articles. Rollover the square to get the title, author, journal title, year, and if it is available in full text.

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