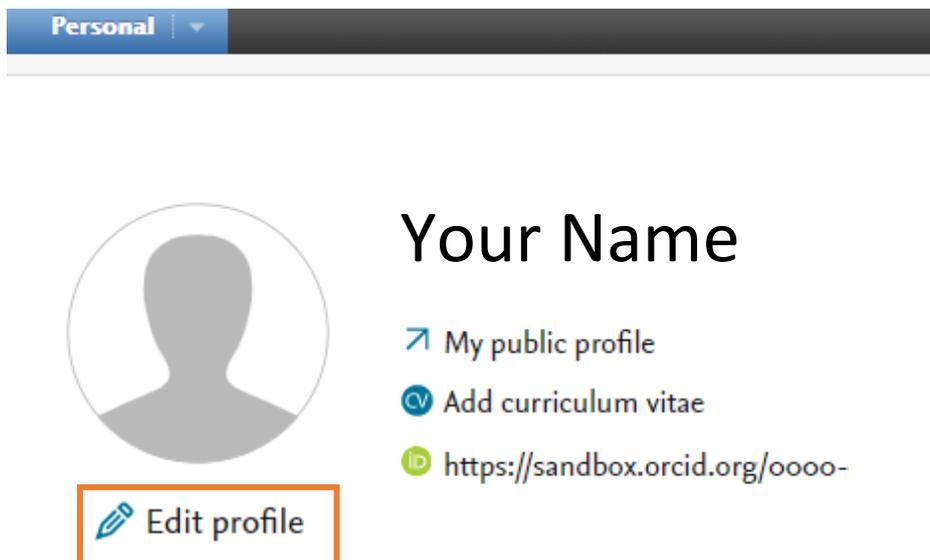Fingerprints, a feature introduced with the new Edinburgh Research Explorer (ERE), are automatically created from the content of your research output records and your profile information. Fingerprints are made up of weighted concept terms, generated using natural language processing (NLP) to match words to a variety of subject thesauri. The concept terms are dynamic and connect research outputs and researchers in similar areas. Fingerprints are displayed on your profile page on the new ERE.

For more information on the Fingerprints feature, please visit https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/elsevier-fingerprint-engine.

If there are any unwanted Fingerprints or duplicate Fingerprints on your profile page on the ERE, you can turn off this display of specific Fingerprints in your Pure profile. If you feel the available Fingerprints do not reflect the nature of your research, you can also choose to turn off the Fingerprints feature entirely and Fingerprints will not be displayed at all on your profile page on the new ERE.
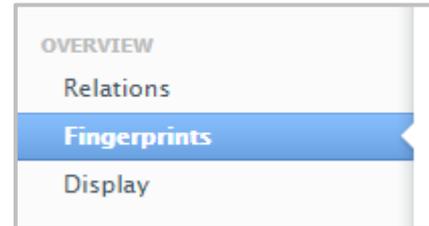
How to turn off specific Fingerprints

1. Log in to Pure with your University Login (formerly EASE) at https://www.pure.ed.ac.uk

2. Click on the **Personal** tab to return to the **Personal overview**

3. Click on **Edit Profile**

4. Click on '**Fingerprints**' to the left of your profile page.

This tab shows you a list of all the '**Included Concepts**' generated by your research outputs under the headings of the different thesauri such as '**Engineering & Materials Science (CpxTree)**'.

5. Use the cursor to hover over an unwanted concept and a small '**x**' will appear to the right hand side. Click on the '**x**' to remove the unwanted concept from 'Included Concepts'. A new section 'Omitted concepts' will appear and the unwanted concept will be listed under this section.

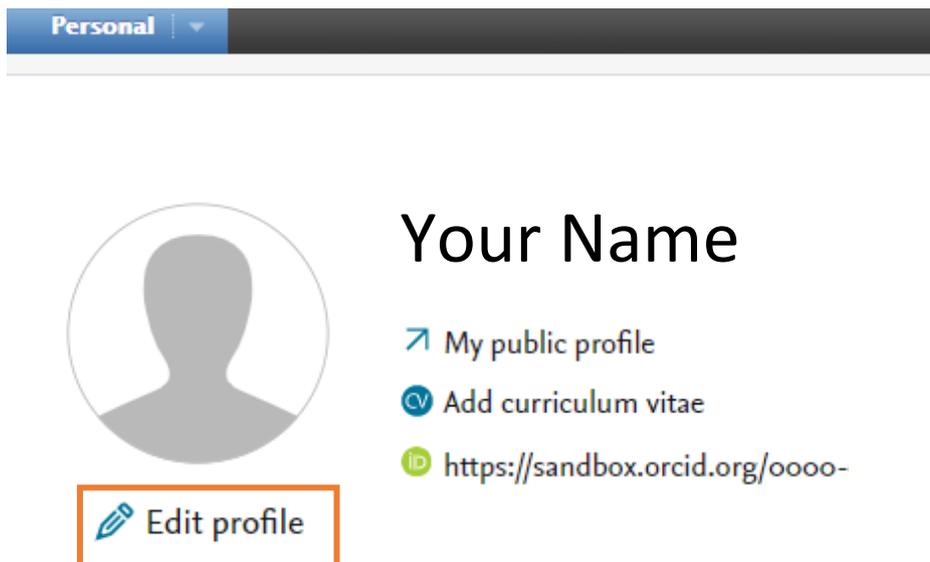This unwanted concept will then not appear on your profile page on the new ERE.

6. Remember to save your changes!

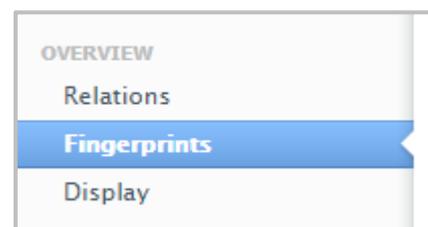Please note that there will be a time lapse before your profile page on the new ERE is updated with this change.

How to turn off all Fingerprints

1. Log in to Pure with your University Login (formerly EASE) at https://www.pure.ed.ac.uk

2. Click on the **Personal** tab and then on **Personal overview**
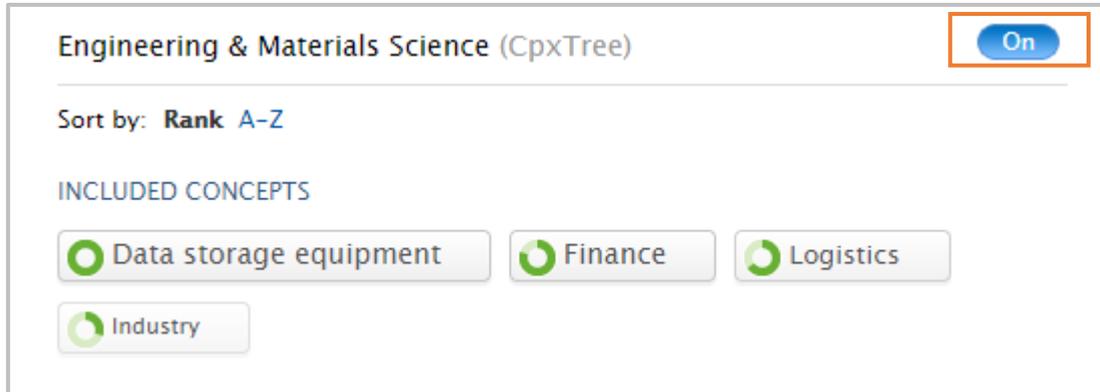

3. Click on **Edit Profile**

4. Click on '**Fingerprints**' to the left of your profile page.

5. To the right of each thesaurus title there is a button. Click on this button to toggle the thesaurus Fingerprints on and off.

Setting the toggle button to Off will remove this subject thesaurus and all the Fingerprints in this subject thesaurus from your profile page on the new ERE.

Setting the toggle button to Off for all the subject thesauri will remove Fingerprints entirely from your profile page on the new ERE.

6. Remember to save your changes!

Please note that there will be a time lapse before your profile page on the new ERE is updated with this change.