

6.0.1 - Search the TIC centered on HD 209458.

This tutorial will show you how to do a search on a single target, based on a target name, within the TESS Input Catalog in the [MAST Portal](#). Specifically, we will do a search centered on the exoplanet host star HD 209458.

Step 1 - Select Collection: From the MAST Portal homepage, the first step is to change the collection of data we are searching in from the Collections menu (**Item #1**) at the top left.

The screenshot shows the MAST Portal homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo on the left and a search area on the right. The search area includes a dropdown menu labeled 'Select a collection...' with the text 'MAST Observations by Object Name or RA/Dec' and a search button. A red arrow points to this dropdown menu, with the number '1' next to it. Below the search bar, there are links for 'About Collections...', 'Show Examples...', 'Random Search', and 'Advanced Search'. There are also buttons for 'Upload Target List' and 'My Download Basket: 0 files'. The main content area is titled 'MAST: Barbara A. Mikulski Archive for Space Telescopes'. It includes a 'What's New' section with highlights from a release, a 'Quick Start' section with three steps, and a 'Currently available data collections:' section with a list of collections. A 'Featured tutorial' section is also present, showing a video thumbnail for 'Positional Search'.

Step 2 - Select TESS Input Catalog: From the Collections drop-down menu, select **MAST Catalogs**, then, in the Mission drop-down menu that appears (**Item #1**), select the **TESS Input** entry for the TIC, e.g., "TESS Input v6". Note that only the most recent version of the TIC and CTL will be available to search in the Portal.

Select a collection... and enter target:

MAST Catalogs Enter object name or RA and Dec to cone search Search

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Step 3 - Enter Target For Query: We are now ready to do a target search by entering text into the Target Search Box (**Item #1**). The Target Search Box uses a name resolver that accepts a wide range of text values, including any name that is resolvable by NED or Simbad, any catalog entry from the Kepler Input Catalog (e.g., "KIC nnnn"), the K2 EPIC Catalog (e.g., "EPIC nnnn"), and the TESS Input Catalog (e.g., "TIC nnnn"), as well as some special areas of the sky, such as "GOODS-N", "GOODS-S", "HUDF" for the Hubble Ultra Deep Field, etc. In this example, we'll do a search centered on the exoplanet host star **HD 209458**.

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3. Add files to the download basket to control your download options.

See the [User's Guide](#) for more detailed documentation and [video tutorials](#).

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Step 4 - Understanding The Search Results: We now see the results of our search. First, note that the default search radius is often assigned to be a 0.2 degree radius (**Item #1**). Exceptions are for any objects resolved by external services (like NED) that have object radii defined for them, e.g., extended objects like galaxies or clusters. These can always be changed by specifying your search radius (see the **Show Examples** link below the search box for examples).

The search results area has three main panels, on the left is the Filters panel (**Item #2**), where you can select subsets of your returned rows by filtering column values. In the middle is the Search Results Grid (**Item #3**), which contains the table of results itself (hint: columns can be sorted by clicking on the headers). On the right is the AstroViewer (**Item #4**), which is a sky map that will overplot the footprints of observations or catalog objects from your search results, and offers a wide range of background images from surveys that span the electromagnetic spectrum from X-rays to the radio. We can see all the TIC sources in our 0.2 degree search radius are highlighted by small orange footprints in the AstroViewer and listed in the Search Results Grid.

The screenshot shows the TESS search results interface. At the top, there's a header with a search bar and navigation links. The main content area is divided into three panels:

- Filters Panel (Left):** Contains various filter sections like 'Keyword/Text Filter', 'Object Type', 'Source of Type', 'Source of Position', and 'PM Flag'. Red arrow 2 points to the 'Object Type' section.
- Search Results Grid (Middle):** A table listing search results with columns for Actions, TIC ID, RA, Dec, pmRA, pmDEC, and TESS Mag. Red arrow 3 points to a row in this table.
- AstroViewer (Right):** A sky map showing the search results as orange footprints. Red arrow 4 points to this panel.

At the top of the interface, there's a search bar with 'hd 209458' entered and a search radius of '0.20000°' (indicated by red arrow 1). The top bar also includes links for 'Upload Target List', 'My Download Basket', and 'User Manual/Help'.

Step 5 - Filter The Results: We'll do a quick filter to demonstrate how to select subsets. In the Filters panel on the left (**Item #1**), we'll scroll down to the **Luminosity Class From RPM** subpanel (tip: use your browser's "search" to locate the text on your screen quickly), and check the box to only select those targets identified as dwarfs by the reduced proper motion diagram. Note: you can use the **Edit Filters...** link at the top of the Filters panel to add or remove any columns from the Filters panel, not every column will show up by default in the Filters panel. You can see in the AstroView the results of selecting only these targets (**Item #2**).

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Home Page
TIC: hd 209458

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V* V376 Peg, radius: 0.20000°

Footprints: All

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Luminosity Class from RPM

Name
Quantity

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Show 48 More

RA (deg)

22:02:20.391
22:04:00.037

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	Actions	TIC ID	RA	Dec	pmRA	pmDEC	TESS Mag.
1		420814525	22:03:10.804	+18:53:03.28	29.7249	-18.0253	7.105
2		372975009	22:03:12.397	+18:52:12.83	11.5334	-8.49805	15.1
3		420814540	22:03:10.250	+18:54:02.77	-1.81429	-3.14773	17.442
4		372975012	22:03:11.864	+18:52:02.44	18.6826	-2.67202	16.694
5		372974996	22:03:14.605	+18:53:36.01	-1.913	1.91505	17.225
6		420814536	22:03:07.841	+18:53:53.92	2.59596	-11.5119	14.645
7		420814527	22:03:05.949	+18:53:21.62	-2.77517	-14.6866	15.682
8		420814514	22:03:09.348	+18:51:46.49	-7.72679	-16.326	17.039
9		372975015	22:03:12.339	+18:51:43.67	-2.57989	2.73142	13.323
10		372975011	22:03:15.563	+18:52:05.49	10.2428	7.90956	17.646
11		372974984	22:03:13.647	+18:54:33.93	-12.9495	-0.618908	16.676
12		420814510	22:03:07.443	+18:51:34.12	-10.8	-9.8	10.692
13		372975013	22:03:16.783	+18:51:59.62	-0.273665	-4.38732	14.988
14		372975018	22:03:13.675	+18:51:24.76	15.002	-2.36643	17.708

AstroView

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Step 6 - Save Your Results: You can save the search results at any time using the Export Button (Item #1). From the dialog menu that appears, you'll be able to select the format of your output file and whether you want to export all the available columns in the catalog, or only those that are currently displayed in the Search Results Grid.

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5		372974996	22:03:14.605	+18:53:36.01	-1.913	1.91505	17.225
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11		372974984	22:03:13.647	+18:54:33.93	-12.9495	-0.618908	16.676
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