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Advanced Search Guide

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Start Searching

Click Advanced Search >

The screenshot displays the Informit Advanced Search page. At the top, the Informit logo is on the left, and navigation links for HOME, ADVANCED SEARCH, SEARCH HISTORY, and DATABASES are in the center. The main heading is "Advanced Search". Below this, there are three tabs: "ADVANCED SEARCH" (selected), "SEARCH HISTORY", and "SAVED SEARCH". The search area includes a search bar with "22 databases" and a "CHANGE DATABASES" button. There are two search input fields, each with a dropdown menu set to "All Fields". Below the search fields are checkboxes for "Limit Search": Full Text, Has Full Text, Abstract Only, Open Access, and Peer Reviewed. There is a "CLEAR SEARCH" button and a "SEARCH" button. The "Resource Type" section has a dropdown set to "Match Any" and a "Select all/Clear all" link. Below this are checkboxes for Video and Sound, Journal, Report, Book, Conference, and Conference Proceedings. The "Language" section has an empty input field. The "Media Genre" section has a dropdown set to "Match Any" and a "Select all/Clear all" link, with checkboxes for Lifestyle and Infotainment, Variety, Children, News and Current Affairs, Comedy, Educational, Drama, Interview, Reality, Sport, Animation, and Documentary. The "Access Type" section has a checkbox for "Only show content I have access to". The "Publication Date" section has a radio button for "All Dates" (selected), a radio button for "Last" with a "Select" dropdown, and a radio button for "Custom Range" with "From" and "To" date pickers (Month and Year).



Advanced Search provides a range of options

Advanced Search Options



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HOME ADVANCED SEARCH SEARCH HISTORY DATABASES

Advanced Search

ADVANCED SEARCH

SEARCH HISTORY

SAVED SEARCH

Searching 22 databases [CHANGE DATABASES](#)

Enter Search term

AND ▾

Enter Search term

Limit Search: Full Text Has Full Text Abstract Only Open Access Peer Reviewed

Resource Type

- > Check types to search **within Resource Type** field

Match Any = Boolean OR search

Match All = Boolean AND search

Match None = Boolean NOT search

- > Click **Select all** for every type
- > Uncheck any unwanted types

Note: Resource Type combines with AND for fielded search boxes

Fielded search

- > Select a field option from drop-down list
- > To find all records in a field, enter **a***
- > Combine search fields with AND | OR | NOT
- > Click **+** to add more search boxes
- > **Limit Search:** Check boxes to select

Full Text | Open Access | Peer Reviewed

Leave unchecked for no limits

... more fields next page

Advanced Search Options ... continued



Language:

Match Any

Language

Match Any combines terms with OR
Match All combines terms with AND
Match None eliminates a term

Media Genre:

Match Any

Select all/Clear all

- News and Current Affairs Fiction Children Variety Lifestyle and Infotainment Poetry L
 Reality Interview Drama Educational Comedy Documentary Animation Sport

Media Genre

- > Check types to search
- > Click **Select All** for every type
- > Uncheck any unwanted types

Access Type:

Only show content I have access to

Access Type

- > Select to limit to available content

Publication Date

All Dates

Last

Select

Custom Range

Month

Year

To

Month

Year

Publication Year

- > Click **All Dates** for complete coverage
- > Click **Last** and select from drop-down options
- > Click **Custom Range** and enter your chosen dates

CLEAR SEARCH

Build a Complex Search – Boolean Operators

- Use **AND**, **OR** and **NOT** between search terms in search fields
- **AND** is default relationship – AND is assumed between search terms if no other operator is specified
- To group **AND** and **OR** searches, use multiple search boxes or longer search strings with a single box

Example

The screenshot shows an advanced search interface with a red border. It features a search bar with the placeholder text "Enter Search term" and a dropdown menu set to "All Fields". Below the search bar are two more search boxes, one with a dropdown menu set to "AND". At the bottom, there are checkboxes for "Limit Search" including "Full Text", "Has Full Text", "Abstract Only", "Open Access", and "Peer Reviewed". The interface also shows "SEARCH HISTORY" and "SAVED SEARCH" sections.

- Finds records containing **coronavirus OR covid-19** in an article title **AND** **treatment or prevention** in any field in those records

Build a Complex Search – More Operators



- **Truncation** [*] – to match any set of zero or more characters, **substitute with ***
manage* > matches include manage, manages, manager, management etc.

fav*rite > matches include favourite, favorite

- **Wildcard** [?] – to match any single character, **substitute with ?**

l?st > matches last, lest, list, lost, lust etc.

200? > in a Publication Year field matches publication years 2000 through 2009

- **Proximity** [~x] – to find content with terms near each other, **use "terms"~number**
"debt recovery"~5 > finds content with **debt** and **recovery** within five words of each other

- **Relevance** [^x] – to boost retrieval of preferred terms, **use term^(caret) number**
nutrition^3 food > **nutrition** is 3 times more important than **food**

Build a Complex Search – Nested terms

- **Nesting**

- Use brackets to construct a more precise search strategy
- Terms within brackets are evaluated first

Examples

1. marijuana AND cannabis OR therap* (*no nesting*)
Result set retrieves records with both marijuana and cannabis, then adds records containing therap* with or without marijuana and cannabis
2. marijuana AND (cannabis OR therap*)
Result set retrieves records with marijuana that also contain either or both of cannabis and therap*
3. marijuana OR (cannabis AND therap*)
Result set retrieves records with both cannabis and therap*, then adds records containing marijuana regardless of presence/absence of cannabis or therap*
4. (marijuana OR cannabis) AND therap*
Result set retrieves all records containing marijuana or cannabis then selects records FROM THAT SET also containing therap*

Search Behaviour – Stemming

What is **stemming**?

- Stemming is the process of reducing a word to its word stem.

Why is **stemming** used?

- Stemming is important in natural language understanding and natural language processing.
- Recognizing, searching and retrieving more forms of words returns more results.
- When a form of a word is recognized it can make it possible to return search results that otherwise might have been missed.

Source: [Whatls.com](https://www.whatls.com)

Stemming on Informit Search

- **By default**, search is configured to use plurals and stemming automatically
- **Stemming is enabled** for publication text fields such as full-text and abstract content
- **To disable stemming for a search term**, surround it with double quotation marks to create a literal term or phrase



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