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Advanced Search Guide

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• Advanced Search provides a range of options

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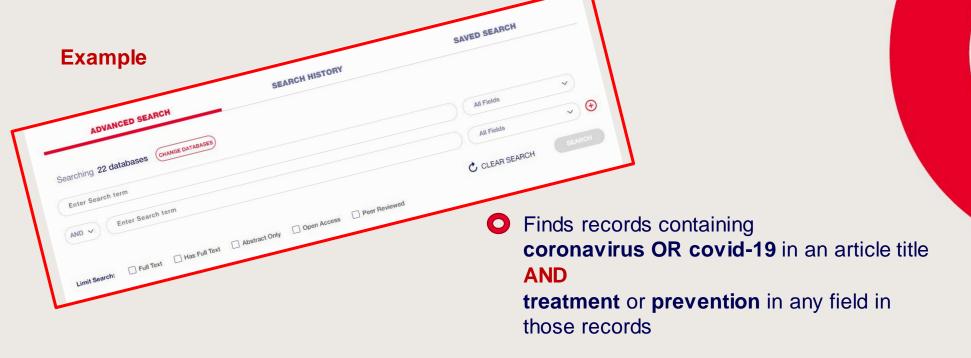
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Build a Complex Search – Boolean Operators

- 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



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 ?
I?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

- 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
- 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*
- (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: WhatIs.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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