Informit

Advanced Search Guide

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Informit Search

Enriching knowledge with authoritative and relevant research

Our powerful Informit Search platform enables searches across our databases and quickly delivers accurate results to support reliable research and learning.

- Millions of full-text records with more than 40,000 added annually

- Recommendations and research trends analysis powered by artificial intelligence and machine learning

- Powerful filtering for more refined, relevant searches

- Reputable sources for reliable fact-finding

- Exclusive Australasian content from international researchers and publishers

Now… Learn more about **Advanced Search** to optimise your research effectiveness >>>

Start Searching

○ Click **Advanced Search** >

○ **Advanced Search** provides a range of options

Advanced Search Options

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

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

… 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

Media Genre

> Check types to search

> Click **Select All** for every type

> Uncheck any unwanted types

☐ News and Current Affairs ☐ Fiction ☐ Children ☐ Variety ☐ Lifestyle and Infotainment ☐ Poetry ☐ L

☐ Reality ☐ Interview ☐ Drama ☐ Educational ☐ Comedy ☐ Documentary ☐ Animation ☐ Sport

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

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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

Example

⭕ 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

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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: 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

Need more information?

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