

Boolean Search



What is Boolean?

A search method allowing you to combine search terms using various operators to limit, broaden, or define your search.

SEARCH OPERATORS

AND — e.g. *project AND construction*



Results will contain both search terms
Use this to narrow results

QUOTES — e.g. *"information technology"*



Results will contain the exact search phrase



OR — e.g. *contractor OR supplier*



Results will contain either or both search terms
Use this to broaden results



ASTERISK — e.g. *structur**



Results that begin with search term — structure, structural, etc.
Note: some databases use \$ or ?

NOT — e.g. *infrastructure NOT finance*



Results won't contain the latter search term
Can exclude relevant results



PARENTHESIS — e.g. *(project OR work) AND hire*



Results will contain the last search term AND either or both parenthetical search terms

OTHER OPERATORS

SITE — e.g. *site:twitter.com authors*



Results will contain search terms only from the specified website



PRICE — e.g. *hat \$1000*



Results will contain items listed for the search price (approximately)



USE MULTIPLE SEARCH OPERATORS FOR A MORE PRECISE SEARCH

"information professional" -technologist will return a result including the quoted search phrase AND exclude the latter search term



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