

Search Rules for Important Information Databases

Resource	URL/Login details	Boolean Operators	Truncation Symbol	Wildcard Symbol	Phrase Searching
British Education Index (BEI) Bibliographic database covering education and training from early year education to the education of older adults, and relevant training and management literature.	http://search.proquest.com/professional Shibboleth/UK Federation login + IP address	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 NOT word2 (must use upper case)	*	?	"word1 word2"
ebrary (e-books) Full text collection covering many different subject areas, from Social Sciences, Law, Medicine, Science, and Computing to Education, Fine Arts and History. Extensive collections in Language and Literature, Philosophy, Psychology and Religion, Social Sciences and History.	http://site.ebrary.com/lib/aberdeenuiv Shibboleth/UK Federation login	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 AND NOT word2 (must use upper case)	Not available	Not available	"word1 word2"
EBSCOhost A collection of around 14 specialised databases covering Agriculture, Economics, Education, Environment, Geology, Information Science, Psychology, Music, Religion, Social Sciences, Sports Science.	http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=shib Shibboleth/UK Federation login + IP address	word1 and word2 word1 or word2 word1 not word2	*	? for each unknown character ? finds alternative spellings e.g. <i>m?n</i> finds <i>man</i> and <i>men</i>	"word1 word2"
Google & Google Scholar An extremely popular search engine with access to over 11 billion pages. Wide subject coverage. Search for images to illustrate pieces of work.	www.google.com www.google.co.uk http://scholar.google.com/	Automatic and queries word1 or word2 Or and Without options on Advanced search	Automatic stemming e.g. <i>diet</i> finds <i>diet</i> and <i>dietary</i>	Not available	"word1 word2"
JSTOR Full text electronic archive collection of 200+ core scholarly journals across a wide range of disciplines including General Science, History, Literature, Social Sciences and Business.	http://www.jstor.org/start-session?entityID=https://shibserv.abdn.ac.uk/shibboleth Shibboleth/UK Federation login + IP address	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 NOT word2 (must use upper case)	* multiple letters e.g. <i>volcan*</i> finds <i>volcano</i> , <i>volcanoes</i> , <i>volcanic</i> , <i>volcanism</i> # stem searches e.g. <i>society#</i> finds <i>society</i> and <i>societies</i> ? alternative spellings e.g. <i>analy?e</i> finds <i>analyse</i> and <i>analyze</i>		"word1 word2"
Lexis Library Extensive database of case reports, statutes, treaties, articles in legal journals and other types of legal documents, mostly full-text. <i>UK publications</i> contains a wide range of news titles including Scottish newspapers.	Access via Primo http://primo.abdn.ac.uk:1701 OR http://www.abdn.ac.uk/library/collections/subjects-az/law/e-dbases/ Shibboleth/UK Federation login + IP address	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 AND NOT word2 (must use upper case)	! e.g. <i>acqui!</i> finds <i>acquire</i> , <i>acquires</i> , <i>acquired</i> , <i>acquiring</i> , <i>acquisition</i>	* per character anywhere in the word but not the first character, e.g. <i>transplant**</i> finds <i>transplant</i> , <i>transplanted</i> , <i>transplanter</i>	Not available
MEDLINE (Ovid) Bibliographic and abstract coverage of biomedical literature focusing on clinical medicine and biomedical literature, including pathology, surgery and all clinical medical specialities.	https://shibboleth.ovid.com/secure Shibboleth/UK Federation	word1 and word2 word1 or word2 word1 not word2	\$	# ? for zero or one letter	word1 word2

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Primo Search and link tool to electronic databases, including library catalogues, bibliographic databases, full text databases, search engines.	http://primo.abdn.ac.uk:1701 Login using your University computer username and password	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 NOT word2 (must use upper case)	*	?	"word1 word2"
ProQuest Collection of many databases. Bibliographic coverage in life sciences, engineering and technology, environmental sciences, computer science, arts & humanities and social sciences.	http://search.proquest.com/shibboleth Shibboleth/UK Federation	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 NOT word2 (must use upper case)	*	?	"word1 word2"
ScienceDirect ScienceDirect is an information source for scientific, technical, and medical research; some social sciences.	http://www.sciencedirect.com/ Shibboleth/UK Federation + IP address	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 AND NOT word2 (must use upper case)	*	? for one letter within a word * zero or one letter within a word	"word1 word2"
Scirus An award winning science-specific search engine.	http://www.scirus.com/	word1 AND word2 word1 OR word2 word1 ANDNOT word2 (must use upper case)	* replaces 0 or more characters in the word, e.g. <i>car*</i> will return <i>car</i> , <i>carbon</i> ? replaces a single character anywhere in the word, e.g. <i>te?t</i> finds <i>test</i> and <i>text</i>		"word1 word2"
Scopus Largest multidisciplinary database that we have access to - subject coverage is scientific, medical, technical and social science; arts & humanities being added.	http://www.scopus.com Shibboleth/UK Federation IP address	word1 and word2 word1 or word2 word1 and not word2	*	?	"word1 word2"
Web of Science (WoS) (part of Web of Knowledge) WoS contains Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index and Arts & Humanities Citation Index. Broad subject coverage across most disciplines.	http://wok.mimas.ac.uk Shibboleth/UK Federation IP address	word1 word2 word1 or word2 word1 not word2	* for a group of letters	? for one letter within a word \$ zero or one letter within a word	"word1 word2" for topic and title searches
Westlaw UK Database of statutes, case reports, treaties, legal journal articles and other types of legal documents, mainly full-text, covering UK and European Union law and a wide range of US and international legal materials.	Access via Primo - http://primo.abdn.ac.uk:1701/ or www.abdn.ac.uk/library/subjectaz/law/ Shibboleth/UK Federation IP address	word1 & word2 word1 word2 word1 % word2	!	* per character	"word1 word2"