
Efficient Discovery and Research Curation



1 Basic Search Strategies

<http://proquest.libguides.com/pqdt/basic>

2 Boolean Searching

Use **AND** to narrow a search and retrieve records containing all of the words it separates.

Use **OR** to broaden a search and retrieve records containing any of the words it separates.

Use **NOT** to narrow a search and retrieve records that do not contain the term following it.

* = Truncation character. **Example: econom***

? = Wildcard character. **Example: t?re**

- = Range. **Example: YR(2010-2020)**

< > = Less than or greater than. **Example: YR(>2010)**

More Boolean search strategies:

<http://proquest.libguides.com/pqdt/tips>

3 Advanced Searches/Best Practices

Focus search results: **In Advanced Search**

<http://proquest.libguides.com/pqdt/tips>

Filter search results: Using **Sorted by** on the left side of a results page (e.g., full text, date range, subject, keyword)

<https://proquest.libguides.com/pqdt/results>

Combine Boolean searches: From **Saved Searches**

https://support.proquest.com/article/detail?id=kA1400000008WnxCAE&key=boolean&pcat=ProQuest_Platform_c&icat=

Create alerts or RSS feeds for a search: **Under Save search/alert**

<https://proquest.libguides.com/pqdt/results>

Curate your research: e.g., **RefWorks**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mTYGIOBvag>

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