

Deliverable Type Definitions



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Search Engine Tips & Tricks

Wildcard Searches

The search engine supports single and multiple character wildcard searches within single terms (not within phrase queries).

To perform a single character wildcard search use the "?" symbol.

To perform a multiple character wildcard search use the "*" symbol.

The single character wildcard search looks for terms that match that with the single character replaced. For example, to search for "text" or "test" you can use the search:

te?t

Multiple character wildcard searches looks for 0 or more characters. For example, to search for test, tests or tester, you can use the search:

test*

You can also use the wildcard searches in the middle of a term.

te*t

Note: You cannot use a * or ? symbol as the first character of a search.

Fuzzy Searches

To do a fuzzy search use the tilde, "~", symbol at the end of a Single word Term. For example to search for a term similar in spelling to "roam" use the fuzzy search:

roam~

This search will find terms like foam and roams.

Note that fuzzy search does not working with grouping, so you can't do a search like:

Roam~ AND transport

Proximity Searches

To do a proximity search use the tilde, "~" symbol at the end of a phrase, which must be in quotes. For example to search for "market" and "growth" within 10 words of each other in a document use the search:

"Market growth"~10

Boolean Operators

Boolean operators allow terms to be combined through logic operators. The engine supports AND, OR, NOT as Boolean operators (Note: Boolean operators must be ALL CAPS).

OR

The OR operator is the default conjunction operator. This means that if there is no Boolean operator between two terms, the OR operator is used. The OR operator links two terms and finds a matching document if either of the terms exist in a document. This is equivalent to a union using sets.

To search for documents that contain either "market growth" or just "growth" use the query:

"market growth" growth

or

"market growth" OR growth

AND

The AND operator matches documents where both terms exist anywhere in the text of a single document. This is equivalent to an intersection using sets.

To search for documents that contain "market" and "growth" use the query:

"market" AND "growth"

NOT

The NOT operator excludes documents that contain the term after NOT. This is equivalent to a difference using sets.

To search for documents that contain "market growth" but not "nascent" use the query:

"market growth" NOT "nascent"

Note: The NOT operator cannot be used with just one term. For example, the following search will return no results:

NOT "market growth"

Grouping

To search for either "market" or "nascent" and "growth" use the query:

(market OR nascent) AND growth

This eliminates any confusion and makes sure that growth must exist and either term market or nascent may exist.

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