

ETH-library Databases: Truncation, Wildcards, Phrase and Boolean Operators

Source	Truncation 0 or more character	Wildcard representing		Phrase	Boolean Operators
		0 or 1 character	1 character		
ETH-library - Knowledge Portal	*		?	„word1 word2“	AND OR NOT
ISI databases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WoS Core Collection • Biosis Previews • FSTA • Inspec • CAB Abstracts 	*	\$?	„word1 word2“	AND OR NOT SAME (address field) NEAR/n
Scopus	*		?	„word1 word2“	AND OR AND NOT PRE/n (preceeds) W/n (within)
PubMed	*			„word1 word2“	AND OR NOT
OVID databases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricola, Agris • ERIC • Medline 	* or \$ (right hand) *n or \$n restricts the number of characters (n) following the word	?	#		AND OR NOT ADJn FREQ term.xy./freq=n, field name required
Engineering Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geobase, GeoRef • Compendex 	*		? (n)	„word1 word2“	AND OR NOT NEAR ONEAR/n
EBSCOhost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Source premier • LISTA • Philosopher's Index • PSYINDEX • EconLit 	*	#	?	„word1 word2“	AND OR NOT Nn (near, within) Wn (preceeds)
LexisNexis	! (word stem, left & right hand) * (right hand) word~ (resembling words)		?	„word1 word2“	AND OR AND NOT W/n (within)
Proquest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avery Index Arch. Period. • Dissertation & Theses A&I • LISA 	* left & right hand [*n] restricts the number of characters (n) following/preceeding the word		X? : every ? stands for 1 character		AND OR NOT N/n (near, within) P/n (preceeds)

→ For further information about search strategies, tools, precedence of Boolean Operators, etc., use the HELP button provided by the database (often, there is a context sensitive help available!)