New ProQuest Platform
Search Syntax [Brief] Conversion Guide

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What's different?

2 word queries:

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2 word queries (such as **polar bear**) are searched as an exact phrase by default: "polar bear".	2 word queries are treated as an AND statement: "polar AND bear", which will retrieve documents containing both of those terms.

3 word queries:

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3 word queries (such as new york orchestra) are searched as words that need to appear in proximity to each other by default.	3 word queries are treated as an AND statement: "new AND york AND orchestra", which will retrieve documents containing all of those terms.

AND NOT / NOT

The operator AND NOT from legacy ProQuest is now equivalent to the simpler ProQuest operator NOT. Equivalent operators

Legacy ProQuest	ProQuest	Definition	Example
AND NOT	NOT	Find documents which have the first word, but not the second word.	Internet NOT html
W/#	NEAR/n	Look for documents that contain two search terms, in any order, within a specified number of words apart. Replace the 'n' with a number.	nursing NEAR/3 education.

Operator Precedence

ProQuest interprets your search terms in a certain order. The most notable difference in operator precedence between ProQuest and legacy ProQuest is that now in the new ProQuest, the operator **AND** takes precedence over the operator **OR**:

NEAR, PRE, NOT, AND, OR

Truncation and wildcard characters

* Truncation character

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Description	Example	Description	Example
Truncation character The truncation character in legacy ProQuest is used to find documents containing words with the same root. The * replaces 0 or more characters at the end of a word.	**educat*** would find educator, educated, and education.	**Truncation character** The truncation character can be used at the middle, or end of the word.	**nurse*** finds nurse, nurses, nursed **colo*r** finds colour, color

Advanced Search field codes

Search field	Corresponding field code
Abstract	AB
All fields	CABS
Author	AU
Document text	FT
Document title	TI
Location	LOC
Publication title	PUB
Subject heading (all)	SU
Tags	TAG

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