

SEARCH OPERATOR COMPARISON

Target construction	EBSCOHost	WorldCat	ProQuest	Google	Gale
match 0 to 100 characters	mormon*	mormon*	mormon*	not supported	mormon*
AND	law and romans	law AND romans	law and romans	law AND romans	law and romans
OR	grace or mercy	grace OR mercy	grace or mercy	grace OR mercy	grace or mercy
NOT	law not jewish	law NOT jewish	law not jewish	law -jewish (that is a prefix -)	law not jewish
use () for grouping/nesting	(law or covenant) and (romans or galatians)	(law OR covenant) AND (romans OR galatians)	(law or covenant) and (romans or galatians)	not supported	(law or covenant) and (romans or galatians)
word proximity, any order	prayer n4 meeting (number REQUIRED)	not supported	prayer near/4 meeting	not supported	prayer n4 meeting
word proximity, this order (exact phrase)	infant w0 baptism (number REQUIRED). Also: "infant baptism"	"infant baptism" (use straight quotes, not curly quotes)	infant pre/1 baptism	"infant baptism"	infant w0 baptism Also: "infant baptism"
default operator if no explicit operator specified	n5	AND	AND	AND	n4
mixed proximity and logical operators	fails with error message.	not supported	fails, no error message	not supported	some searches appear to work, but not all
reserved word (operator or field)	Field codes must be upper case to be recognized as such. Quote field codes to make them searchable terms. Quoting operators does not make them searchable terms	Use quotes around field codes.	Use quotes around operators. Nothing special needs to be done to search for a string that matches a field code	Use quotes around operators.	Use quotes around operators.
stop words (disregarded terms)	many stop words cannot search for them	many stop words. use quotes around them.	no stop words	many stop words. use quotes around them.	no stop words

Google operator OR has higher precedence than AND. So in Google A AND B OR C retrieves what you would expect of A AND (B OR C) and Google A OR B AND C OR D retrieves what you would expect of (A OR B) AND (C OR D). I don't know of a way to search for this: (A AND B) OR (C AND D)