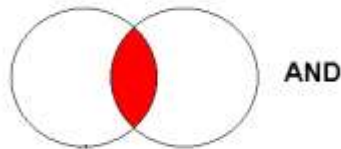


Need better search results? Here are some tips to help you to compose and refine your search terms.

Search engines have a variety of ways for you to refine and control your searches. Some of them offer menu systems while others require you to use special commands as part of your query. Much database searching is based on the principles of Boolean logic which allows you to specify the logical relationships among keywords in your search.

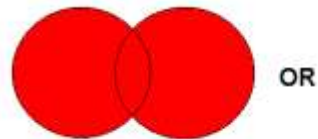
The basic elements of a Boolean search involve specifying whether keywords or phrases can appear in a search, must appear in a search, or must not appear in a search.

AND: exclusive – both terms present



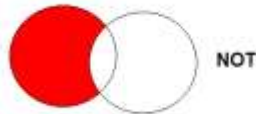
I.E.: "Dogs AND Cats" must BOTH be mentioned in the article or I don't want it

OR: inclusive – one term or the other



I.E: find articles where EITHER "Dogs OR Cats" are mentioned, I don't care which

NOT: excludes – one term is removed



"Dogs NOT Cats" may filter out relevant information on Dogs in articles where both Dogs and Cats are mentioned.

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