ProQuest Platform Advanced Search: Taking it to the Next Level

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Session Objectives

At the end of the session, you will be able to:

• Perform Advanced Searches on the ProQuest Platform
• Utilize the thesaurus to locate subject terms
ProQuest Central Student is a multidisciplinary resource that brings together many of ProQuest’s most important, complete databases in science, technology, education, social sciences, humanities, and news. This database solves the problem of preparing students for college level academics by giving them access to a variety of sources, types of content, and multiple subjects using an interface that is widely used in higher education and prep schools.
Search Tips Recap

➢ AND
  ➢ Look for documents that contain all of your words or phrases. Example: food AND nutrition

➢ OR
  ➢ Look for documents that contain any of your words or phrases. Example: food OR nutrition

➢ NOT
  ➢ Look for documents that contain one of your search terms but not the other. Example: nursing NOT shortage

➢ Phrase Searching
  ➢ Use quotations to search a phase. Example: “economic response to coronavirus”

➢ Truncation (*)
  ➢ Retrieves variations of the search term. Example: farm* will retrieve farm, farms, farmer, farming
Search Fields

- Every document in every ProQuest database is indexed to capture individual bits of information about the document.
- You can use indexed search fields to create very precise searches.
  - \texttt{AU(smith)} will retrieve only documents where \texttt{smith} appears in the author field.
  - Similarly, \texttt{AU(smith) and TI(food)} will retrieve only documents with \texttt{food} in the title and \texttt{smith} as the author.
  - \texttt{AB,TI(food)} - retrieve documents that have \texttt{food} in the title, or documents that have \texttt{food} in the abstract.
  - \texttt{AB,TI(food or nursing)} - retrieve documents that contain either \texttt{food} or \texttt{nursing} in the abstract, or in the title.
Advanced Search
Keyword vs. Search Fields

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Advanced Search

business administration

2,003,609 results

19,195 results
Advanced Search Limiters

- Source type:
  - Select all
  - Dissertations & Theses
  - Government & Official Publications
  - Magazines
  - Newspapers
  - Other Sources
  - Reports
  - Scholarly Journals

- Document type:
  - Select all
  - Memoir/Persoal Document
  - News
  - Obituary
  - Pamphlet/Ephemera
  - Patent
  - Play
  - Poem

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- social media

- Additional limits - Document type: Market Report, Market Research

4,249 results
Advanced Search – A Single Database
Example
ProQuest Thesaurus

Advanced Search

Thesaurus List

The following thesauri are available for your currently selected database(s). Note that many thesauri are database-specific, and may limit your search results to documents from those databases.

- MeSH 2021 Thesaurus
- ProQuest Thesaurus

ProQuest Thesaurus

Search terms:

Browse terms:

Thesaurus Terms

ProQuest Thesaurus

Search terms: software development

Contains word(s) □ Begins with (enter at least 2 characters)


Click a term in the list below to see available narrower, broader, and related terms.

Your search for software development found 0 terms. Below are the closest matches to your search.

Software debugging
Software development
Software engineering
Software industry
Software metering
Software on demand
Software packages
Software patches
Software quality
Software reliability
Software reviews
Software services

Select 1-20 □ Full text □ Peer reviewed

Sort by □ Relevance □ Abstract

Limit to □ Scholarly Journals □ Books □ Audio & Video Works □ Dissertations & Theses □ Newspapers

Source type □ Scholarly Journals □ Books □ Audio & Video Works □ Dissertations & Theses □ Newspapers

Combine using: □ OR □ AND □ NOT

Add to search
Thesaurus Terms - Narrow

ProQuest Thesaurus

Search terms: software development


Click a term in the list below to see available narrower, broader, and related terms.

Your search for software development found 0 terms. Below are the closest matches to your search.

- Software debugging
- Software, Educational
- Software engineering

Related terms:
- Computer programming
- Reliability engineering
- Requirements analysis
- Software
- Systems design
- Systems development

Broader terms:
- Software

Narrower terms:
- Algorithms
- Checkpointing
- Dynamic programming
- Logic programming
- Loops
- Macros
- Object oriented programming
- Real time
Example
Search Specific Publications

Journal of Refractive Surgery

Thornafare: SLACK INCORPORATED
Peer reviewed.
Full text coverage: Mar/Apr 1985 (Vol. 1, no. 1) - present
Citation/Abstract coverage: Mar/Apr 1985 (Vol. 1, no. 1) - present

Search within this publication...  Advanced Search

Choose an issue to view

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Saving Records
Demo
Additional Resources

➢ ProQuest Platform LibGuide
➢ ProQuest Central LibGuide
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