

## Advanced Search Help Sheet Pre-selected Fields Search

## **Creating an Advanced Search**

The Company, Industry, Author and Publication fields are "pre-selected" search fields that can be used separately or with the Keyword Find field on Advanced Search. The fields are joined together using "and."

- 1. Enter your search terms in the **Find** field.
- 2. Click one of the **links** next to the pre-selected fields (for example, Choose Company, Choose Industry, etc.).
- 3. A pop-up window displays the appropriate list (Company, Industry, Author, and Publication). Select the terms from the list and click the **Add to Search** button.
- 4. The terms are added to the pre-selected **Find** field. To clear the entry field, click **Reset**.
- 5. Select any limiters that you want to apply. (If a **More Options** link appears, you can click it to view all limiters that are available.)
- 6. Click Search. A Result List is displayed.

You can use **Boolean operators** to create a very broad or very narrow search.

• The **AND** operator combines search terms so that each result contains *all* of the terms. For example, type **electronic and resources** to find articles that contain *both* words.

• The **OR** operator combines search terms so that each result contains *at least one* of the terms. For example, type **college or university** to find articles that contain *ei*-*ther* word.

• The **NOT** operator excludes search terms so that each result does *not* contain the terms that follow it. For example, type **computers not apple** to find articles that contain *computers*, but *not apple*.

### **Additional Features**

#### Searching an Index or Authority File from Advanced Search

- 1. Click any of the links at the top of the **Browse** column (for example, Subjects, Authors, Cited References, or Indexes).
- 2. The Index or Authority File you selected is displayed. Enter your search terms in the **Browse for** field and click **Browse**. A list of results that match your search terms appears.
- 3. Mark the terms that you want, click the Add button, and then click Search. A Result List is displayed

#### Searching for Publications from Advanced Search

- 1. Click any of the **links** in the **Publications** area of the **Browse** column (for example, Publications, Academic Journals, Country Reports, etc.)
- The corresponding list of available publications is displayed. You can mark items, add them to the **Find** field, and click **Search**. A Result List is displayed.

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# Advanced Search Help Sheet Guided Style Search

## Creating an Advanced Search

The Business Searching Interface's Advanced Search with Guided Style fields is designed for more experienced searchers—students and teachers who are familiar with using multiple **Find** fields, Limiters, Expanders and Boolean search terms.

- 1. In the first Find field, enter your search terms.
- 2. Choose the search field from the **Select a Field** drop-down list. (For example, select the *Title* field.)
- 3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the second set of **Find** fields.
- 4. Select a Boolean operator (AND, OR, NOT) to combine the two Find field entries.
- 5. You can enter another Boolean operator, keyword, and search field in the third set of **Find** fields.
- 6. Select any limiters or expanders that you want to apply. (For example, you could select a specific Document Type such as *Case Study*.)
- 7. If a More Options link appears, you can click it to view all limiters that are available.
- 8. Click the Search button. A Result List is displayed

# **Searching Techniques**

Boolean operators allow you to create a very broad or very narrow search.

- The **AND** operator combines search terms so that each result contains *all* of the terms. For example, type **electronic and resources** to find articles that contain *both* words.
- The OR operator combines search terms so that each result contains at least one of the terms. For example, type college or university to find articles that contain either word.
- The **NOT** operator excludes search terms so that each result does *not* contain the terms that follow it. For example, type **computers not apple** to find articles that contain *computers*, but *not apple*.

**Wildcard** (?) and **Truncation** (\*) allow you to create searches using terms that have unknown characters, multiple spellings or various endings.

- A wildcard search (represented by a ?) will find all instances of your term(s) by automatically replacing the ? with a letter. Enter your term(s) and replace each unknown character with a ?. For example, type ne?t to find results containing neat, nest or next. The Business Searching Interface does not find net because the wildcard replaces a *single* character.
- A **truncation search** (represented by an asterisk \*) will find all forms of your term(s). Enter the root of a word and replace the ending with an \*. For example, type **comput\*** to find the words **computer** and **computing**.