

General Operators

OPERATOR	USE	EXAMPLE
" "	Exact phrase as written	"peanut butter"
AND	Results containing both terms	peanut AND butter
OR	Results with either term	peanut OR butter
()	Group for clarity	(peanut butter AND jelly) OR pbj
These search operators can be used anywhere.		

Search Engine Operators (Google)

OPERATOR	USE
-	Exclude from results
site:	Searches a specific site or domain.
filetype:	Finds only specified file types.
..	Searches for a number in a range of numbers
\$	Search for prices
@	Search for results on social media.
in	Conversions
*	Wildcard for unknowns
These are specifically for search engines.	

Academic Database Operators

OPERATOR	USE
NOT	Excludes terms
*	Truncation: finds articles with various versions of the term.
?	Wildcard
AB	Searches only in the abstract
PT	Searches publication type.
NEAR/#	Find articles where terms are found no farther than the listed number of words apart.
Search operators only for academic databases.	



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