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Advanced Search Guide

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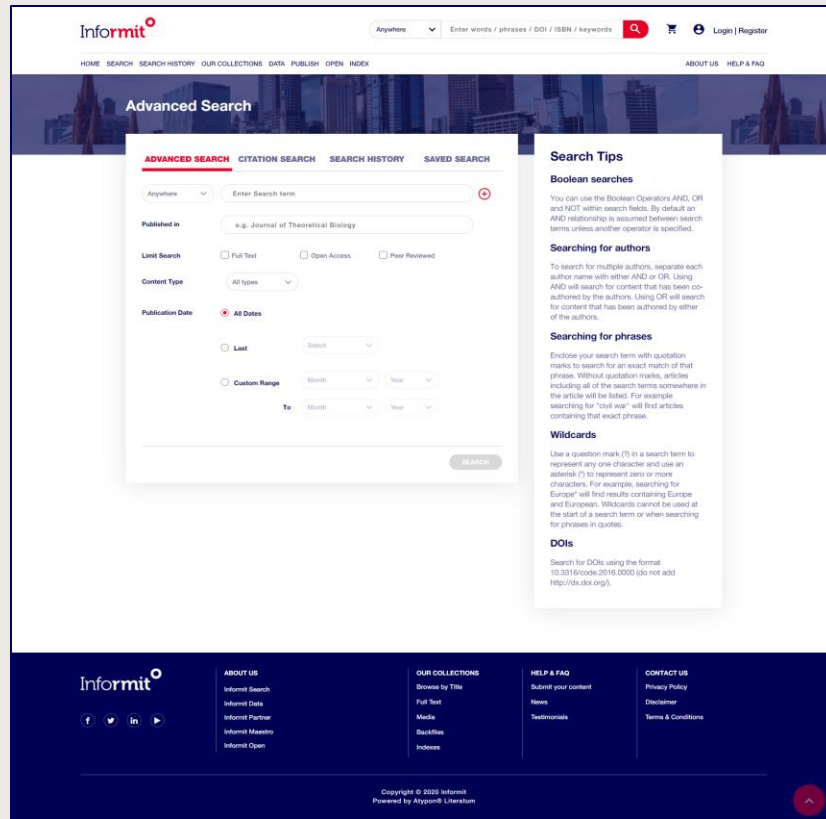
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Start Searching

Click **Advanced Search** >



● **Advanced Search** provides a range of options



Advanced Search Options

- **Fielded search**

Select **Anywhere** | **Title** | **Author** | **Subjects**

Click **+** to add another search box

- **Published in**

Enter a **Title** to limit results to that source

- **Limit Search**

Select **Full Text** | **Open Access** | **Peer Reviewed**

- **Content Type**

Select **Type** from drop-down

- **Publication Date**

Select **All Dates** | **Last** (range) | **Custom Range**

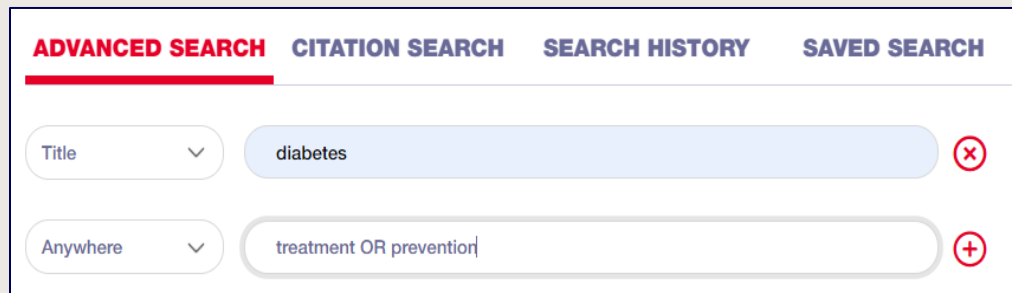
The screenshot displays the 'ADVANCED SEARCH' interface with the following elements:

- Navigation:** ADVANCED SEARCH (active), CITATION SEARCH, SEARCH HISTORY, SAVED SEARCH.
- Search Box:** A dropdown menu set to 'Anywhere' and a text input field containing 'Enter Search term' with a red '+' icon to its right.
- Published in:** A text input field containing 'e.g. Journal of Theoretical Biology'.
- Limit Search:** Three checkboxes: 'Full Text' (checked), 'Open Access', and 'Peer Reviewed'.
- Content Type:** A dropdown menu set to 'All types'.
- Publication Date:** Three radio button options: 'All Dates' (selected), 'Last', and 'Custom Range'.
 - Last:** Includes a 'Select' dropdown menu.
 - Custom Range:** Includes a 'To' label and two date range dropdowns (Month and Year).

Build a Complex Search – Boolean Operators

- Use **AND**, **OR** and **NOT** between search terms in search fields
- **AND** is default relationship – AND is assumed between search terms if no other operator is specified
- **AND** is assumed between multiple search boxes
- To group **AND** and **OR** searches, use multiple search boxes or long search strings with a single box

Example



The screenshot shows an advanced search interface with four tabs: **ADVANCED SEARCH**, **CITATION SEARCH**, **SEARCH HISTORY**, and **SAVED SEARCH**. The **ADVANCED SEARCH** tab is selected. Below the tabs, there are two search criteria:

- Field: **Title** (dropdown menu)
- Search term: **diabetes** (input field)
- Field: **Anywhere** (dropdown menu)
- Search term: **treatment OR prevention** (input field)

Each search criterion has a red 'x' icon to the right, indicating it can be removed. The second criterion also has a red '+' icon, indicating it can be added.

> Finds records containing **diabetes** in an article title **AND** **treatment** or **prevention** in any field in those records

Build a Complex Search – More Operators

- **Truncation** – to match any set of zero or more characters, substitute *****

manage* > matches include manage, manages, manager, management etc.

fav*rite > matches include favourite, favorite

- **Wildcard** – to match any single character, substitute **?**

l?st > matches last, lest, list, lost, lust etc.

200? > in a Publication Year field matches publication years 2000 through 2009

- **Proximity** – to find content with terms near each other, use **"terms"~number**

"debt recovery"~5 > finds content with **debt** and **recovery** within five words of each other

- **Relevance** – to boost retrieval of preferred term within results, use **term^(caret) number**

nutrition^3 food > nutrition is 3 times more important than food

Build a Complex Search – Nested terms

- **Nesting** – use brackets to construct a more precise search strategy

Examples

1. marijuana AND cannabis OR therap* (*no nesting*)
Result set retrieves records with both marijuana and cannabis, then adds records containing therap* with or without marijuana and cannabis
2. marijuana AND (cannabis OR therap*)
Result set retrieves records with marijuana that also contain either or both of cannabis and therap*
3. marijuana OR (cannabis AND therap*)
Result set retrieves records with both cannabis and therap*, then adds records containing marijuana regardless of presence/absence of cannabis or therap*
4. (marijuana OR cannabis) AND therap*
Result set retrieves all records containing marijuana or cannabis then selects records FROM THAT SET also containing therap*



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