

Advanced search option in relevant databases – An overview | March 2023

	Business Source Complete	ProQuest One Business	Scopus (Elsevier)	EconBiz
Thesaurus / Subject headings exists	yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Via the tab "Thesaurus" - Identify subjects heading and add - Can be seen in search history due to the DE " " 	yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go to the advanced search and find subject headings 	no <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Not for the business and management field 	yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Find subject heading in the Thesaurus for Economics - Add terms to the search → database will recognize them as subject headings
Search words in the exact order in any field in the metadata (phrase)	yes „...“	yes „...“	yes {...}	yes „...“
Placeholder for letters (wildcards)	yes ? (replaces one unknown character) example: ne?t stands for nest, next, neat but not net			
Various endings (truncation)	yes * , e.g. lead* returns lead, leads, leader, leadership, etc.			
Wildcard in phrase search	yes e.g. "sustain* leadership"			

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Distance between terms – variable word order (near field operator)	Nn specifies how many words are allowed between 2 search terms, order of search terms in the result does not matter e.g. banking N3 system (max. 3 words allowed between them)	NEAR/n oder N/n specifies how many words are allowed between 2 search terms, order of search terms in the result does not matter e.g. banking N3 system (max. 3 words allowed between them)	W/n specifies how many words are allowed between 2 search terms, order of search terms in the result does not matter e.g. banking W3 system (max. 3 words allowed between them)	no
Distance between words with defined word order (near field operator)	W/n finds hits, where the terms are at most n words apart in the entered order. E.g. project W/3 manag*	PRE/n oder P/n finds hits, where the terms are at most n words apart in the entered order. E.g. project PRE/3 manag*	PRE/n finds hits, where the terms are at most n words apart in the entered order. E.g. project PRE/3 manag*	no
Search history to combine searches	<i>Search history</i> S1 AND S2; S1 OR S2	<i>Prior searches,</i> 1 OR 2; 1 AND 2	<i>Search history</i> S1 AND S2; S1 OR S2	<i>in advanced search only; search history is one string in the end</i>