





Truncations

| + | Retrieves an unlimited number of characters | bicycl+ +inflamatory |
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| ? | Retrieves zero or one character | bicycle? alumin?um |
| # | Retrieves exactly one character | polymeri#ation |

Operators

| OR | Retrieves references containing at least one of the terms | sulfur OR sulphur |
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| AND | All the terms | plutonium AND isotope |
| NOT | The first term without the second | suv NOT vesicle |
| F | The terms in the same field | sodium F chlorine |
| s | The terms in the same sentence | sodium S chlorine |
| Р | The terms in the same paragraph | sodium P chlorine |
| D | The terms next to each other in any order | Redundancy D check+ |
| Nd | The terms next to each other in any order with up to n other terms between them (n from 1 to 9) | electric+ 2D conduct+ 2D adhesive |
| w | The terms next to each other in a specific order. When no operator is put between terms, the W will be automatically implied | smart W card? = smart card? |
| nw | The terms next to each other in a specific order with up to n other terms between them (n between 1 and 9) | friction 1W pad? |
| Parenthesis | Parenthesis necessary when combining several operators | ((wireless W application W protocol) OR wap) NOT (dna OR transgenic) (hair 1D (dye OR dyeing)) AND oxidat+ |

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