



Informit Core Advanced Search Guide

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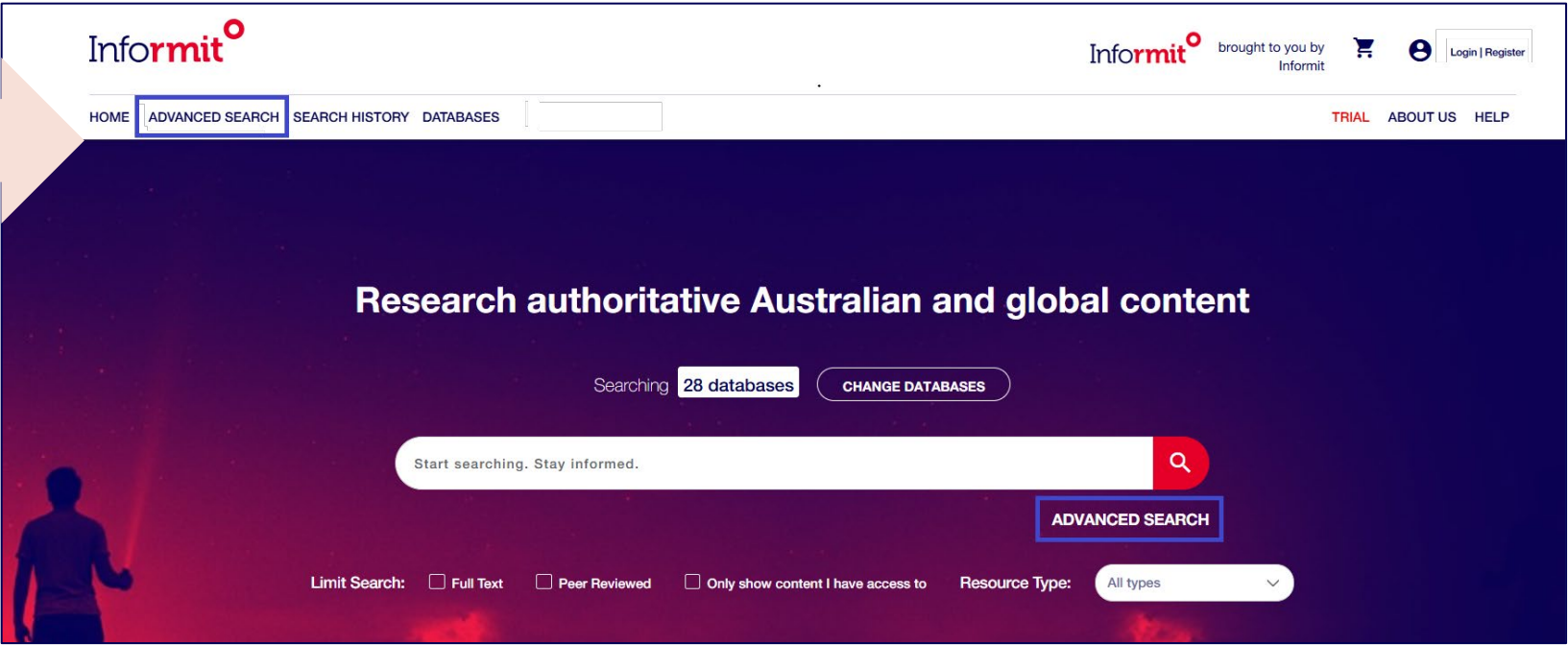
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Start Your Search

Use **Advanced Search** to refine your search query for a more focused search. While basic searching permits you to search for an individual term or phrase within the Informit platform, an Advanced Search lets you string together a more complex query.

Here's a [short video](#) that summarises advanced searching on Informit. You'll find more detailed information on this page and in our [search strategies](#) articles.

To get started,
select **Advanced Search** from the top
panel...





Start Your Search (Continued)

You will be taken to the **Advanced Search** page where you have the option to break down your search query into multiple search boxes.

Advanced Search

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Enter Search term

All Fields

AND

Enter Search term

All Fields

+

SEARCH

Search boxes are provided to separate your search strategy into multiple components, combining **keywords** with **Boolean** operators and specific search **fields**, which we'll unpack in this guide.



All Fields

At the end of each search box is a drop down menu. This allows you to search for a term within a specific field. As a default, this is set to **All Fields**, which searches across all available fields.

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Enter Search term

AND

Enter Search term

Limit Search:

☐ Full Text

☐ Has Full Text

☐ Abstract Only

☐ Open Access

☐ Peer Reviewed

Resource Type:

Match Any

Select all/Clear all

☐ Video and Sound

☐ Journal

☐ Report

☐ Book

☐ Conference

☐ Conference Proceedings

All Fields

All Fields

All Fields and Full Text

Title

Author

Author Affiliation

Subjects

Abstract

Journal or Source Title

Resource Type

Legal Cases

Legislation

Treaty

Jurisdiction

Geographic Location

Click the **All Fields** drop down menu to search within a specific field.



All Fields (Continued)

After you select the drop-down box, you have the option to choose from the following:

- All Fields and Full Text
- Title
- Author
- Author Affiliation
- Subjects
- Abstract
- Journal or Source Title
- Resource Type
- Legal Cases
- Legislation
- Treaty
- Jurisdiction
- Geographic Location

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cybersecurity

AND

Enter Search term

Title

All Fields

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Limit Search: ☐ Full Text ☐ Has Full Text ☐ Abstract Only ☐ Open Access ☐ Peer Reviewed

In this example, the search will find results that contain **cybersecurity** in the article **title**.



Boolean operators

From the second search box onwards, you have the option to combine or exclude search terms using a **Boolean operator**. Boolean operators include terms like **AND**, **OR** and **NOT**.

Click the **AND** button to select between the available Boolean operators

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All Fields

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OR

NOT

Enter Search term

All Fields

Enter Search term

All Fields

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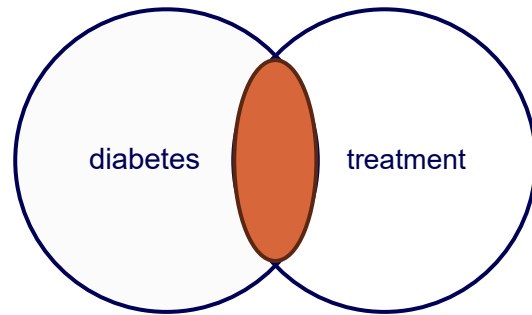
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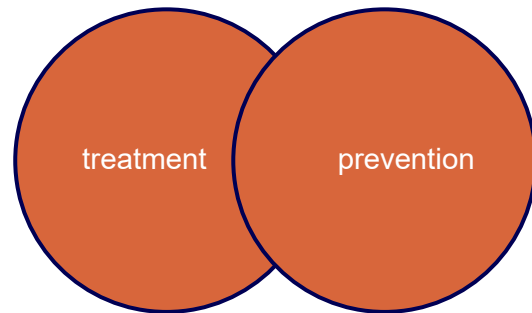


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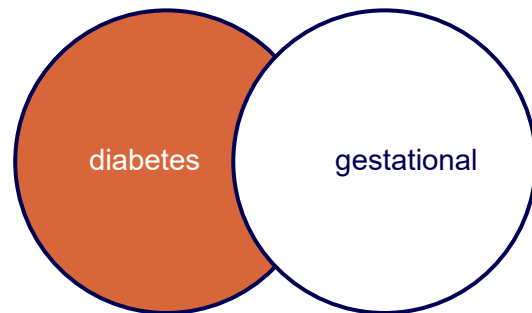
AND combines search terms and narrows the results.

eg. Diabetes **AND** Treatment will show results from both diabetes and treatment together.



OR searches between similar terms and broadens the results.

eg. Treatment **OR** Prevention will show results with either treatment or prevention, or both together.



NOT excludes a search term and narrows the results.

eg. Diabetes **NOT** Gestational will show results from diabetes and exclude results that also contain gestational.



Boolean operators in Informit

- **AND** is the default relationship that is assumed between search terms if no other operator is specified (e.g., climate change is searched as climate AND change)
- **AND** is also assumed between multiple search boxes by default
- Using multiple search boxes can make a complex Boolean search easier to manage. For example, use **OR** to group related terms or synonyms within the same search box, then use **AND** to connect different concepts across separate search boxes:

AI OR automation	
AND	education OR learning

- Another reason to use multiple search boxes is to take advantage of the available search fields. For example, you could search diabetes in the **subject** field AND search treatment OR prevention in the **abstract** field. This will enable each search term to appear in a specific part of the source for a more focused search.

diabetes		Subject
AND	treatment OR prevention	Abstract



Adding or Removing Search Terms

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Search term

All Fields

▼

Enter Search term

All Fields

▼

×

Enter Search term

All Fields

▼

+

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Search terms can be added using the + button or removed using the x button.

Both of these options are located on the right side of the search box.



Limit Search

Below the search box is the **Limit Search** option, which enables you to refine results based on full text availability, open access, and peer review status.

The screenshot shows a search interface with two search boxes at the top, each with a placeholder 'Enter Search term'. Below the search boxes is a dropdown menu set to 'AND'. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'Limit Search:' with five checkboxes: 'Full Text', 'Has Full Text', 'Abstract Only', 'Open Access', and 'Peer Reviewed'. This section is highlighted with a blue border in the original image.

One or more of the following limiters can be applied:

- **Full Text:** Shows only records where full text content is available directly within Informit.
- **Has Full Text:** Shows records where full text is available, either in Informit or through an external link.
- **Abstract Only:** Shows records that include a summary or citation only. Full text is not available in Informit and may need to be accessed elsewhere.
- **Open Access:** Shows content that is freely available to all users.
- **Peer Reviewed:** Shows content that has been evaluated by subject matter experts before publication.

Resource Type

The **Resource Type** filter can be used to include, combine, or exclude specific resource types:

- Video and Sound
- Journal
- Report
- Book
- Conference
- Conference Proceedings

A screenshot of the Informit Core Advanced Search interface. The 'Resource Type' section is highlighted with a blue border. It features a dropdown menu set to 'Match Any' and a red link 'Select all/Clear all'. Below this, there are checkboxes for 'Video and Sound', 'Journal', 'Report', 'Book', 'Conference', and 'Conference Proceedings'. Above the 'Resource Type' section, there are search input fields and a 'Limit Search' section with checkboxes for 'Full Text', 'Has Full Text', 'Abstract Only', 'Open Access', and 'Peer Reviewed'.

For example, select **Match Any** from the drop-down box and select **Journal** to limit your results to only show journal articles.

A screenshot of the Informit Core Advanced Search interface, similar to the one above, but with the 'Match Any' dropdown and the 'Journal' checkbox selected. The 'Match Any' dropdown and the 'Journal' checkbox are highlighted with blue boxes. The 'Journal' checkbox has a red checkmark. The 'Limit Search' section and other checkboxes remain the same.

Resource Type (Continued)

If you want to exclude resource categories, you can select **Match None** and then select the category you don't want to see in your search results.

Limit Search:
☐ Full Text
☐ Has Full Text
☐ Abstract Only
☐ Open Access
☐ Peer Reviewed

Resource Type:

Match None ▼

☒ Video and Sound
☐ Journal
☐ Report

For example, select **Match None** and then **Video and Sound** to specifically exclude video or sound resources from showing in your search results.



Language

You can limit results to one or more **languages**.

Begin typing a language in the text box provided. As you type, available languages will appear.

Multiple languages can be selected.

The screenshot shows the Informit search interface. The 'Language' section is highlighted with a blue border. It contains a text box with the placeholder text 'Begin typing and select term from list.' and two selected language tags: 'English x' and 'Spanish x'. An orange arrow points from the text box to a callout box on the right.

For example, select **English** and **Spanish** to limit content to those languages.



Media Genre

For Informit media products, use the options underneath the **Media Genre** filter to refine results by genre.

Media Genre:

Match Any

Select all/Clear all

☐ Lifestyle and Infotainment

☐ Variety

☐ Children

☒ News and Current Affairs

☐ Comedy

☐ Educational

☐ Drama

☐ Interview

☐ Reality

☐ Sport

☐ Animation

☒ Documentary

For example, select **Match Any** and **News and Current Affairs** and **Documentary** to find results from only these sources and exclude results from other sources.



Publication Date

By default, the Informit platform will retrieve results across **All Dates**.

You can narrow your search by limiting to a pre-selected time block or to a custom date range.

Publication Date

☐ All Dates

☒ Last

6 Months

▼

☐ Custom Range

From

Month

▼

Year

▼

To

Month

▼

Year

▼

For example, select **Last 6 months** to limit results to content that has been published during that period.



Example Search

1. You have been asked to cite research articles to support the following assignment question:

What are the main barriers to justice in Australian society and how do they impact the administration of justice?

2. From this prompt, you have selected the following keywords as your search terms:

barriers, justice, Australia

3. These terms can be placed in separate search boxes:

barriers	
AND	justice
AND	Australia



Example Search (Continued)

4. Add synonyms to expand the search. Use **OR** to search between synonyms.

barriers **OR** obstacles

AND justice **OR** fairness

AND Australia

5. Modify one of the search fields. For example, search for **Australia** in the **abstract** of a source.

barriers **OR** obstacles All Fields

AND justice **OR** fairness All Fields

AND Australia Abstract

6. Under **Limit Search**, select **Full Text** and **Peer Reviewed**.

☒ Full Text ☒ Peer Reviewed

Example Search in Informit

You can now apply this strategy in the **Advanced Search** on the Informit platform using the search boxes and fields provided:

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barriers OR obstacles

AND

justice OR fairness

AND

Australia

All Fields

All Fields

Abstract

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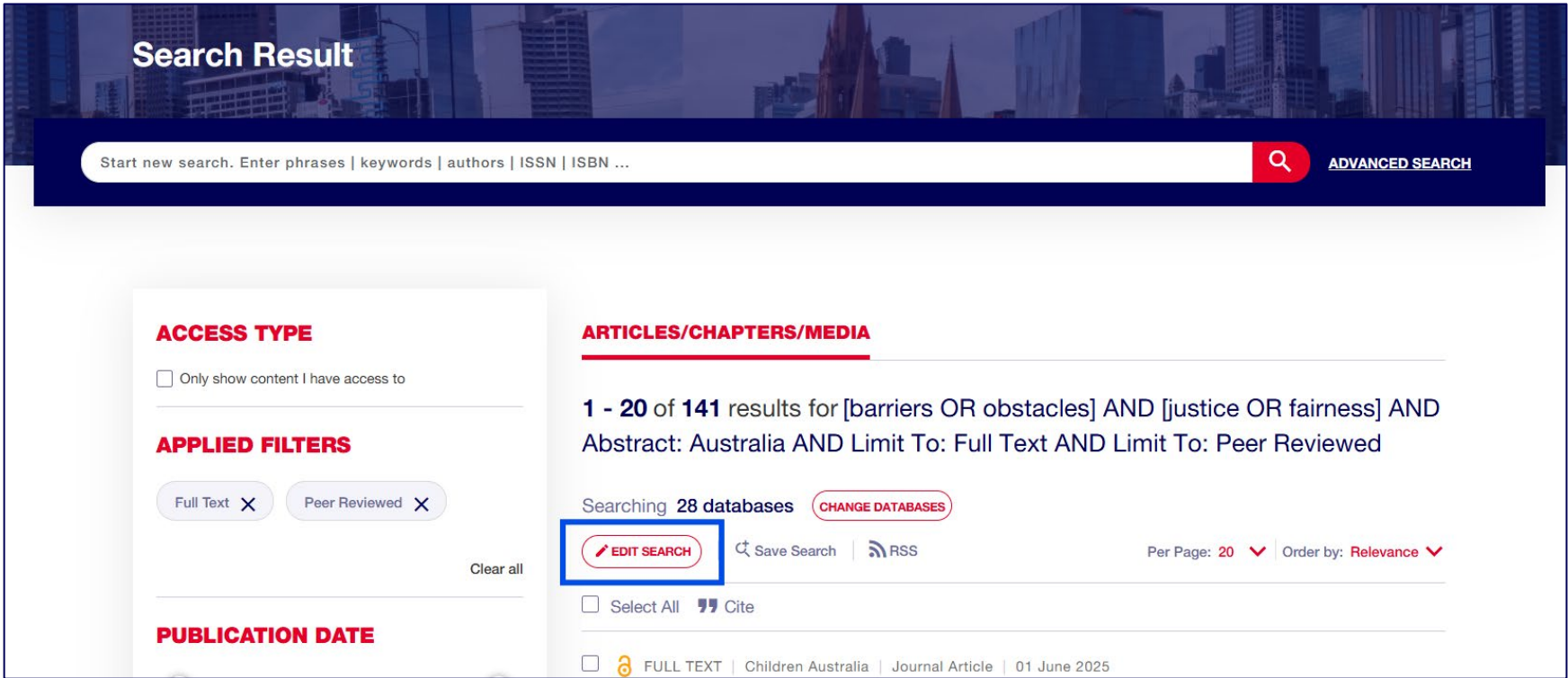
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Limit Search:

☒ Full Text
 ☐ Has Full Text
 ☐ Abstract Only
 ☐ Open Access
 ☒ Peer Reviewed

Edit Your Search

On the search results page, the **Edit Search** option is located directly below the search box.





Edit Your Search (Continued)

This will return you to the **Advanced Search** screen where you can modify or remove your applied filters, search terms, and selected fields.

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APPLIED FILTERS

Clear all

Full Text X Peer Reviewed X

barriers OR obstacles

All Fields

AND justice OR fairness

All Fields

X

AND Australia

Abstract

+

CLEAR SEARCH

SEARCH

Limit Search: ☐ Full Text ☐ Has Full Text ☐ Abstract Only ☐ Open Access ☐ Peer Reviewed

Build a Complex Search – More Operators

If you want to...	Use...	Operator	Examples	Results will show...
Search for an exact word or phrase	Phrase search	"..."	"car"	The exact word car (excluding variations such as <i>care</i> or <i>caring</i>)
Find variations of a word by substituting zero or more characters	Wildcard	*	"climate change"	The exact phrase climate change
			p*diatric	Variations such as paediatric and pediatric
Find variations of a word by substituting a single character	Wildcard	?	religio*	Variations such as religion, religious, religiosity
			wom?n	Woman and women
Find search terms that appear close to each other	Proximity search	"..."~number	"disability rights"~5	Disability and rights appear within five words of each other
Prioritise one search term over another	Relevance boosting	^number	nutrition^3 child	Nutrition is ranked three times higher than child in the results

Build a Complex Search – Nesting (Grouping Terms)

Use parantheses (...) to group search terms and Boolean operators. This creates more precise searches.

Here are some examples of nesting at work:

Search	What it does
marijuana AND (cannabis OR therap*)	Retrieves records with marijuana and either cannabis , therap* (e.g. therapy, therapies, therapeutic), or both.
marijuana OR (cannabis AND therap*)	Retrieves records with both cannabis and therap* , plus any records containing marijuana , regardless of whether the terms cannabis and therap* are present.
(marijuana OR cannabis) AND therap*	Retrieves records containing marijuana or cannabis , and then selects records from that set that also contain therap* .



Search Behaviour – Stemming

Stemming is a search feature that recognises different forms of words that share the same stem. This helps you find relevant results without having to search for every variation of a word, such as the singular and plural forms.

For example, searching **employ** will also bring back results for **employed**, **employer**, and **employment**.

Why is stemming useful?

- Stemming helps the search platform understand related words.
- It finds results that use different versions of your search term.
- By retrieving more variations of words, it returns more results.
- It makes it possible to return search results that otherwise might have been missed.

Search Behaviour – Stemming on Informit

- On Informit, stemming is turned on by default.
- The search platform automatically looks for related words, including plurals and word variations.
- Stemming is applied to fields such as **title**, **full text** and **abstracts**.

For example, in this search on **travel**, results include not just travel, but **travelers**, **travellers**, **travels**.

To disable stemming, surround your search with double quotation marks.

In this example, **quotation marks** ("...") have been added ("**travel**") to eliminate search results that contain variations of the word travel.

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