Search

Available databases

Basic search

Advanced search

Expert search in WorldCat indexes

Non-Roman character displays in WorldCat

The Basic Search screen allows you to search the main indexes in a database. Use the Basic search if you are new to online searching or if you need quick results using a simple search statement.

The Advanced Search screen lets you construct more complex search statements. Up to three search strings and three indexes can be combined using Boolean operators (AND, OR, and NOT) selected from drop-down menus. More search limits are available at this level.

Before starting an advanced search
Indexes and examples of an advanced search
Perform an advanced search
Refine an advanced search

The Expert Search screen is designed for experienced searchers who prefer to enter logical search strings.

Index labels and examples of an expert search in WorldCat
Material types
Number of library holdings
US-MARC fields and subfields in WorldCat FirstSearch indexes
US-MARC fields displayed in a WorldCat detailed record

Non-Roman character displays in WorldCat
• Results

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- Find search terms
- Full text
- Rank results
- The Detailed Record screen
- The Limit Results screen
- The List of Records screen
- Use results

• Special search methods

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- Boolean searching and reserved operators
- Browse
- Hot topics
- Limit a search
- Plurals, truncation, wildcards, and proximity
- Punctuation, diacritics, and special characters
- Search for names, numbers, and year ranges
- Stopwords in WorldCat derived key searching