FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery index differences

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OCLC is synchronizing the use of query syntax and index labels across all WorldShare products and interfaces. Therefore, there are some differences between FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery.

## Index changes from FirstSearch to WorldCat Discovery

For additional information, see [Searching WorldCat Indexes](#).

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| ISBN (number search) | Use bn:  
Index label is optional  
Hyphen is optional |
| ISSN (number search) | Use in:  
Index label is optional  
Hyphen is required when using index label |
| Music/publisher number (number search) | Use mn: |
| Music/publisher number (number phrase search) | Use mn=  
Enter all letters and numbers; concatenate all punctuation and spaces up to a dash or double hyphen. |
| OCLC Control Number | Use no:  
If you start a search with an OCLC number, use an index label for a following search term (unless you enter another OCLC number). See [Searching WorldCat Indexes](#), [OCLC Control Number](#) for more information. |
| Publisher number (number search) | Use mn:  
Renamed to Music/publisher number  
See above. |
| Publisher number (number phrase search) | Use mn=  
Renamed to Music/publisher number  
See above. |
| Year | To search date ranges, navigate to the "Advanced...
Search* screen and use the limiters to limit by year. The end year must be four digits. These types of searches are not supported:
201?
2012-
2001-05

Unsupported query syntax

- OCLC number searches must include an index label; The use of the pound sign (#) is no longer supported.
- Index browsing is not available.
- Whole phrase search index labels are not available.
- Plurals (e.g. "giraffe+") are not available. They are replaced by stemming.
- **Proximity operators** ("with," "w," "near," and "n") are not available. Proximity is also called adjacency. Note that the words "with" and "near" can be searched if surrounded by quotations or in an unbounded phrase search.