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Access

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Search

Basic Search (Default search mode)

The screenshot shows the 'Basic Search' form. Annotations include: 1. Enter search term(s) pointing to the search input field; 2. Specify a date range pointing to the 'Date range' dropdown; 3. Click here to display more search options pointing to the 'More Search Options' link; 4. Search button; 5. Click to start search pointing to the 'Search' button.

Advanced Search

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' form. Annotations include: 1. Enter search term(s) pointing to the search input field; 2. Select the field to search pointing to the 'Citation and abstract' dropdown; 3. Select an operator to combine search terms in different fields pointing to the 'AND' dropdown; 4. Specify a date range, if desired pointing to the 'Date range' dropdown; 5. Specify other search criteria, if desired. You can enter the criteria in the box(es) directly, or click on the "Look up" links and select term(s) from the index(es) pointing to the 'Advisor', 'School name/code', 'Subject name/code', 'Index terms (keywords)', and 'Document language' fields; 6. Specify manuscript type, if desired pointing to the 'Manuscript type' dropdown; 7. Select sorting method, and no. of results per page, if desired pointing to the 'Sort results by' and 'Results per page' dropdowns; 8. Click to start search pointing to the 'Search' button.

Search Syntax

Boolean and Proximity Operators:

Operator	Example	Finds articles containing...
AND	education and internet	<i>education and internet</i> in the same document
OR	education or internet	<i>education or internet</i> , or both, in the document
AND NOT	education and not internet	<i>education</i> , but not <i>internet</i>
W/# (within)	education w/8 internet	<i>education</i> within 8 words of <i>internet</i>
PRE/# (precede)	education pre/5 internet	<i>education</i> preceding <i>internet</i> by up to 5 words

where # is a number

Truncation and Wildcard Symbols:

Symbol	Function	Example	Finds articles containing...
*	to substitute any number of characters following a word root	econom*	<i>economy, economies, economics, economical, etc.</i>
?	to substitute a single character in a word	wom?n	<i>woman, women</i>

Phrase Searching:

- To search for a two-word phrase, just enter the phrase by itself, e.g. *market share*.
- To search for a phrase longer than two words, enclose the phrase in quotation marks. e.g. *"sustainable urban development"*.

Search Results

Click to display all marked records.

Email: Send marked documents to an email address.
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