

# BOOLEAN SEARCHES AND TRUNCATION

## Boolean Search Tips

### Boolean “And”

Returns results with every search term

Example: cats AND dogs

### Boolean “Or”

Returns results with one or both of the search terms

Example: college OR university

### Boolean “Not” & “And Not”

Returns your first search term, but not the second term

Example: saturn AND NOT car

### Nesting

Use parentheses to combine two search phrases into one phrase

Example: (hybrid OR electric) AND (Toyota OR Honda)

### Implied Boolean Operators

Type (+) instead of “And”

Example: +science

Type (-) instead of “Not”

Example: +Shakespeare -Othello

Type (“search term”) to require the terms to be searched in that exact order

Example: “Shel Silverstein”

## Truncation

Also called stemming

Examples:

librar\* returns library, librarian, etc.

hono\*r returns honor and honour