

# Advanced Quicksearch Search Help

## Advanced Search

You will find the Advanced Search link to the right of the search box when you are in [Catalog](#) [1]. Sample screen illustrates the location of the Advanced Search link.



The Advanced Search window:

A screenshot of the Advanced Search window. At the top right, there are links for 'Cancel Advanced Search' and 'Collapse Advanced Search'. Below the title 'Advanced Search' is a link to 'Basic Search'. On the right side of the window, there is a 'Help' link. The main interface consists of several search fields and limit options. On the left, there are three rows of search fields: 'All Fields' (with dropdowns for 'AND', 'OR', and 'NOT'), 'Title' (with dropdowns for 'AND', 'OR', and 'NOT'), and 'Author' (with a 'Add a row' link). To the right of these fields is a 'Limit results by' section with four categories: 'Format' (with a text input field 'Type or select formats'), 'Library' (with a text input field 'Type or select libraries'), 'Location' (with a text input field 'Type or select locations'), and 'Language' (with a text input field 'Type or select languages'). At the bottom left are two buttons: a blue 'Search' button and a grey 'Reset' button.

In Advanced Search, you can

- search up to 5 rows of terms or phrases
- choose from 17 fields (author, title, subject, etc.) or All Fields (keyword) per row
- connect rows with Boolean operators AND, OR, and NOT

You may also limit on the opening search screen by

- format
- library
- location within a library (for example, Sterling Memorial Library - Starr - Reference; start typing the name of a library, then scroll and click on the location within it)
- language (start typing the name of the language to narrow the list)
- publication date or date range

After searching, click on **Modify Search** to edit your search.

## Searching for Multiple Terms

- If there are 1-6 terms or phrases in one box, all are required
- If there are more than 6 terms or phrases in one box, 80% are required

If a word is misspelled, therefore, it is possible you will land on the "no results" page.

### Boolean Searching

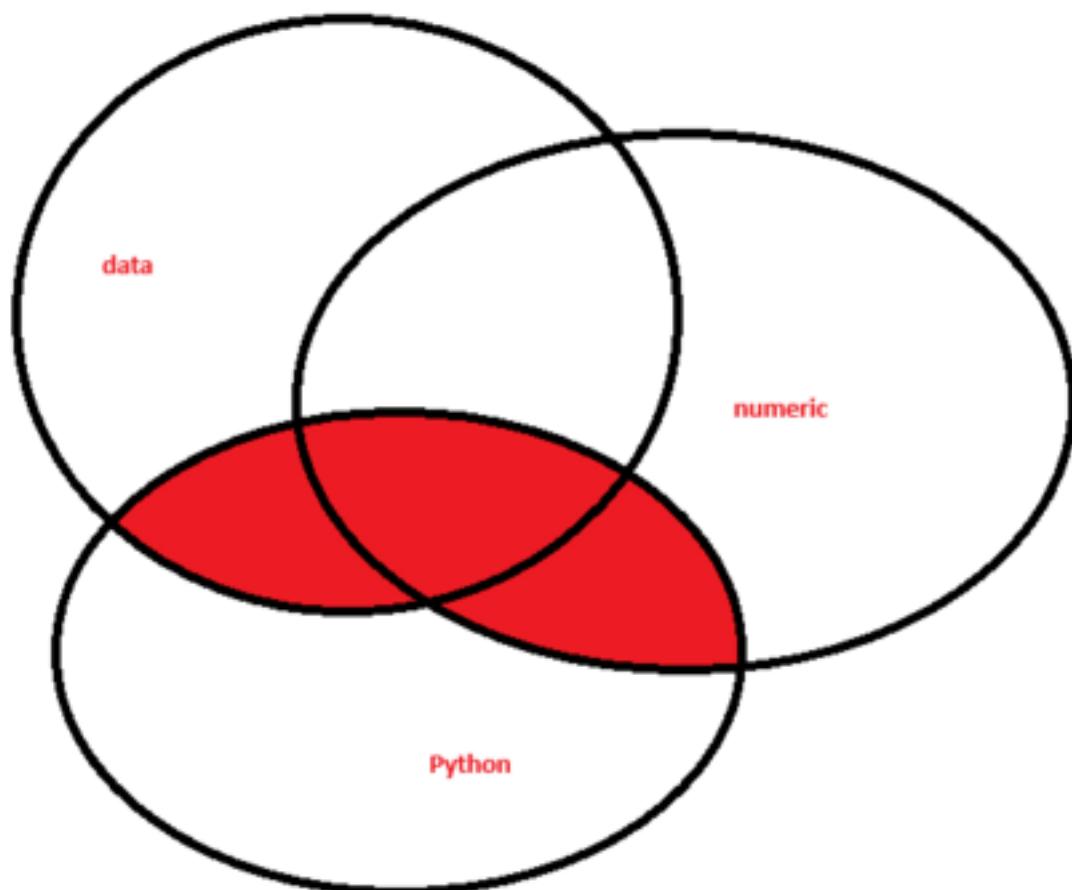
1. General Order of Precedence: Not/And/Or
2. Exception - If two rows are joined by an 'OR' operator, and they are searching on the same field (for example - Title:data or Title:numeric), then they are converted to a Solr min-match, essentially grouping them in parentheses.

So the assumption is that a search for:

"Title:data or Title:numeric and Title: Python" means  
(Title: data or Title: numeric) and Title: Python

"All Fields: modern AND Title: poesia AND Subject: portugal OR All Fields: brazil" means  
(Allfields: modern OR All fields: brazil) AND Title: poesia and Subject: Portugal

The diagram below illustrates the first search above where the red area shows the results of the search:



**Links**

[1] <http://search.library.yale.edu/catalog>