

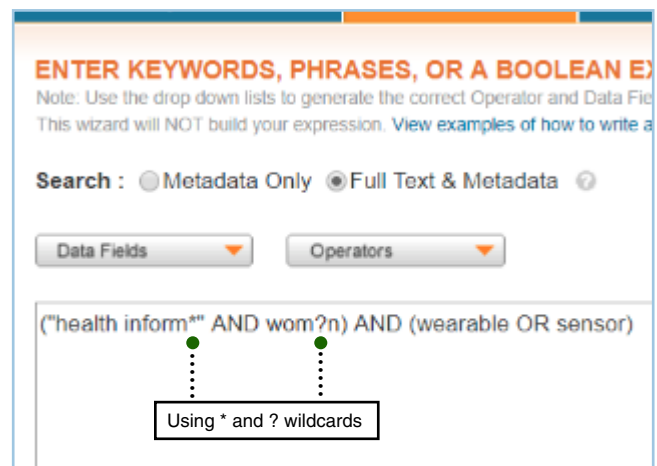
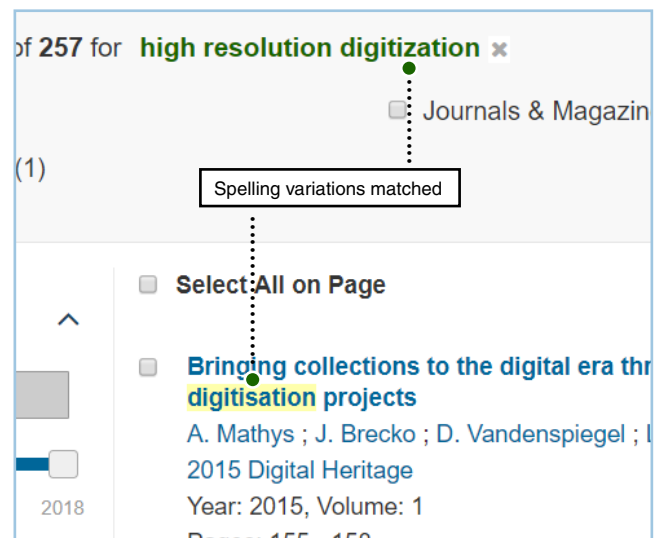
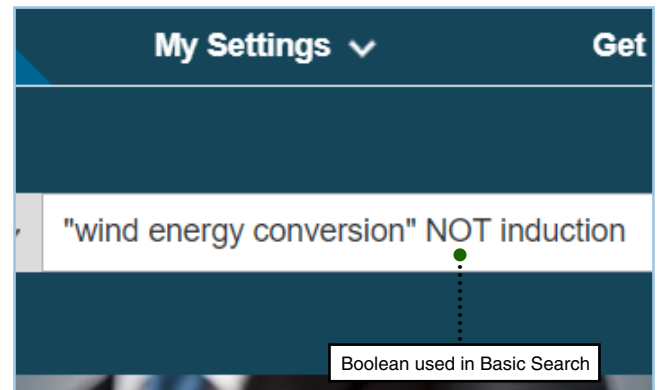
Advanced Search Tips in IEEE *Xplore*

Getting Started With Your Search

- » Boolean operators (**AND**, **OR**, **NOT**) and fielded searching are supported in **BASIC**, **ADVANCED**, and **COMMAND SEARCH**. Boolean operators must be in ALL CAPS.
- » Proximity operators **NEAR/ONEAR** can be used in **BASIC** and **COMMAND** search.
- » Maximum of 40 terms (15 terms per search clause).
Note: The words within phrases are counted separately (e.g., “cloud computing” is two terms).
- » Use quotes (“ ”) for an exact phrase and to turn off stemming.

Stemming and Wildcards

- » IEEE *Xplore* automatically finds pluralized nouns, verb tenses, and British/American spelling variations.
- » Two **WILDCARDS** are supported.
 1. An asterisk (*) represents a single character, multiple characters, or no characters.
Example: secur* retrieves securing, secures, security, etc.
 2. A question mark (?) represents a single character.
Example: wom?n retrieves woman or women.
- » **WILDCARDS** can be used with **NEAR/ONEAR** operators and when searching full-text.
- » **WILDCARDS** can be used anywhere in a word.
 - Example: *surg* retrieves surgery, surgical, neurosurgery, microsurgeons, etc.
- » Maximum of 5 **WILDCARDS** per search. An additional **WILDCARD** can be used in “Search Within Results.”
- » Minimum of 3 characters required for **WILDCARDS** (Exception: Author Facet, minimum of 2 characters)
- » **WILDCARDS** can be used within exact phrases.
 - Example: “health inform*” retrieves “health inform”, “health informatics”, “health information”, etc.

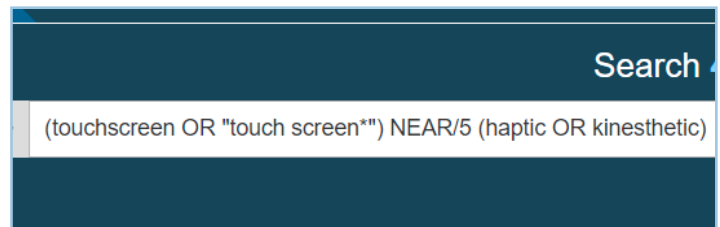


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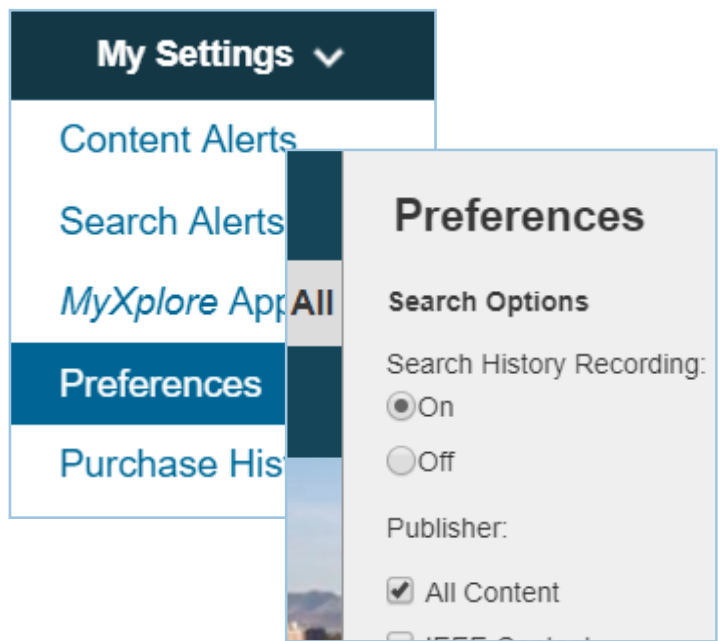
Proximity Search Tips

- » **NEAR** performs search in forward or reverse order, **ONEAR** performs search only in the order specified.
 - Example: implantable NEAR/3 cardiac finds documents with the word implantable within three words of cardiac; cardiac can come before or after implantable.
 - Example: implantable ONEAR/3 cardiac finds documents with the word implantable within three words of cardiac; but implantable must come before cardiac.
- » Complex Boolean queries can be nested in proximity statements.
 - Example: (A or B) NEAR/5 (C or D).



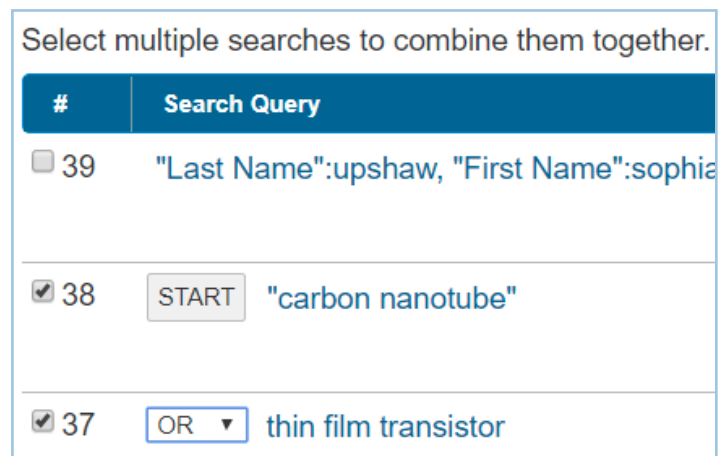
Recording Search History

- » Sign in with your free IEEE personal account or choose [CREATE ACCOUNT](#) to register.
- » Go to My Settings and select Preferences. Turn on [SEARCH HISTORY RECORDING](#).
- » Once logged in, you can save a search to re-use later or combine with other searches.



Search History Tips

- » To view your last 50 searches, go to My Settings and select Search History.
- » To combine searches, check boxes next to the search strings and use the drop-down menu to select **AND**, **OR**, or **NOT**.
- » 50 keyword limit for combined searches. 5 Wildcard limit for combined searches.
- » Searches including “**NEAR**” or “**ONEAR**” operators cannot be combined.



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