

Different types of advanced searching in Connexion

Command line searches and qualifiers

Truncation and Wildcards

Phrase and Whole phrase searches

What's the point?

Pre-order searching

Determine if record exists

Useful for copy and original cataloging

Call # and LCSH assignment

OCLC Documentation

https://help.oclc.org/Librarian_Toolbox/Searching_WorldCat_Indexes

Types of qualifiers - /
always at the end
can use not more than 1 per type

- Format
- Year
- Microform / not
- Source

Material type – mt:

- Can use qualifiers as material type
- Can customize MT list via guided search
- Click on box to the left and choose the types most used
- Can be used anywhere in the search command
- Can use Boolean - not

Holdings library qualifier – li:

- Use appropriate OCLC symbol
- Combine with subject area – su:
- Year – yr:
- Created date – dm:20220131
- Cataloging source – cs:his

Truncation and Wildcard

- Truncation *
- Use at the end of a word
- Wildcard ? and #
- ?(1-9) use to replace up to 9 characters; must have 3 characters before using
 - Can use at the end of a word
 - If using for 1 character no need to include the number 1; use only ?
- # Use to replace 1 character within a word

Phrase/Whole Phrase

- Difference between keyword and phrase
 - KW – will find phrase anywhere as individual words or phrase
 - Phrase/whole phrase (=) more precise; will search words together
 - Ex. ti= pn= (name MUST be inverted)
 - Whole phrase (suw=) used for subject heading search
 - 650 \$\$a, x, v
 - Music materials uniform title
 - 200 \$\$a

To summarize

- Word searches use the : (use in any order and as many as preferred)
- Qualifiers use the / (end of the search string)
- Truncation use the * (end of word or date)
- Wildcard use the ?(1-9) (at least 3 characters of the word before inserting)
- Wildcard use the # (replace 1 character with at least 3 characters in)

OCCLC quick guides

- OCLC Connexion : searching WorldCat quick reference

[https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/Connexion/Connexion_client/Reference/Quick reference Searching WorldCat in Connexion client and browser](https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/Connexion/Connexion_client/Reference/Quick_reference_Searching_WorldCat_in_Connexion_client_and_browser)