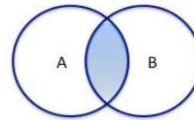# How ?

Operators and syntax for structured queries in search engines

Boolean operators
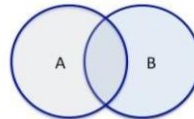
Structure

AND
- Both terms are in the result
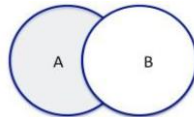- « AND » is often implicit

ET AND
& +

OR
- At least one of the two terms is in the result

OU OR

NOT
- Exclusion of a term

SAUF NOT
AND NOT

Tips and tricks

Truncation
- To be placed at the end of the word
- Extends the search to all words of the same root
- Implicit for some search engines

Robot → robot, robots, robotics*

*

Exact expression
- To search for words in a specific order

« scanning electron microscope »

« »

Proximity
- To require proximity between two terms
- The number of words separating them can be ajusted

protection NEAR/5 environment

NEAR
ADJ

Brackets
- To combine multiple operators
- Works like an equation

((lait OR milk) AND (poudre OR powder*)) NOT rehydrat*)*

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