

How do I use search commands?

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## Using Search Commands

The following tables demonstrate how to use the different search commands while searching. Find the example that best matches your search idea; you can then copy and paste it into your Free Text Search box. Remember to change the Free Text terms used in the example to the ones you want to search.

### Basic Search Examples

For Articles Containing	Enter
Both the word <i>Android</i> and the exact phrase <i>emerging markets</i> .	<b>Android and emerging markets</b>
Either <i>Michelin</i> or <i>Firestone</i> .	<b>Michelin or Firestone</b>
<i>Wireless</i> but not <i>cellular</i> .	<b>wireless not cellular</b>
Information about <i>online banking</i> in the <i>retail</i> or <i>consumer</i> sectors.*	<b>online banking and (retail or consumer)</b> or <b>online banking and [retail or consumer]</b>

### Advanced Search Examples

For Articles Containing	Enter
At least 5 mentions of <i>Microsoft</i> .	<b>atleast5 Microsoft</b>

Use with numbers 1-50. Use only against *Search for free-text terms in: Full Article*, not against specific fields.

The atleast operator does not support nested terms, therefore, the search **atleast10 (Olympics and Winter Games)** is not valid. Restate the atleast operator in your strategy when searching for multiple key terms.

**atleast10 Olympics and atleast10 Winter Games**

*Vodafone* in the same paragraph as *telecommunications*.

The same operator must be used against *Search for free-text terms in: Full Article*, not against specific fields. The same operator also cannot be used repetitively, as in **(wireless same cellular same telephone)**.

**Vodafone same telecommunications (wireless same (cellular and telephone))**

*President* within 3 words of *Obama*, where *Obama* is the third word (there can be 0-2 words between), and the terms appear in that exact order. Search results would contain, for example, mentions of *President Obama*, *President Barack Obama*, *President Barack H. Obama*.

You must enter a number with this operator, between 1 and 10.

**President w/3 Obama**

*World Cup* within 5 words of *rugby*, where *rugby* is the fifth word (there can be 0-4 words between). The terms must appear in that exact order. Search results would contain, for example, mentions of *World Cup rugby* or *World Cup match in rugby*.

Use with numbers 1-10. *adj1* is assumed if numbers are omitted.

**World Cup adj5 rugby**

*Carrefour* within 5 words of the word *sales*, where there can be 0-4 words between *Carrefour* and *sales*. For example, retail *sales* posted by *Carrefour*. The terms can appear in any order.

Use with numbers 1-500. *near1* is assumed if numbers are omitted.

**Carrefour near5 sales**

*Boeing 747* within 30 words of *British Airways*, where there can be 0-29 words between *Boeing* and *British*. The terms can appear in any order.

You must enter a number with this operator, between 1 and 500.

**boeing 747/N30/british airways**

The word *Toyota* used in the first 50 words of an article.

You must enter a number with this operator, between 1 and 500.

**toyota/F50/**

Phrases which include a Factiva search operator such as *Research and Development* or *not for profit*.

Any phrase which contains one or more of the following terms should be enclosed in double quotes: and, or, not, same, near, date.

**"Research and Development"**

**"not for profit"**

Any word that begins with *earn* and ends with a given number of letters: earns, earnings.

Use with numbers 1-9. You must enter a minimum of 3 characters before using the truncation (\$) sign, and the \$ sign must be entered at the end of a word only. If no number is entered, the default

**earn\$4**

will be 5 characters. The more characters you enter before the \$ sign, e.g. earn\$ rather than ear\$, the better your results.	
Any words that begin with <i>telecom</i> .  You must use at least 3 characters before the truncation (*) sign and it must be used at the end of a word only. Do not enter numbers after the sign. The more characters you enter before the sign, e.g. telecom* rather than tel*, the better your results.	<b>telecom*</b>
Either <i>globalization</i> or <i>globalisation</i> , or other wildcard spellings.  You must enter a minimum of 3 characters before using the wildcard (?) sign.	<b>globali?ation</b>
The words <i>U.S. stock market</i> and <i>word count greater than 5,000</i> , to identify longer articles about the stock market.  Do not use commas in large numbers.	<b>U.S. stock market and wc&gt;5000</b>

\*Further refine your search by using [Dow Jones Intelligent Identifiers](#), our coding (or taxonomy) system implemented universally across the entire Factiva content set. This unique system allows you to find the relevant answers you need as quickly as possible.

## Notes

- Searches can also incorporate field tags to further refine and target results.
- Certain punctuation marks and special characters require special consideration in Free Text Search strategies.
- You can also use field tags to further refine your search. More information and examples [are available here](#).