

**Libcast
Basic Storyboard**

Title: Advanced Searching in WorldCat
Content:

Screen shot	Script
Title	This LibCast will introduce you to advanced searching in WorldCat.
Shot of worldcat	When you enter words into the WorldCat search box, WorldCat performs a keyword search
Smaller screenshot of Library Record shows up on left hand side with keywords highlighted. Not really legible, just illustrates the idea of searching for keywords through an entire record. Highlighting title and subject in record when that part of the script is spoken.	This means that WorldCat looks through all of its descriptions of items, or “records” and returns a list of items that have all of your keywords . WorldCat ranks these results based on where the keywords are. For example, if your keywords are in the title or the subject areas of the description, WorldCat assumes they are more relevant and puts them at the top of the list. WorldCat also returns items that are the easiest to retrieve. So items held by Dalhousie Libraries will show up first.
	If you want words to show up in a particular order, use quotation marks. So if I search for green living without quotation marks, my first result has the phrase “living green.” However, if I search for “green living” in quotation marks, the words show up in this order in my results.
Click on the advanced link	WorldCat’s basic search is a handy way to discover materials related to your area of interest, but the default keyword search will sometimes return a large number of results, or results that are not what you are looking for. To help you conduct a more targeted search, WorldCat has an advanced search. Click on the “Advanced” link to access it.
Click top drop-down menu and highlight each of these items in turn.	Here at the top, there is the option to create a more targeted search. You can still search for keywords, but you can also search for specific terms in the Title, Author, or Subject areas of the record. You can also combine these terms for the best results possible.
Noam Chomsky’s head. Arrows pointing to a bunch of the areas he’s been published in and is significant to (political science, linguistics...etc.)	For example, let’s search for works by Noam Chomsky about language. Now Chomsky has been involved in a number of different fields and is particularly prolific and influential.
Confused person with a number of results swirling around his/her head. Show all results in WorldCat	So, a simple search for Noam Chomsky provides a list of all the people who write about Noam Chomsky, plus all of the different materials Noam Chomsky has written over the last half century in several areas. That’s a little overwhelming.
Show Search, revised WorldCat results screen, person looking calm.	But, using the advanced search screen, you could search for works where the author is Noam Chomsky, and the subject is language. This makes the results much more manageable and relevant.
	Clicking the link to view all editions and formats gives you more information about the various editions and holdings related to a particular title.
Zoom in on su: au: stuff that	Notice that when you conduct an advanced search, Worldcat

WorldCat places before search terms.	places these abbreviations and colons before terms to target particular fields in the record.
Show original search results screen. Perform actions described by narrator.	Of course, you could also get these results using this “Refine your Search” toolbar, which allows you to filter large numbers of results. Just click on the hyperlink beside Noam Chomsky, and then the hyperlink beside “language/linguistics.” Now, we are looking at everything that is by Noam Chomsky, and about language. But this is more clicking. Plus, there are other benefits to the advanced search screen that are not available through the refine your search toolbar.
“Cognitive Psychology” in Search field. Highlight all of the publication titles that are from cognitive psychology.	For example, Journal Source let’s you look for articles from a particular journal. Just put in the title.
Highlight ISSN, ISBN, & Ascension number	ISSNS, ISBNs and Accession numbers are unique sets of numbers used to identify works. If you have one of these numbers, it’s a great way to find exactly what you are looking for.
	The bottom of the advanced search screen lets you choose items by library. You can search for items held at Dalhousie Libraries, by our partner libraries, things held close by in other Atlantic Canadian Libraries, or items WorldWide.
	You can also search for works that are non-fiction, fiction, biography, or theses, for particular formats, or for particular languages and dates of publication. In the end, if you know what you want, the advanced search screen help you find it more quickly.
End	This has been a brief introduction to advanced searching in WorldCat. If you need any other assistance, please contact one of our reference desks, or get online assistance with our liveHelp service. You may want to view some of our other LibCasts on doing library research.