

The Basics

Operator	Example	Results
<i>none</i>	fork oil	Find results that include either of the words fork or oil
OR	fork OR oil	Same as above - find results that included either of the words fork or oil
AND	fork AND oil	Only returns results that include the words fork and oil
NOT	fork NOT oil	Only returns results that include the word fork but do not include the word oil
" "	"best fork oil"	Only returns results that contain the exact phrase best fork oil

Advanced

Operator	What it does
+	A leading plus sign indicates that this word must be present in each result that is returned
-	A leading minus sign indicates that this word must not be present in any of the results that are returned
()	Parentheses group words into subexpressions. Parenthesized groups can be nested.
~	A leading tilde acts as a negation operator, causing the word's contribution to the result's relevance to be negative. This is useful for marking "noise" words. A result containing such a word is rated lower than others, but is not excluded altogether, as it would be with the - operator.

Examples

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+fork +oil	Find results that contain both words. (this would be the same results as the AND operator)
+fork oil	Find results that contain the word fork , but rank results higher if they also contain oil
+fork -oil	Find results that contain the word fork but not oil
+fork ~oil	Find results that contain the word fork , but if the result also contains the word oil , rate it lower than if result does not. This is "softer" than a search for +fork -oil , for which the presence of oil causes the result not to be returned at all.
+(>fork <shock) +oil	Find results that contain the words fork and oil , or shock and oil (in any order), but rank fork oil higher than shock oil
("fork oil") +(maxima belray)	Find results that contain the exact phrase fork oil , but only if the result also contains maxima or belray