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Search Techniques

(note: these tips apply only to DTIC Online, not to Online Access Controlled or STINET.)

Think through your search

Write out the question. Identify main concepts and synonyms.

Finding One or More Terms

To find one or more terms, type them in the search box.

Examples:

- **radar** finds results that contain the exact word "radar" Quotes are not necessary for one word.
- **homeland security** finds results that contain the word "homeland" and the word "security"

Finding Phrases

To find a phrase, enclose them in quotes in the search box. Note that DTIC Online treats words entered into one search field as if there were an AND between them.


Examples:

- **"nuclear submarine"** finds results that contain the exact match of phrase "nuclear submarine" 61 results found
- **nuclear submarine** finds results that contain both words 601 results
- **nuclear OR submarine** finds results that contain either nuclear or submarine 46554 results found

Coordinating conjunctions ("and," "but," "or," "for") and articles ("a," "an," "the") are ignored in phrases.

- **"the secretary of defense"** finds results that contain the exact match of the phrase "secretary of defense", ignoring "the" 1908 results
- **the secretary of defense** finds results that contain those words in any order 652830 results

Advanced search allows searches to be placed in specific parts of the record, for example, the title. This search retrieved 95 results.

Advanced Search	
 Full Record:	any of these words: <input type="text"/>
Title:	all of these words: <input type="text"/> nuclear submarine
Author:	any of these words: <input type="text"/>

Wildcards

The asterisk * replaces an indefinite number of characters. The question mark ? replaces exactly one character.

terror* will retrieve records with *terror*, *terrorist*, *terrorism*, *terrorize*, etc. in the field.

***polar** will retrieve records with *polar*, *bipolar*, *unipolar*, etc

Defen?e will retrieve records with *defense*, *defence* in the

Note: DTIC Online publishes "Tips to Start You Searching". This guide was made using v1 of that document.