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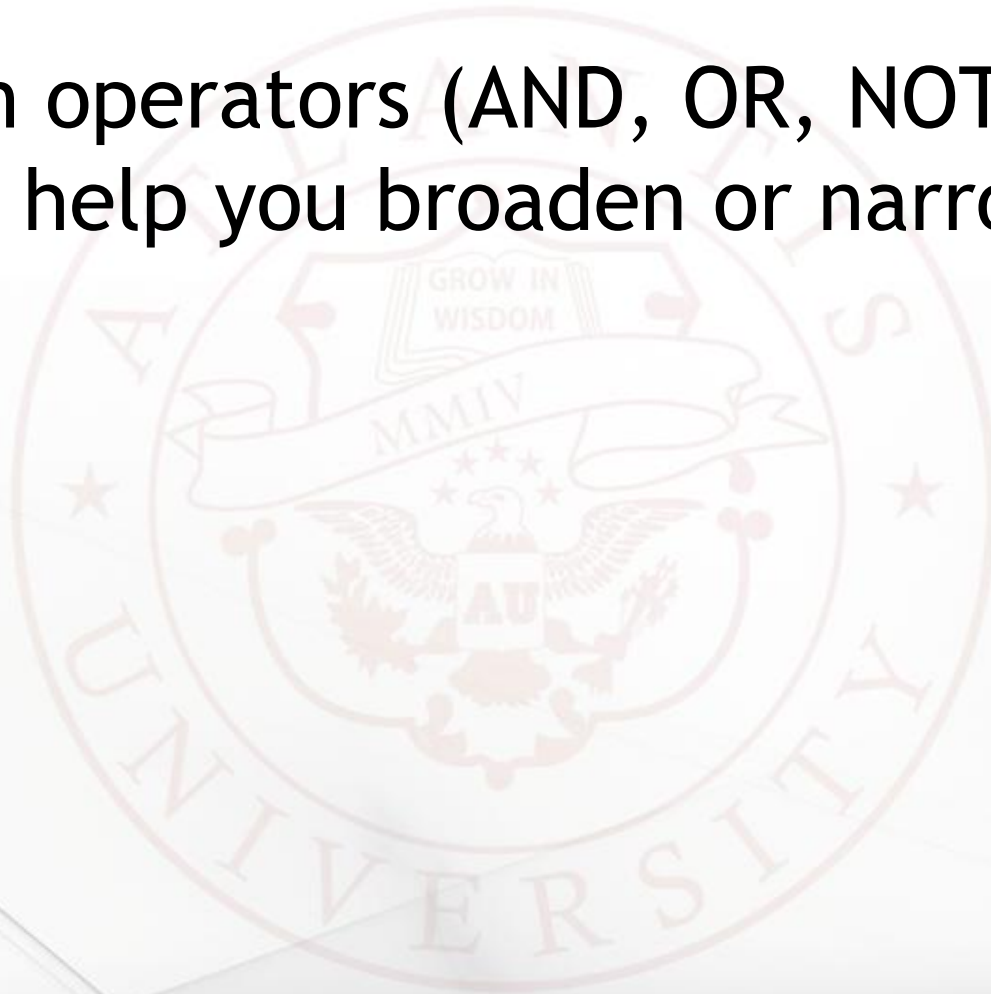
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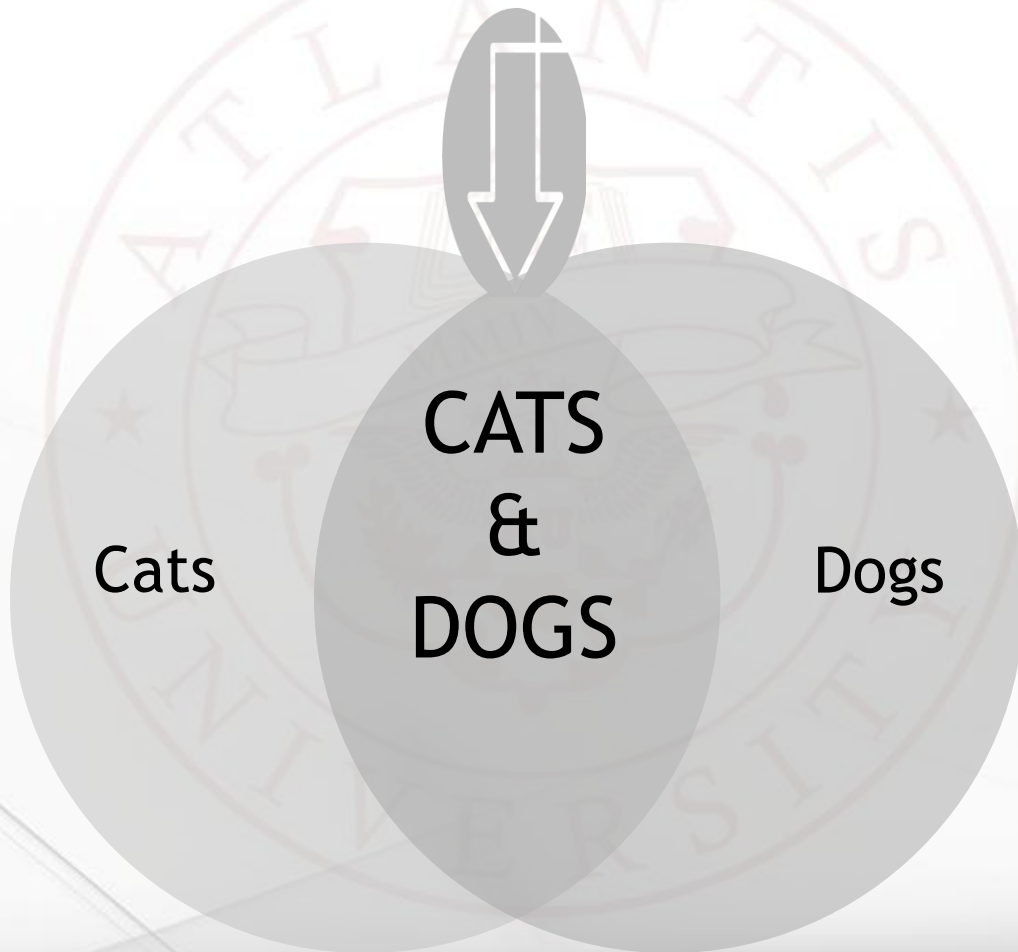
- Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) are used to help you broaden or narrow your search.



AND



By adding AND between two words, you will narrow your search to give you results that contain BOTH words. For example:



OR



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By adding OR between two words you will broaden your results to give you all hits that contain EITHER word. Cats OR Dogs.

For example:

CATS OR DOGS

A diagram consisting of two overlapping gray circles. The intersection of the two circles is shaded a darker gray. The text "CATS OR DOGS" is centered within this intersection. On the left side of the left circle, there is a white arrow pointing right towards the intersection. On the right side of the right circle, there is a white arrow pointing left towards the intersection.

TIP

This works best when using two like words. Ex: ultrasound OR sonogram

NOT



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NOT will tell the search engine to disregard a word from the search.
Cats NOT Dogs



CATS

DOGS

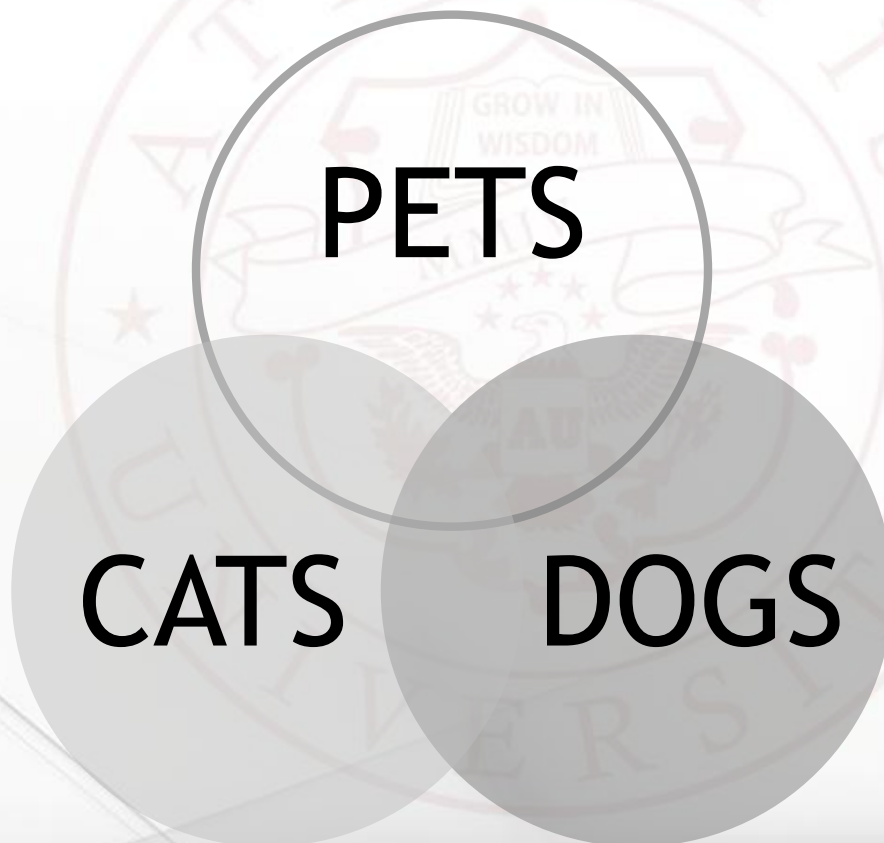
NOT



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If your results were giving back too many hits on pets, the searcher might type in “NOT pets”. But what if the leading expert on cats and dogs was Carolina Pets. Valuable information will not be found.

NOT should be used sparingly.



AND, OR, NOT



One, two, or three operators can be used at the same time.

For example:

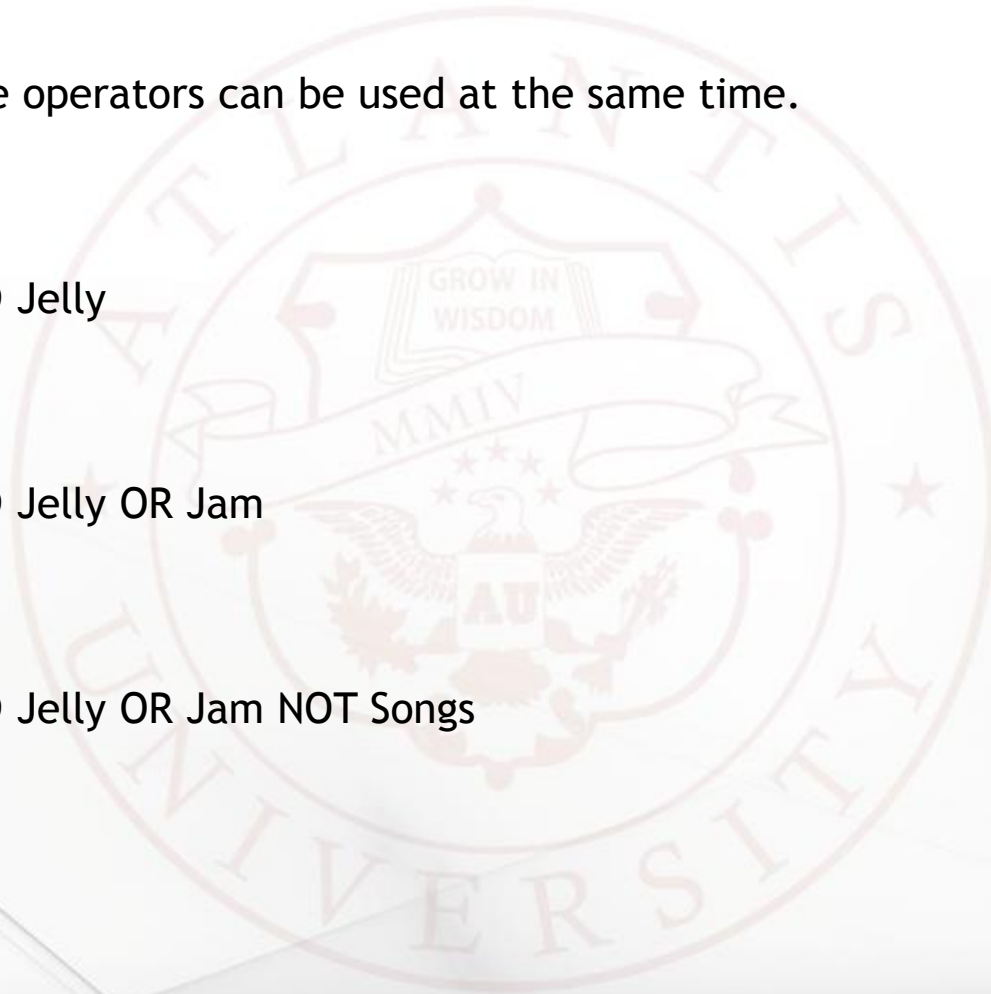
Peanut Butter AND Jelly

OR

Peanut Butter AND Jelly OR Jam

OR

Peanut Butter AND Jelly OR Jam NOT Songs



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For any additional help, please ask an instructor or librarian.

