Advanced searches use two codes: || and &&

All search results are followed by full records.

If keyboard has no vertical bar “|” or ampersand “&”, cut and paste the symbol from the Special Characters.

I. Searches in two different record fields using ||

Supply in search box first word followed by || and the second word or word string. Use the more general word or word string first.

Example: To find in eTK those British Library records with the word “clock” (usually in the subject field), perform the following search.

The search string BL||clock in the eTK database produces a subset of eTK containing records with the library designation “BL” and then searches those records for “clock.”

II. Searches for two words within a single field using &&

Supply in search box first word or word string followed by && and second word or word string immediately following the ampersands.

Example: To find in eTK the word-roots “stell” and “fix” in a single field, perform the following search.

The search string stell&&fix in the eTK database produces a subset of eTK containing instances of single fields where both “stell” and “fix” appear in incipits. Note that the use of word roots produces multiple inflected forms of the Latin words.

III. Searches for three words within two different fields using || and &&

Supply in search box the first word or word string from one field followed by || and two words or word strings from a second field separated by &&.

Example: To find in eTK Vatican manuscripts containing the word-roots “stell” and “fix,” perform the following search.

The search string Vatican||stell&&fix in the eTK database produces a subset of eTK containing instances of Vatican in one field where both “stell” and “fix” appear in another field.

Note that it is always important to use the fewest possible letters for any word, not only for Latin inflected words. For example, a search in eVK2 for “distill” will produce “distill,” “distilled,” and “distillation.”

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