Smart Searches Using the Voigts-Kurtz Search Program

We hope that the following examples will aid in using the Voigts-Kurtz search program for maximum effect. Remember that a "next" search is a search of the results of the previous or "first" search.

———Search for a Phrase Using Word Roots———

A "first" search of eTK for *Quoniam sapientes* returns 1 record.

A "first" search of eTK for *Quon* (word root) returns 1438 records.
A "next" search of these records for *sapien* (word root) reduces the record count to 20.

Of these, 1 record contains *Quoniam sapientes*, 2 contain *Quoniam secundum sapientes*, 1 contains *Quoniam autem sapientes*, 4 contain *Quoniam sicut scribitur Sapientie*, 1 contains *Quoniam sapiens* and 1 contains *Quoniam ut ait sapiens*.

———Using Word Roots is Important in the Use of Longer Phrases———

A "first" search of eTK for *Omnia quae a primeva* returns 0 records.

A "first" search of eTK for *omni* (word root) returns 2072 records.
A "next" search of these records for *primev* (word root) reduces the record count to 27.

Of these, 21 records contain *omnia que a primeva*, 4 contain *omnia quecumque a primeva*, 1 contains *omnia que processerunt a primeva* and 1 contains *Omnia ut dicit Boethius que a primeva*.

———Assumptions About Database Organization Can be Misleading———

A "first" search of eTK for *Sloane MS 475* returns 0 records.

A "first" search of eTK for *Sloane* returns 1053 records.
A "next" search of these records for *475* produces some records that contain *Sloane 475* (without the *MS*).

A "first" search of eTK for *Sloane 475* returns 14 records.
A "first" search of eVK2 for **medical recipes** returns 0 records.

A "first" search of eVK2 for **recipes** (more general term) returns 3231 records.
A "next" search of these records for **medical** (more specific term) returns 2284 records.

Subsequent searches can be used to further filter the results.

———Search for Words and Numbers Separately———

A "first" search of eTK for **Prague 1609** returns 2 records.

A "first" search of eTK for **Prague** returns 236 records.
A "next" search of these records for **1609** returns 5 records because **Prague** and **1609** may be in different fields in the record.

———Varying Search Terms Can Provide More Information———

A "first" search of eVK2 for **Wellcome 404** returns 1 record.

A "first" search of eVK2 for **Wellcome** returns 415 records.
A "next" search of these records for **404** produces some records that contain **Wellcome Library 404**.

A "first" search of eVK2 for **Wellcome Library 404** returns 23 records including the one for **Wellcome 404**.

As always, subsequent searches can be used to further filter the results.

We hope these examples offer additional assistance in using the Voigts-Kurtz search program.

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