

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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