

Accordance 8 Bible Software Webinar

Commands and Symbols (Part 1)

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Introduction

Commands and Symbols offer...
more powerful searches
very precise searches

But require...

more expertise than simple searches
some creative thinking
additional practice!

Common Symbols (for English searches)

Effective searching with symbols requires both practice and creativity!

Symbol	Meaning
?	Any single letter
*	One or more letters
.	The following character (a punctuation mark, a number, accent or letter [but not a space])
-	Not the following character(s)
()	Groups like items together and sets priority [just as in a mathematical equation]
(, , ,)	Separates words in a list: (boy, boys, boy's)

Search	Hits must contain...
g?t	any three letter word, beginning with “g” and ending with “t:” get, got, gut
g*t	any word of any length, beginning with “g” and ending with “t:” get, goat, great, garment
g?(eo)t	any three letter word, beginning with “g,” ending with “t,” with either an “e” or an “o:” get, got
g?(-u)t	a three letter word, beginning with “g,” ending with “t,” but without a “u:” get, got
get .:	the word “get” followed by a colon: get:
f?(eo)?(=1)d	the words “feed” or “food”

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Commands

- Are divided into connecting commands and stand-alone commands. This session will cover only connecting commands, with one exception (Fuzzy).
- Accordance offers 7 different connecting commands. Connecting commands define the relationship between (= “connect”) words or phrases in a search.
- Connecting commands should be placed *between* words or phrases:

Example: word or phrase <connecting command> word or phrase

Command	Verses* must contain...
<AND>	both words “A” and “B”
<OR>	either “A” or “B” or both
<NOT>	word “A,” but not word “B”
<XOR>	either “A” or “B,” but not both
<FOLLOWED BY>	word “A” followed by word “B”
<PRECEDED BY>	word “A” preceded by word “B”
<WITHIN ?>	word “A” within “?” words of “B”

*-or clauses, sentences, etc.

Connecting commands can also be combined to perform very precise searches:

Example: God’s <AND> (sheep <OR> lamb)

Commands and symbols can be combined into a single search:

Example: Abra* <AND> (Is??(=1)c <OR> Ishm*)

Stand Alone Command: Fuzzy

Example: heavens and the earth [FUZZY 1]

Finds all phrases that match at least 3 of the 4 words (4-1) in the target phrase:

God created the heavens and the earth (Gen. 1:1) ...the covenant between me and the earth (Gen. 9:3) “Look up at the heavens and count the stars... (Gen. 15:5) He summons the heavens above, and the earth ... (Ps. 50:4) Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place... (Isa. 13:13) “As the new heavens and the new earth that I make...(Isa. 66:22) ...the heavens existed and the earth was formed... (2 Pet. 3:5) Worship him who made the heavens, the earth ... (Rev. 14:7)
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Search All

1. Set up through the resources palette by selecting Search>[ALL].
2. A new Tab opens in the Workspace, entitled “Search [ALL].”
3. Then type the search in the Search Entry Box like you normally would and click “Search.”
4. Navigate through the Search Results using the triangles to expand and contract the results.

The Most Powerful Combo I Know: [Fuzzy] + Search [All]

A GREAT way to find that half-remembered scripture verse out of a dozen or so different translations!

Conclusion

Commands and symbols offer many different ways to create precise searches
“Fuzzy” and “Search ALL” features bring additional power to searches
These can be used by themselves or in combination with each other
Practice and creativity will help you become an Accordance 8 “power user!”