



Finding stuff : scholarly literature for your research

In this session...



Best Tools

Choosing the best
tools for the job
[SOLO, Databases
A – Z etc.]



Creating an effective search query

Developing
effective search
strategies
[building a research
question]



Working with results

Making the most of
your results

The tools...

SOLO - Oxford's resource discovery tool

- Holdings of most Oxford Libraries (print and online) e.g. books, journals, theses, conference proceedings, AV materials, official / government papers, databases...
- Excellent for finding specific items
- Subject searching limited:
 - Defaults to showing only material held by Oxford Libraries
 - Good for searching for books but less effective for searching for articles,

- * Databases A-Z – lists Oxford's e-resources subscribed to and/or recommended
- * e-Journals A-Z – lists Oxford's online journal subscriptions (not those we only get in print)
- * Everything in these lists is also on SOLO but Databases A – Z has some extra browsing features

Bibliographic Databases

- Search across the scholarly literature (not Oxford only)
- Particularly good for searching for articles, conference papers, theses etc
- Use Databases A – Z to find out which databases to use
- Usually only get brief bibliographic details (author, title etc). To full text go back to SOLO or Databases A – Z

Find it @ Oxford

Useful links

SOLO status

- ⚠ All libraries run by the Bodleian Libraries are currently closed until further notice
- ✓ A wide range of digital services are still available and we are working to **extend these** and now have **more ebooks** to Keep the University Reading
- ✓ Streamlined access to online journals licensed by the Bodleian Libraries either directly from SOLO, via the BrowZine app or website or Chrome extension

Getting Help

If you have any questions or need help making the most of the extensive electronic resources still available to you then please:

- use our Live Chat service (via the tab on the right of this page)
- contact us via reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Useful links

- Bodleian Libraries Home Page
- LibGuides
- Subjects & Libraries
- e-Journals A-Z
- Databases A-Z
- Chinese Catalogues
- Special Collections Catalogues
- Digital.Bodleian
- ORA
- ORLO

Signing in



Oxford Single Sign On

Choose this option if you have a University of Oxford single sign-on username (SSO) e.g. abcd0123

[Forgotten password?](#)

Other Bodleian card holders

Choose this option if you do **not** have a University of Oxford single sign-on username (SSO)

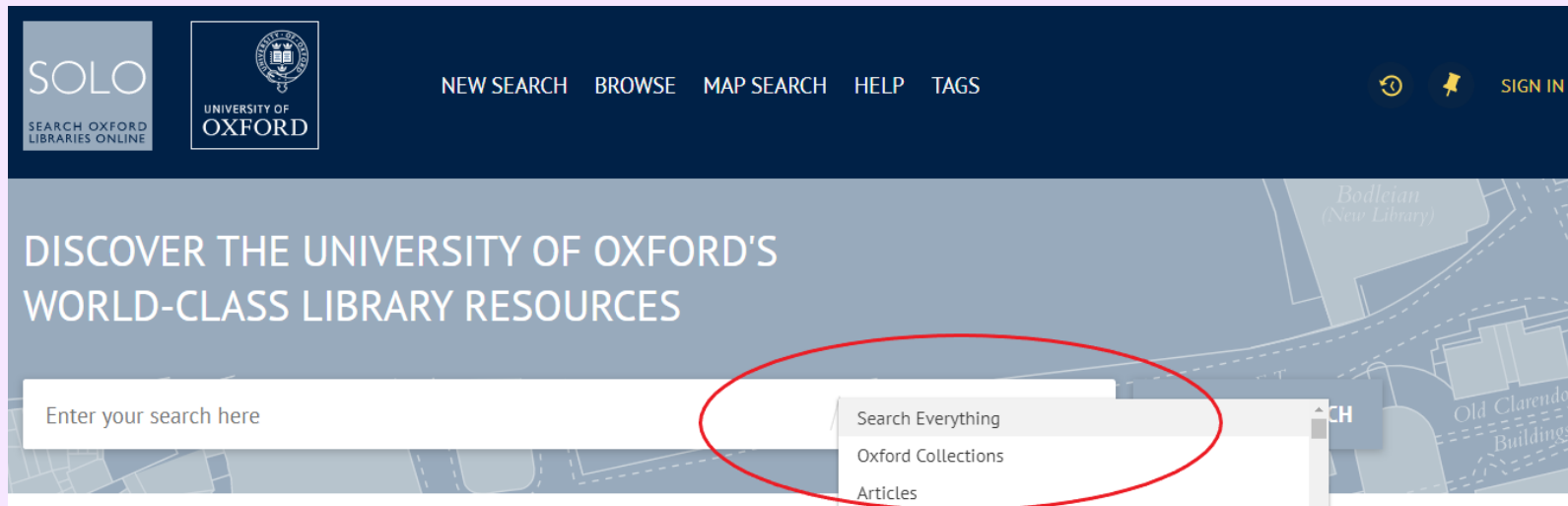
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☐ Remember this choice for 30 days (selecting this will set a cookie in your web browser)

Finding specific items



SOLO: Drop Down Menu



Keyword searching for books and more

- **Keywords** such as **title** and **author** can narrow down your results
- **Use** of the **drop down menu** will give you more targeted results, e.g. **articles**, **books**, or **both**

Keyword searching for books and more

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Sort & Filter Results

- ☐ Include results without full-text access
- Sort by** Relevance ▾
- Show only:** ^
 - Online Resources (34,021)
 - Open Access
 - Peer-reviewed Articles (12,064)
 - Physical Resources (56)
- Library** ▾
- Resource Type** ▾
- Creator** ▾
- Publication Date** ▾
- Journal Title** ▾

PAGE 1 34,073 Results [Save query](#)

1 **ARTICLE** [Student's Oxford Aristotle \(Ross\)](#)
Pritchard, John
The Classical Weekly, Oct 1, 1942, Vol.36, pp.261-262
“David Ross and the Oxford University Press are to be... of W. D. Ross, 6 vol-umes. I Logic xix, 331 pages... Sir David Ross. Without this in-formation, ”
[Online access](#) >

2 **MULTIPLE VERSIONS** [The Nicomachean ethics \[electronic resource\]](#)
[Aristotle](#). | [Ross](#), W. D. (William David), 1877-1971 | Brown, Lesley, 1944- |
[100 versions of this record exist. See all versions >](#)

3 **ARTICLE / multiple sources exist. see all** [On memory and reminiscence Aristotle \(ca. 350 b.c.\)](#)
D, [Ross](#), W.
Annals of neurosciences, 4/1/2010, Vol.17(2)
[PEER REVIEWED](#)
[Online access](#) >

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NEW SEARCH BROWSE MAP SEARCH HELP TAGS

Aristotle, Ross

X / Oxford Collections

ADVANCED SEARCH

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MULTIPLE VERSIONS

Aristotle [electronic resource]

Ross, W. D. (William David), 1877-1971

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Keyword searching for books and articles

Furedi, F. (2016) 'Moral panic and reading: early elite anxieties about the media effect' Cultural Sociology vol. 10 (4) page 523-537

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Searching for books and articles:

Special Characters

- **Double quotation marks “ ”** for **exact title**
- **Wildcard ?** to match a **single character** at the current position
- **Truncation *** to match **zero or more characters** at the current position

Replacing a **single character** (wildcard)



Replacing multiple characters (truncation)



Using special characters on SOLO

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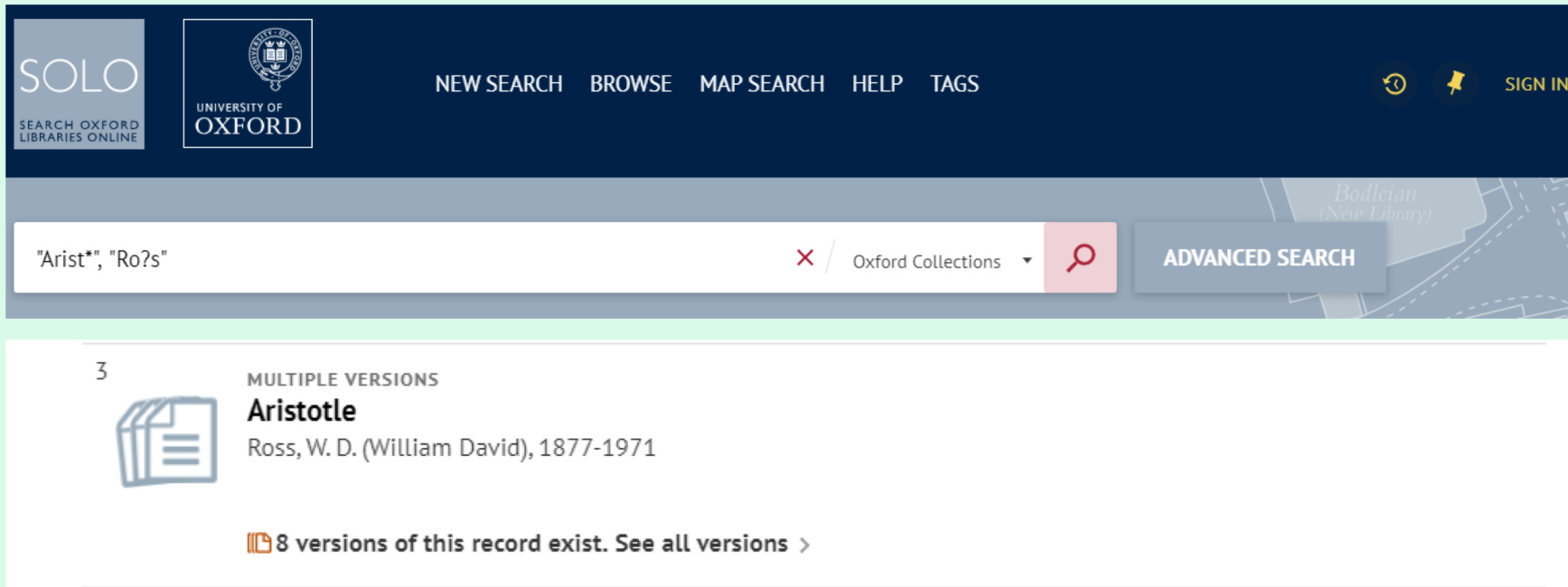
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The search bar contains the query "Arist*", "Ro?s". To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu for "Oxford Collections" and a magnifying glass icon. An "ADVANCED SEARCH" button is located to the right of the search bar.

The search results section shows 3 results. The first result is for "Aristotle" by Ross, W. D. (William David), 1877-1971. It includes a document icon and a link to "8 versions of this record exist. See all versions >".



SOLO: Boolean Operators

- Simple words used to **combine** or **exclude** results
- AND **includes ALL** terms in your search
- OR **includes ANY** of the terms in your search
- NOT **excludes a term** in your search
- **Advanced search** on SOLO has all these features

SOLO: Boolean Operators



NEW SEARCHBROWSEMAP SEARCHHELPTAGS



Aristotle AND commentary AND ethic

X / Oxford Collections

ADVANCED SEARCH

Sort & Filter Results

Sort by Relevance

Show only: ^

Online Resources (22)

Physical Resources (80)

Library

Resource Type


Literary Form

Creator


Publication Date

Topic


PAGE 1 96 Results Save query



1
MULTIPLE VERSIONS
The reception of Aristotle's Ethics [electronic resource]
Miller, Jon, 1970- editor | Cambridge University Press, publisher |
2 versions of this record exist. See all versions >



2
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Virtue ethics in the Middle Ages [electronic resource] :
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Bejczy, István Pieter, 1965-
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6 versions of this record exist. See all versions >

Using special characters & Boolean operators

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Using special characters & Boolean operators in advanced search

Search Scope: Search Everything ▼

Any field ▼ contains ▼ **Arist* Ros?**

AND ▼ Any field ▼ contains ▼

+ ADD A NEW LINE ↻ CLEAR

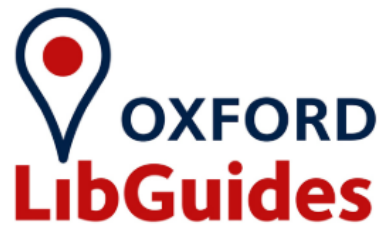
Resource Type
All items ▼

Language
Any language ▼

Publication Date
Any year ▼

→ Any field contains **Arist* Ros?** 🔍 **SEARCH**

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