

# Advanced Searching in Online Resources

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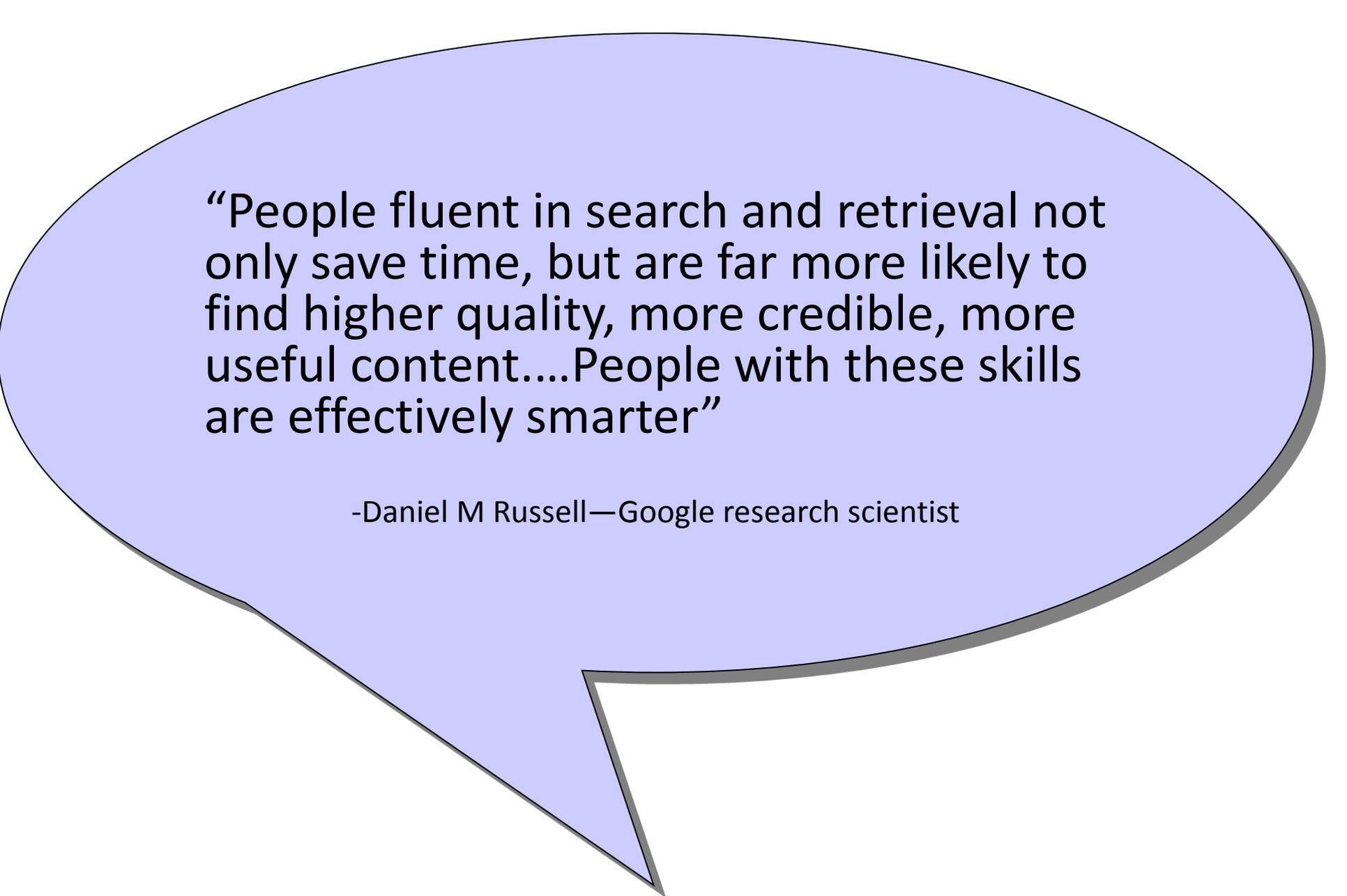
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# Road Map

- Tactics
- World Book
- Proquest
- SIRS
- WorldCat





“People fluent in search and retrieval not only save time, but are far more likely to find higher quality, more credible, more useful content....People with these skills are effectively smarter”

-Daniel M Russell—Google research scientist

What Steps Do You Use?





STOP

# Three Tips

- If at first you don't succeed try, try again
- Look for search terms in results
- Start with general terms and narrow down



# Toolbox



Exact phrase

Truncation

Wildcard

“ ” quotation marks

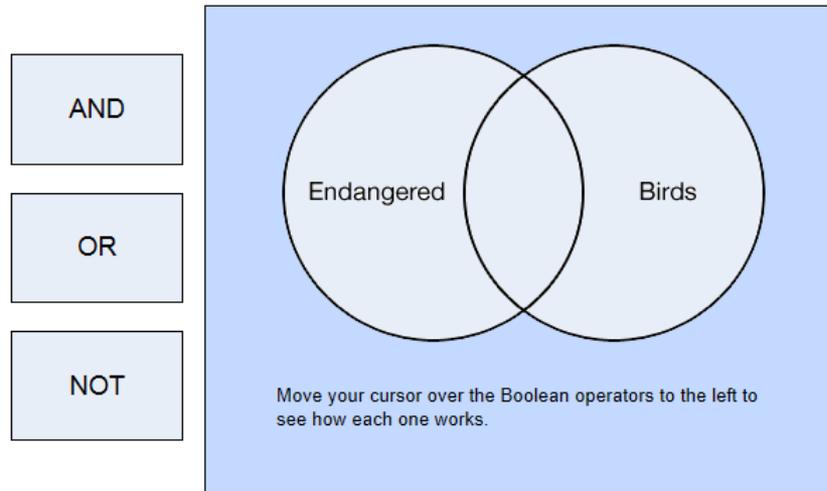
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# The Boolean Machine

The Boolean Machine

by [Rockwell Schrock](#)



## What is the Boolean Machine?

The Boolean Machine is a tool for visualizing the effects of Boolean operators on keyword searches. It was created to teach the importance of Boolean operators in effective search strategies.

## Share and enjoy.

You are welcome – and encouraged – to use the Machine or images of the Machine in your lectures, presentations, and plans for world domination.

## Inquire directly.

Comments and questions may be sent to [schrockwell@gmail.com](mailto:schrockwell@gmail.com).

## How do I use it?

Move your cursor over each of the Boolean operators to find out how they work.

## But the old one is better!

If you prefer, [the original Boolean Machine](#) is still accessible.

<http://kathyschrock.net/rbs3k/boolean/>

# World Book

- I have used World Book before.
- Finding what I want in World Book is:
  - easy
  - medium hard
  - difficult

# ProQuest

- I have used ProQuest before
- I have used these:
  - Limiting results to full text
  - Basic search limiters
  - Advanced search
  - Publication search

# SIRS

- I have used SIRS Discoverer.
- I have used SIRS Issues Researcher.
- Finding what I want in SIRS is
  - easy
  - medium hard
  - difficult

# WorldCat

- I have used WorldCat for
  - Interlibrary loan
  - Cataloging
  - Other
- I have used these search features:



# Thank You!

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