

Text alternative to video: OR

Welcome to this video from the library, where we will talk about the Boolean operator "OR".

This is a search technique that helps us expand our search. We can combine different terms with "OR". When doing so, we ask the computer to find documents containing one or the other, or both terms. If a document contains one or more of the search terms, we will get a hit on the document.

To see what it might look like, imagine we have a small database containing all the documents we might search, on the left side of the screen. If we combine Covid and Corona with "OR",

The document may contain either one, or both words to provide us with a hit. All our documents contain one, the other or both words, therefore we get hits on all of them.

In a search table, "OR" is generally placed between the different terms in each column.

For example, between "Football" and "Soccer" in column 1 etc., or between "Boy Cooties" and "Girl Cooties" in the P-column etc. if you are using a PICO-table.

Thank you for listening, feel free to come by the library, should you have any questions.