



Word Tools

Increasing Query Precision

Thesaurus (WordNet) Results Frame ⓘ

Results from search of 'assault':

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
Similar words: aggravated assault assault attack attempt battery battle carnal abuse Select All Clear	Similar words: abuse assail assault attack bait barrage beset Select All Clear	Similar words: assault attack offensive Select All Clear	Similar words: No terms found

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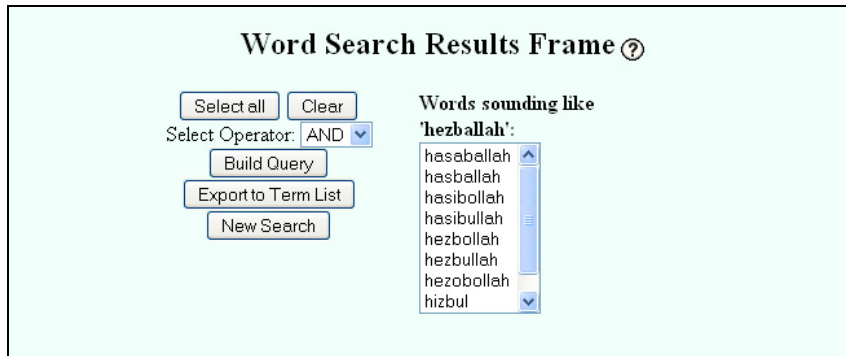
The extended Boolean syntax used by Pathfinder is a powerful and efficient language; however, it requires the analyst to carefully specify the terms or patterns to search for. To ease this task, Pathfinder provides two reference tools -- known as Word Tools -- that suggest query terms. They are the Princeton University WordNet® Thesaurus and the Word Search Tool.

The Thesaurus Tool provides synonyms and antonyms for the different parts of speech (that is, nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs). This tool uses the Princeton University WordNet lexical database to enable analysts to quickly find words relevant to their topic.

The Word Search Tool, unlike the Thesaurus, is used directly against the Pathfinder databases available to the analyst. This enables a quick search for all words either matching a given pattern or sounding like a given word. Since the results are drawn directly from the



available databases, this helps the analyst to fine-tune the query and locate these desired terms with the confidence that the terms are actually present in the databases being queried.



Word Search Tool

When using either the Thesaurus or the Word Search Tool, the results from these tools can be appended directly to the query window. Results may also be exported directly to a term list (Alias or Keyword).

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