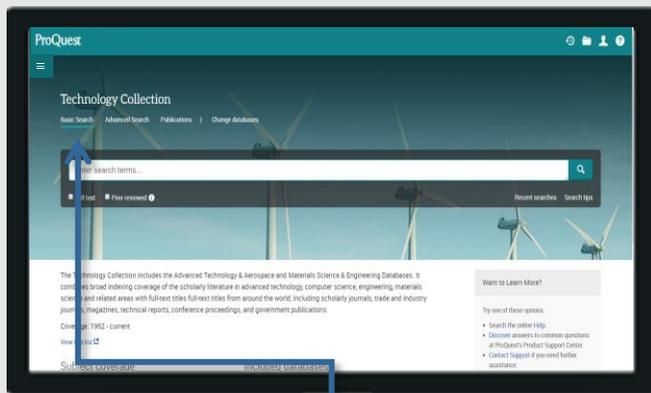


# Basic search In 4 steps



## 1 Enter the search terms.

Create a simple search strategy combining terms in the Basic Search box

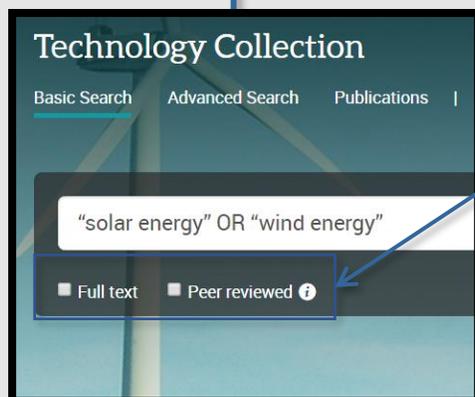


### Use Boolean and other operators

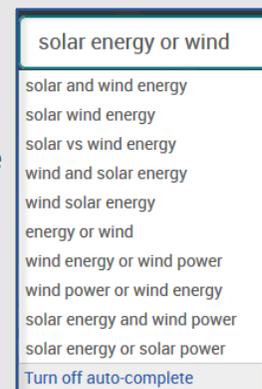
You can use:

- Boolean operators: OR, AND, NOT
- Special characters asterisk (\*) or quotes (" ")
- More advanced Operators such as NEAR and PRE

Ew fd/í **Refine by Peer reviewed or Full Text\***  
\* Available only for databases containing full text documents. Some databases are bibliographical (abstracts and indexing only).



**Suggested terms as you write**  
from search queries made by ProQuest users.



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## 2 Refine your search

### Results page



Results sorted by relevance

The screenshot shows a search results page for the query "solar energy" or "wind energy". The page displays 313,433 results, sorted by relevance. A search bar at the top contains the query. Below the search bar, there are options to modify the search, view recent searches, and save the search/alert. The results are listed in a grid format, with each item showing a source type icon, a title, and a brief description. A sidebar on the left provides filters for source type (Scholarly Journals, Books) and options to limit results (Exclude Wire Feeds, Full text, Peer reviewed). A sidebar on the right shows books that match the search. Annotations A, B, and C are placed on the page to highlight specific features.

Multiple filters for refinement

These features enhance your search experience:

- A Books matching the search on the right side of the screen
- B Show Abstract link where available
- C Source Type Icon next to each document (check the corresponding icon in the Narrow Filters panel on the left)

A close-up of the search bar and filter options. The search bar contains the text "Enter search terms...". Below the search bar, there are filter options: Full text, Peer reviewed, and Exclude Wire Feeds. To the right of the search bar, there are links for "Recent searches" and "Search tips". A magnifying glass icon is located in the top right corner of the search bar.

Need Help to build your search?

Access the [Search Tips](#) by the link below the green magnifying glass in the search box.

### 3 Refine the search

#### Use the Narrow Filters



313,433 results

Sorted by  
Relevance

Limit to

- Exclude Wire Feeds
- Full text
- Peer reviewed

Source type

- Scholarly Journals (135,973)
- Books (586)
- Dissertations & Theses (3,804)
- Newspapers (880)
- Magazines (31,361)
- More >

Publication date

1900 - 2022 (decades)

Enter a date range

Publication title

Document type

Subject

- solar energy (100,015)
- photovoltaic cells (51,663)
- alternative energy sources (50,109)
- wind power (37,969)
- renewable resources (29,724)
- More >

Company/organization

Location

Language

Database

#### Full text

Available for databases with full text documents.

#### Source type

Along with **Scholarly Journals**, most databases include many other types of sources.

#### Publication date

Drag the bar or enter the date manually.



#### TIP!

Use the **Subject** filter to identify results that contain the term as the topic and not just as a word appearing anywhere in the document.

#### More option

Displayed at the end of each filter, use it to view additional items.

## 4 Work with results and documents

The screenshot shows a search results page for "solar energy" or "wind energy" in the Technology Collection. The search bar contains the query, and the results are sorted by relevance. Two results are visible:

- 1. "Selected Online Resources for Teaching about Alternative Energy" by Diener, Lynn. *Journal of Chemical Education*, Easton Vol. 89, Iss. 7, (Jun 12, 2012): 950. The abstract mentions solar cells, wind energy, and biomass energy.
- 2. "Exploring the macro-scale CO<sub>2</sub> mitigation potential of photovoltaics and wind energy in Europe's energy transition" by Usubiaga, Arkaitz, Acosta-Fernández, José; McDowall, Will; Li, Francis GN. *Energy Policy*, Kidlington Vol. 104, (May 2017): 203. The abstract concludes that onshore and offshore wind energy have had a positive contribution.

Annotations 'A' and 'B' are placed on the interface. 'A' points to the document selection checkboxes and the action icons (Quote, Email, Save, etc.). 'B' points to the 'Save search/alert' option in the top right corner.

**A** You can select the **documents** (check the box next to each item) to:



**Quote: Generate references**



**Send them via e-mail**



**Save to your My Research Account**



**Save them in various formats, export them to Reference Managers and more**

The "All save options" dialog box shows various actions:

- MOST POPULAR:** Quote, Email, Save to My Research.
- CITATION EXPORT:** RefWorks, EndNote, Citavi, etc., NoodleTools, EasyBib.
- OTHER OPTIONS:** Print, PDF, Microsoft Excel Format, Microsoft Word Format, Text only.

A blue arrow points from the text "Save them in various formats, export them to Reference Managers and more" to the "All save options" dialog box.

**B** The **Save Search/Alert** option allows you to:



**Create an alert**  
**Save the search**



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