Using the Advanced Search – an example

A search in the Advanced search of Scopus, in command line style, looks like this:

```
Documents  Authors  Affiliations  Advanced

Enter query string
TITLE-ABS-KEY(bullying OR cyberbullying OR cyber-bullying)
AND TITLE-ABS-KEY("social networks" OR "social media" OR Twitter OR Facebook OR Instagram)
AND LANGUAGE(English)
AND PUBYEAR > 2009
AND AUTHOR-NAME("smith")
TITLE-ABS-KEY("emotional complaint women") AND PUBYEAR AFTER 2003
SRC_TITLE("Field of study") AND VOLUME(73) AND ISSUE(1) AND PAGES(33-66)
```

Please note: Outline query was selected to make the query more readable.
Scopus offers an overview of the Operators and the Field codes, such as TITLE-ABS-KEY.

If you copy the search

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AND LANGUAGE(English)
AND PUBYEAR > 2009
```

to Word or Excel you can easily adjust the search fields with options like Replace, for example to use the query in Sociological Abstracts (via ProQuest):

```
TI,AB,SU(bullying OR cyberbullying OR cyber-bullying)
AND TI,AB,SU("social networks" OR "social media" OR Twitter OR Facebook OR Instagram)
AND LA(English)
AND YR(>2009)
```
The search syntax – the field codes and the way the search is structured - differs per database. This is an example from PsycINFO, where the field codes are entered after the search terms:

(bullying OR cyberbullying OR cyber-bullying).ti,ab,sh.
AND ("social networks" OR "social media" OR Twitter OR Facebook OR Instagram).ti,ab,sh.
AND English.lg.

In this case, it might be easier to use the Publication Year limit instead of entering each year manually! Click on Limits to view limit options.

In PsycINFO Keyword is selected, but the field codes post-qualifying your search terms determine which fields are actually searched.
## Examples of field codes used

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