



Transformations	Description
\~	Stem search: search for all variations of a word. Searching for \~elect will match elect, election, electing and elected, but not electricity (its base word is electric).
\&	Ignore case (default behavior). Only use to specify that a word in a case sensitive phrase search is case insensitive, e.g. \="A Case Sensitive \&Search\".
\@	Use phonetic or sounds like searching for the specified word.
\=	Perform the search using case significance for the following word.
\==	Perform the search matching the case and any marks (diacritics).

Find	Search
Records containing all tenses of the word locate.	\~locate
Records containing words phonetically similar to smythe.	\@smythe
Records where melbourne is all in lower case.	\=melbourne
Records with Sacré and Cœur exactly as specified, that is matching case and diacritics, but not necessarily next to each other.	\==Sacré \==Cœur

Regular Expressions	Description
\?	Matches any single grapheme.
*	Matches zero or more graphemes.
\[range\]	Matches one of a sequence of graphemes. range may consist of individual graphemes or start and end graphemes may be specified separated by a minus sign (e.g. a-z).
\{range\}	Matches one or more of a sequence of graphemes. range may consist of individual graphemes or start and end graphemes may be specified separated by a minus sign (e.g. 0-9).

Find	Search
Records containing words starting with abs.	abs*
Records with at least one word containing a capital S.	\=*S*
Records containing Arabic numbers.	\{0-9\}
Records with organization spelled with either ans or z.	organi\[sz\]ation

Anchors	Description
\^	The following search term must be the first word in the text.
\\$	The preceding search term must be the last word in the text.

Find	Search
Records that have text ending in a question mark.	?\\$
Records where the text contains only the word Unknown.	\^Unknown\\$
Records with text beginning with the word the.	\^the
Records with text where the first word starts with a lower case Latin letter.	\^\==\[a-z\]*

Proximity	Description
\ "search terms\"	The search terms between the phrase operators \" must appear next to each other and in the order specified.
\ '(search terms\) distance\'	<p>The search terms may appear in any order unless otherwise specified. The distance between the search terms indicates the range within which they must appear. The syntax for distance is:</p> <p><i>ordered relop number type</i></p> <p>where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » <i>relop</i> is a relational operator: <, <=, =, >, >= » <i>number</i> is the distance to use. » <i>type</i> is words, sentences or paragraphs (can be abbreviated to w, s or p respectively). » <i>ordered</i> is optional, but if given requires the search terms to be in the order specified.

Find	Search
Records where the phrase the black cat occurs.	\ "the black cat\"
Records where the kanji character 豈 appears within 5 characters of 香港.	\ '(豈 \"香港\") <= 5 words\'
Records containing only the phrase Not Applicable.	\ \"^Not Applicable\\$\"
Records where Fred occurs case significantly in the same sentence as the phonetic of Smith, where Fred appears first.	\ (\=Fred \@Smith\) ordered = 1 sentence

Conditionals	Description
\ !	NOT. Records that contain the following search term are excluded from search results.

Find	Search
Records that do not contain the kanji character 豈.	\ !豈
Records containing the phrase Sacré Cœur with case and diacritic significance, but not Paris.	\ \"\==Sacré \==Cœur\" \ !Paris
Records that contain anything apart from the single word Unknown.	\ !\ ^Unknown\\$\
Records that do not contain the phrase Not Applicable.	\ !\"Not Applicable\"

Comparison of searches in Vitalware 2.6 and earlier and Vitalware 3.0 onwards:

Find	Version 2.6 & earlier	Version 3.0 onwards
Records containing Fred	fred	fred
Records where Fred is the only word in the field	^fred\$	\ ^fred\\$\
Records that contain Fred phonetically	@fred	\ @fred
Records containing Fred with matching case	=Fred	\ =Fred
Records containing the phrase Sacré-Cœur	"sacré cœur"	\ "sacre-coeur\" OR \ "sacré-cœur\"
Records where blue and sky are within 5 words of each other	\ (blue sky) <= 5 w'	\ '(blue sky\) <= 5 w\'
Return all records where field has a value	*	\ *
Return all records where field is empty	!*	\ !\ *
Return all records with attachments	+	\ +
Return all records with no attachments	!+	\ !\ +