

OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog)

OPAC

- is an online to a database containing all the cataloging information of a particular library only
- is an online database of materials held by a library or group of libraries.
- May also provide access to the collections of other libraries
- Users typically search a library catalog to locate books, videos, and audio recordings owned or licensed by a library.

Advantages of OPAC

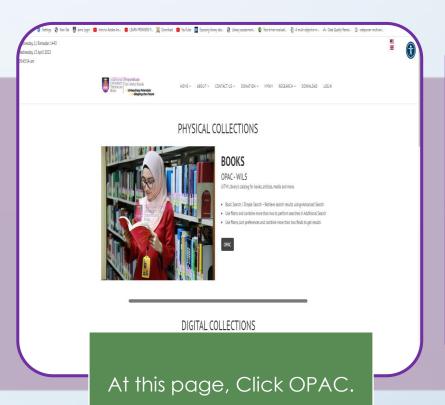
- It is worldwide and all the time accessible.
- The status of any book may be known as book issued or not, lost/transferred, etc. The status of an acquisition order may be available at both staff and public terminals located throughout the library.
- It is possible for users to send reprint requests immediately by e-mail.
- Compilation of various lists of reprints becomes very easy.
- There is no limitation of space and time for searches of any documents.
 Any person can search a document of not only his/her library but also any networked library.

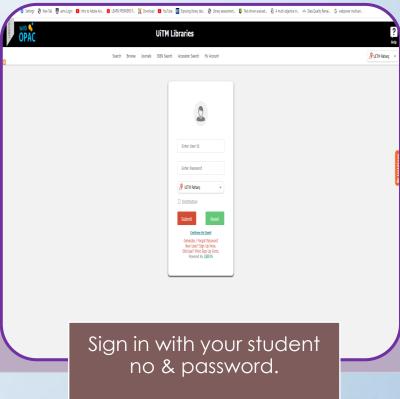
WebOPAC of PTAR



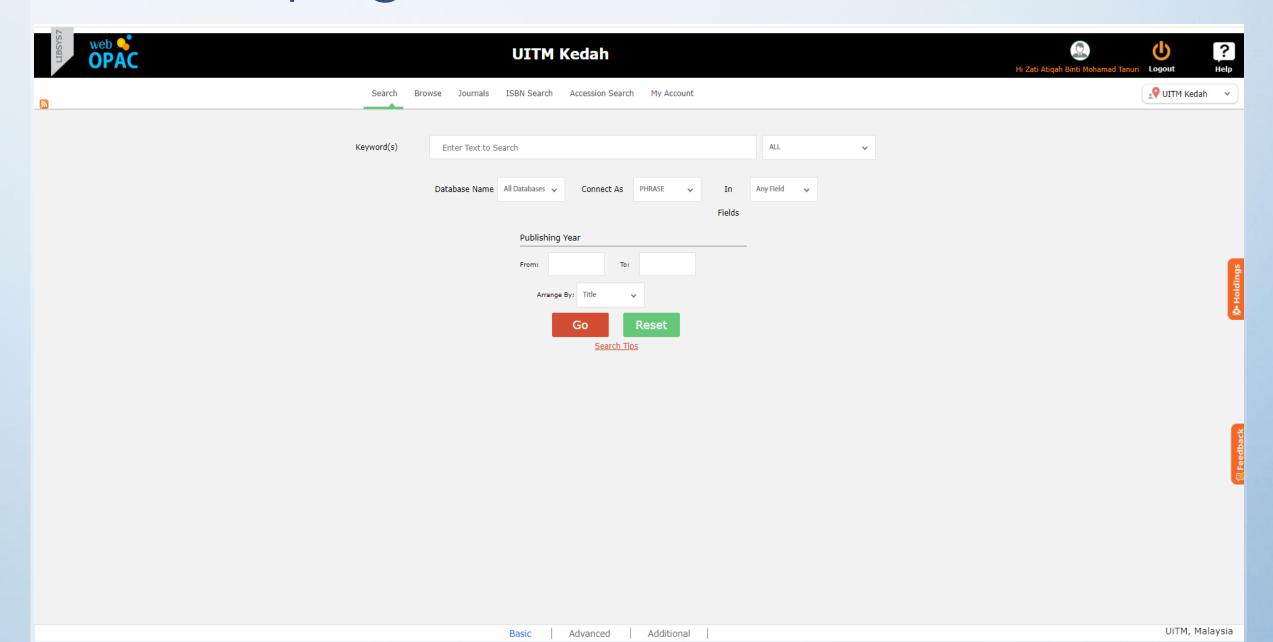
Webopac of PTAR (https://library.uitm.edu.my/e
n/)

Click Our Collection





Front page of WebOPAC PTAR UiTM



Types of searching using UiTM OPAC:

Three types of searching

Basic

Single phrase or word to search for within all the catalogues

Advanced

Using Boolean search which allowing users to combine keywords with operators (or modifiers) such as AND, NOT and OR.

Additional

Using specific known author, title and subject as a keyword to search.

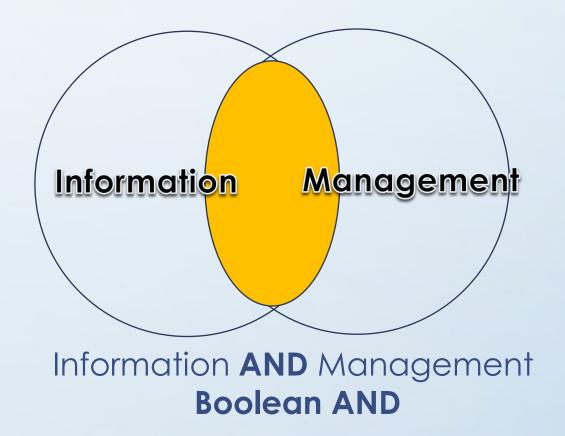
What is Boolean Search?

- This is very common technique that combines search terms according to Boolean Logic (Chowdhury, 1999b).
- Three types of Boolean search are possible:
 - i. AND search
 - ii. OR search
 - iii. NOT search

Boolean Search: AND

Document must have **both words** (or both phrases)

Will **narrow** your search because search results will include all documents that contain both the first term and the second term.



Boolean Search: OR

Document can have either word (or either phrase)

Will **expand** your search because search results will include all documents that contain either the first term or the second term or both.

Information Management

Information OR Management
Boolean OR

Boolean Search: NOT

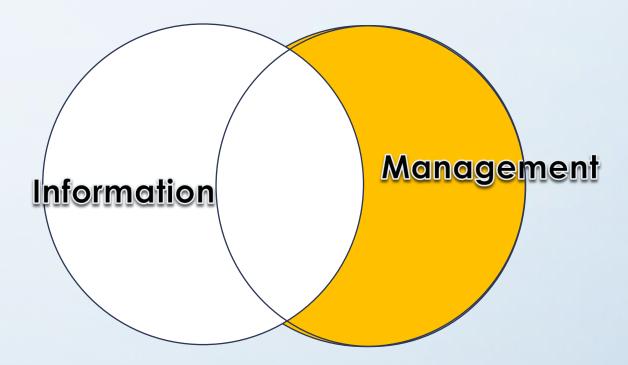
Document must have first term. Must not have second.

* use very carefully because may exclude lots of useful information

Will **exclude** an idea/concept from your search because it will find documents that contain the first word, but do not contain the second.

NOT is helpful if you notice a recurring topic in your retrieval that is not relevant to your topic.

Boolean Search: NOT

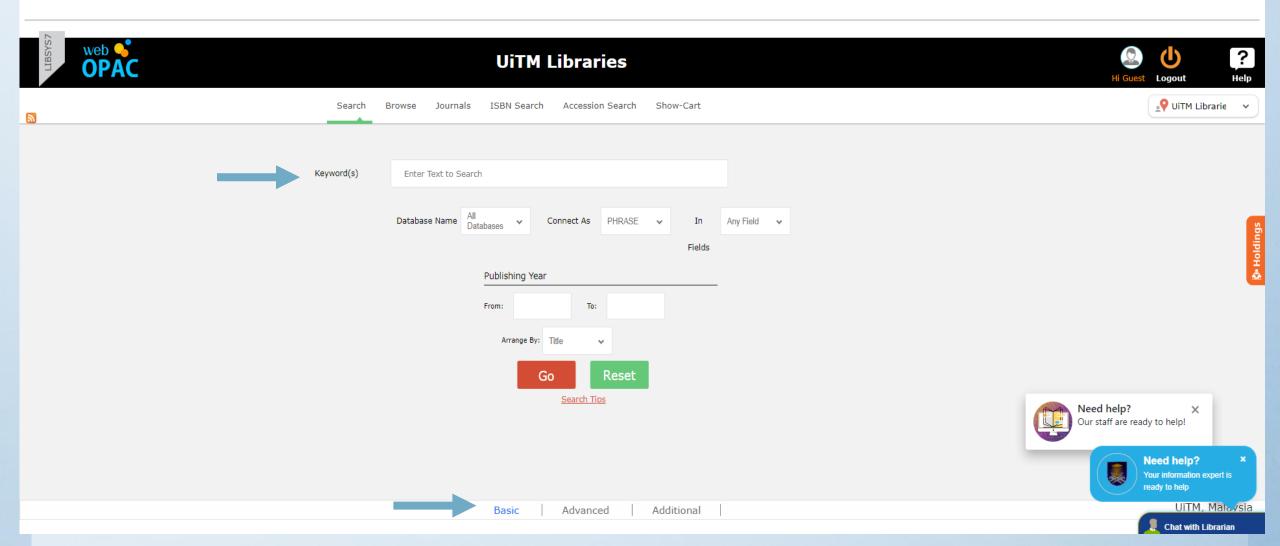


Management **NOT** Information **Boolean NOT**

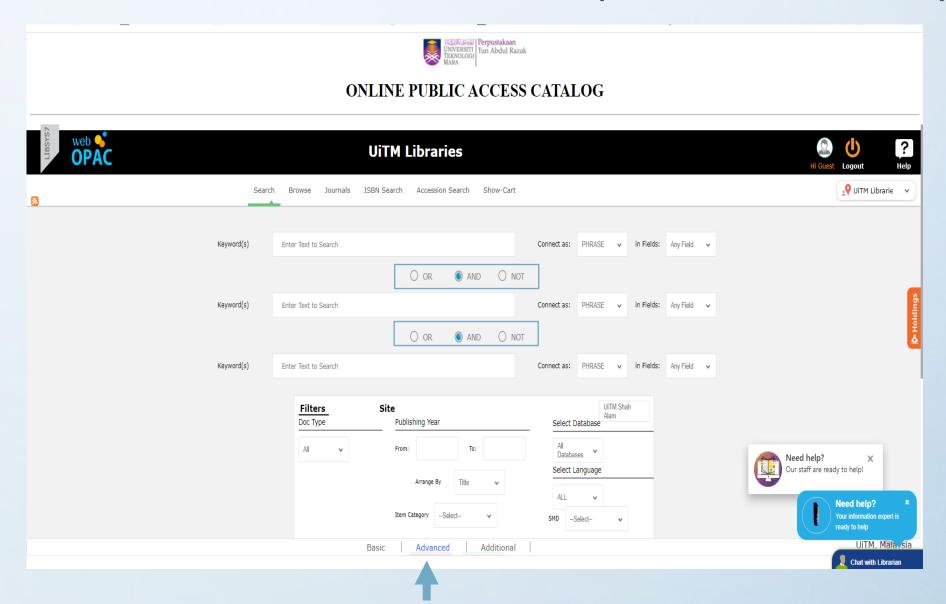
Basic search-using keyword(s)



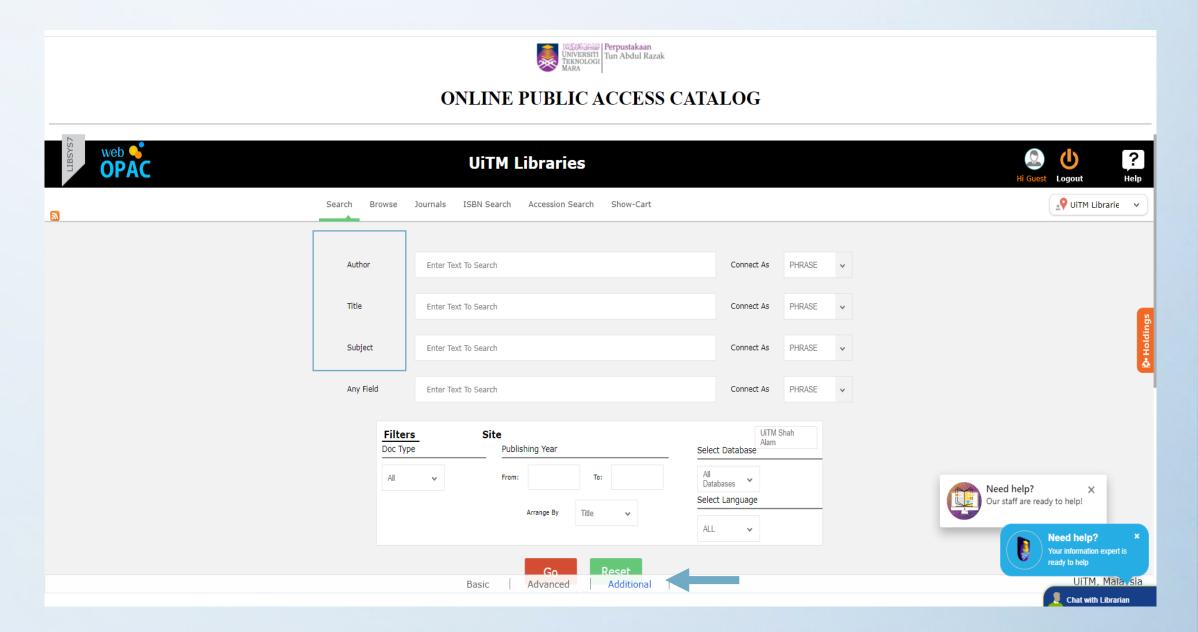
ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG



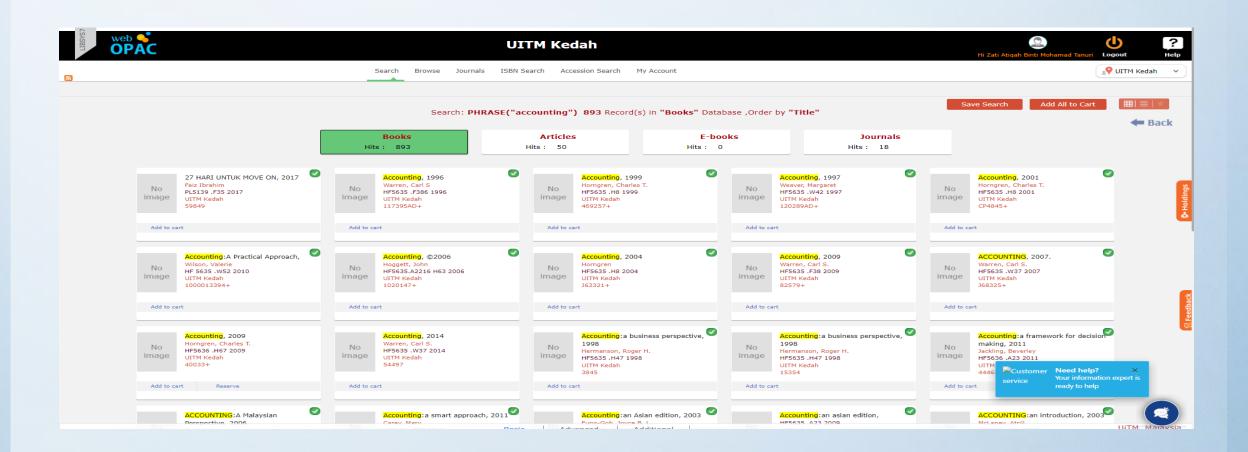
Advanced Search-Boolean (AND, OR, NOT)



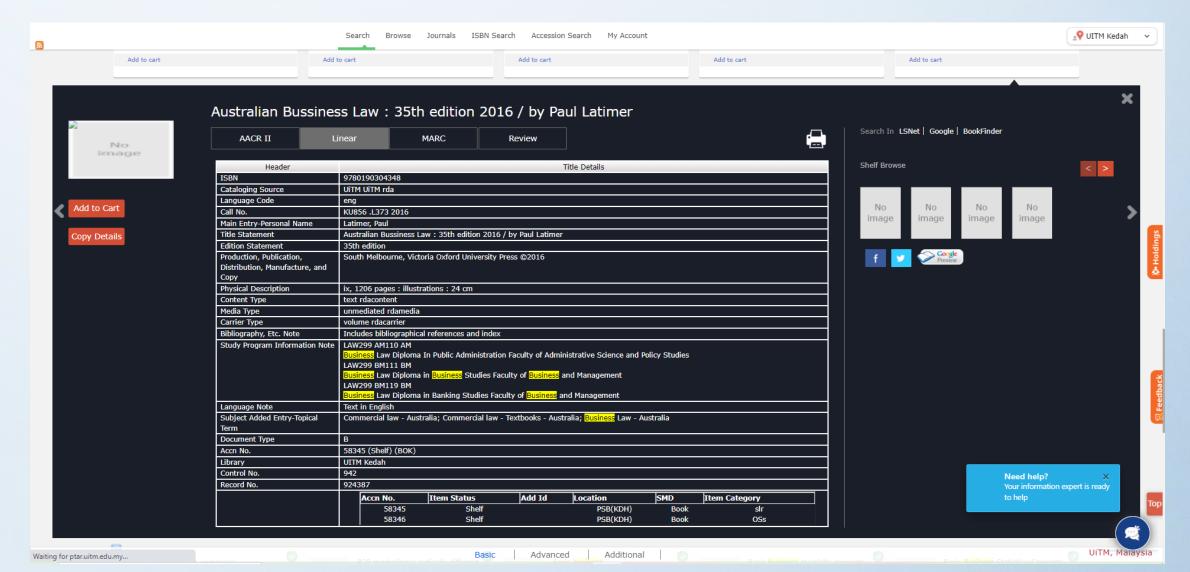
Additional Search- author, title, subject, any field

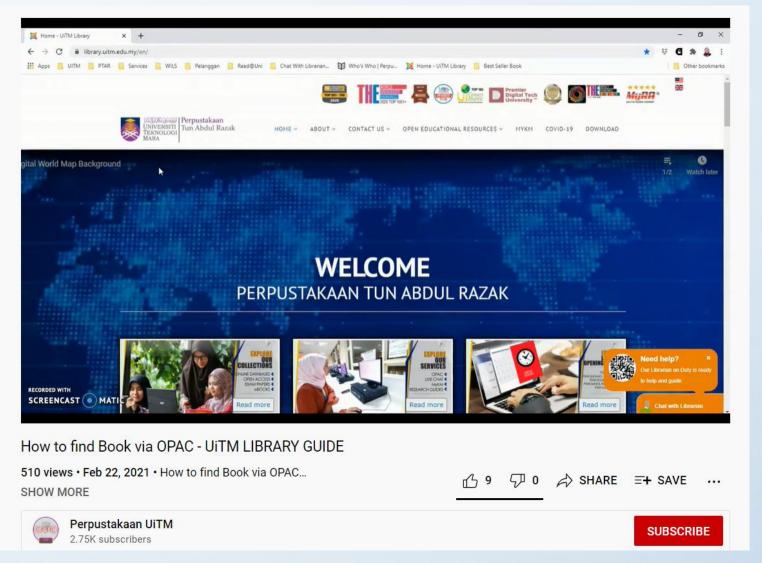


List of book titles from the search



The bibliographic record of the material chosen will be display. By using library call number, student will be able to locate the book on the right shelf in the library.





How to find Book via OPAC - UiTM LIBRARY GUIDE

Thank you

