

# Ad hoc vs managed work item queries

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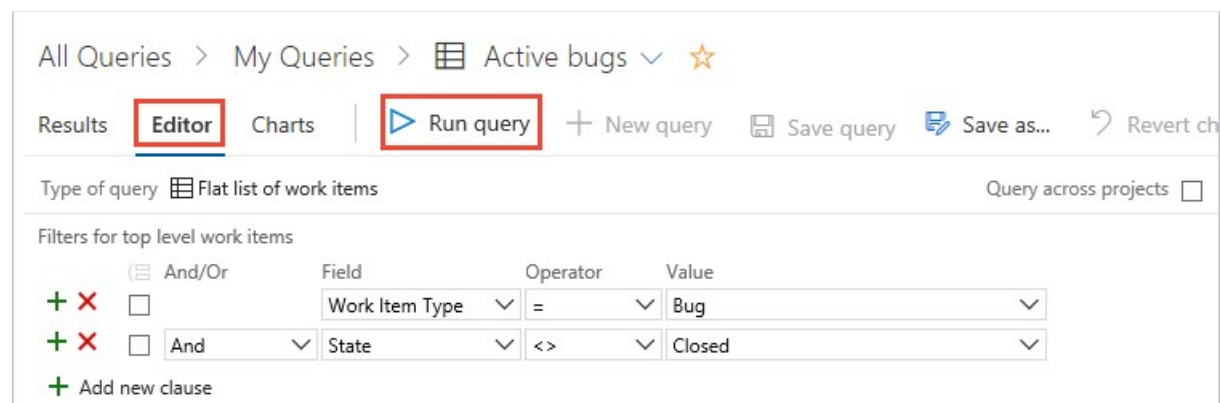
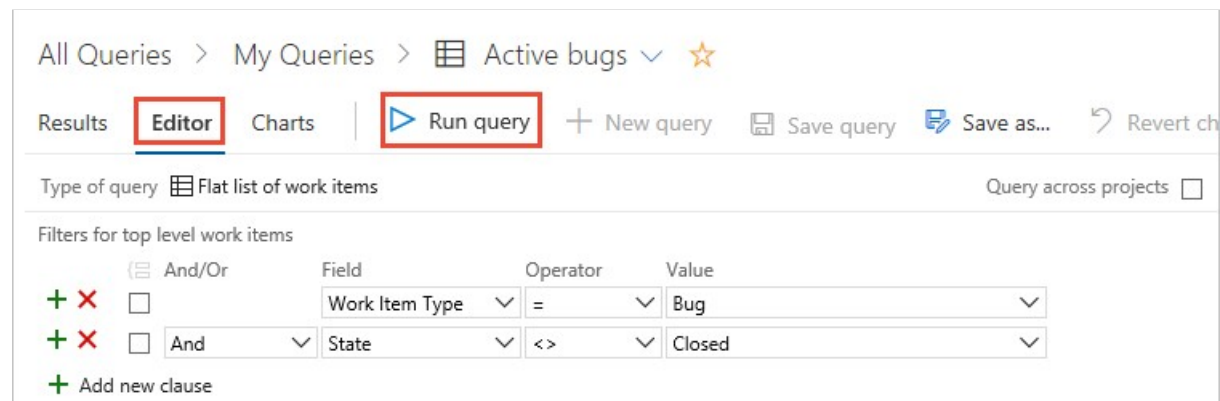
You have two ways to perform work item searches: semantic or ad hoc searches and managed queries.

You perform semantic or ad hoc searches using the work item search box (shown below)

Choose any **Boards** page, enter a keyword or phrase in the search box, and press *Enter* or choose the  start search icon.



You add and run managed queries using the built-in query-editor available from the **Boards>Queries** page.



For details about semantic or ad hoc searches, see [Perform a semantic or ad hoc work item search](#). For details about managed queries, see [Create managed queries with the query editor](#).

## Use semantic or ad hoc searches to perform the following tasks:

- Find a specific work item using its ID or a keyword
- Find one or more work items across all projects in a fast, flexible manner

- Perform full text search across all work item fields
- Review work items assigned to a specific team member
- Search against specific work item fields to quickly narrow down a list of work items
- Determine what key words will support a managed search

### Use managed queries to perform the following tasks: |

- Review or triage a group of work items
- Perform bulk updates on several work items such as change Assign To, Iteration Path, or more
- Review parent-child or dependent links among work items
- Create a status or trend chart from a flat list query
- Create a list of work items that you'll export to [Excel](#) or [Project](#)

#### ⚠ Observação

With semantic search, you search against a more fully indexed set of fields. With ad hoc search, the number of fields that are indexed are limited.

## Related articles

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