



Graduate Education Program

Offering more than 15 terabytes of content from the world's most authoritative publishers, and the tools to search every bit of it quickly and precisely, Dialog is the world leader in online-based research services.

Dialog was founded on the idea that information matters — that it really can make a difference in the world — or your corner of it.

Through the Graduate Education Program (GEP), Dialog provides the information resources to help graduate students in library sciences and related disciplines develop the necessary competencies to succeed as information professionals.

Perfecting Search Skills

Dialog offers extensive training and resources designed for the information professional. Learn search skills that can get you the information you need, in the format you want, at a price you can afford (free to graduate students in approved courses).

Mastering Data Analysis

Specific Dialog interfaces save valuable time by allowing you to analyze search data, create custom reports and choose from various output delivery options, including HTML, XML, and PDF.

Managing Electronic Resources

Understanding how databases and interfaces are constructed is critical to effectively managing an organization's electronic resources. Dialog students can "look behind the scenes" at how databases are constructed and how interfaces function. **Ask us how!**

Basic Dialog Commands and Truncation

Command	Examples	Search Notes
BEGIN B	begin 149 b 149,47 b healthbu b healthbu, 47	Use BEGIN to specify the files to be searched. To specify more than one file or groups of files (OneSearch categories), separate the file numbers or OneSearch groups with commas.
EXPAND E	expand au=johnson, m e au=johnson, marilyn e co=nike	EXPAND lets you view individual field indexes. From the EXPAND list, SELECT appropriate E numbers to create a set: S E3:E5,E8
SELECT S	s glaucoma and therap?	Executes a search and creates a numbered set of records containing the specified terms
TYPE T	t s2/8,k/1-10 t s2/9/1-3,6	Displays online the specified records from a particular search set
DISPLAY SETS DS	ds	Displays a list of all search sets created since the last BEGIN command
REMOVE DUPLICATES RD	rd rd s3	Removes duplicate records from the last search set and creates a new set of unique records in which only one copy from each set of duplicates is retained. Removes duplicates from specified set (set 3)

Type of Truncation	Example	Description
Open Truncation	s path?	Retrieves all words that begin with <i>path</i> : pathos, pathway, pathology
Controlled-length Truncation	s path? ? s path??	Retrieves the root and up to one additional character Retrieves the root and up to two additional characters
Embedded Truncation Characters	s fib??board s wom?n	Retrieves fiberboard, fibreboard Retrieves woman, women

Dialog Proximity Operators

Operator	Function	Examples	Retrieved Terms
(W) or () (W) is equivalent to ()	Words must be adjacent and in the order specified	s hewlett (w) Packard s hewlett()packard	Hewlett-Packard Hewlett Packard Retrieve either using (W) or ()
(#W)	Up to n intervening words, in the order specified	s declaration (1w) independence	Declaration of Independence
(N)	Words must be adjacent in either order	s library (n) science	library science science library
(#N)	Up to n intervening words, in either order	s market (5n) share	market share share of market share of textile industry market
(F)	Words in the same field , no word order specified	s digital (f) imag?/ti,ab,de	Both terms in the title field OR both terms in the abstract field OR both terms in the descriptor field
(S)	Words in the same subfield or same paragraph	s solar (s) panel	Both terms in the same subfield or in the same paragraph of a full-text document
(L)	Words in the same descriptor unit Used to link headings to sub-headings	s zinc (l)toxicity	Terms that are part of the same descriptor unit (i.e. heading-subheading entries). Retrieves zinc-toxicity or toxicity-zinc .

GENERAL INFORMATION

Who is my MLIS Consultant?

Go to <http://gep.dialog.com/people> to find out.

How do I find out more about the GEP?

Check out the GEP Web site at <http://gep.dialog.com>.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Concerned that you may be missing out because you are a distance student? Don't be — we have you covered!

Are there any tutorials or self-paced online modules to help me learn Dialog?

Yes. Go to http://gep.dialog.com/distance_learning/self_paced.shtml to access a variety of self-paced learning resources.

Where can I find out more about Dialog commands and features?

We have compiled a few of the most popular Dialog user guides and training documentation on the GEP Web site. For instance, the Dialog Command Language Pocket Guide is one of the best Dialog reference resources to have on hand, and both the HTML version and PDF document can be accessed through <http://gep.dialog.com/instruction>.

Is there any way for me, as a distance student, to have access to live Dialog training?

Yes. The MLIS consultants frequently work with instructors of distance learning courses to arrange and deliver interactive Dialog training sessions via the Web.

TRAINING

Confused or want to learn more about a topic? Schedule an interactive Web seminar with your MLIS consultant.

How do I request a GEP training session?

E-mail your MLIS consultant directly, or contact us at dialog.GEP@thomson.com.

How do I register for scheduled GEP training sessions?

You can register for GEP Web-based training for students at http://gep.dialog.com/distance_learning/student_web_training.shtml.

Does the GEP have any review exercises to reinforce key learnings?

Yes. Access review topics and exercises at <http://gep.dialog.com/instruction/supplemental.shtml>.