




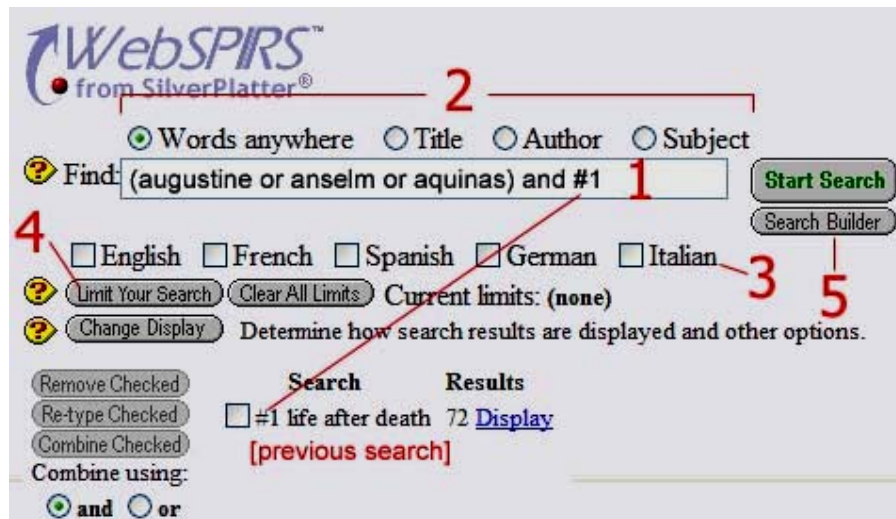


SEARCHING WebSPIRS

WebSPIRS is the search and retrieval software for *Biosis Previews*, *Christian Periodical Index*, and the *Philosopher's Index*. To perform a search:

- Enter your search term(s) in the “Find” box (1). You can use *adj* [=adjacent], *and*, *near*, *not*, *or*, and *with* to combine multiple search terms into a single, more focused search. You can also combine previous searches with a new word or phrase [See example in graphic below]
- Select the specific field (2) and language that you want to search (3).
- Click on “Limit Your Search” (4) to impose limits of additional languages, document type, or publishing year on your search.
- You can also use “Search Builder” (5) to focus your search by searching in specific database fields, combining multiple terms with Boolean operators, and applying limits to narrow your results.
- Truncation: Search for a term and its variations by entering the root of the term followed by an asterisk (*). E.g., *cat** retrieves *catatonic*, *catatonia*, *category*, etc.
- Wildcard: Search question mark symbol (?) represents one character or none. E.g., the search *m?cdonald* retrieves both *mcdonald* and *macdonald*.

- Click on  to see subject terms that might result in a better search.
- Click on  for certain fields such as Title or Author which can be selected from the drop-down menu after you have selected “Index” from the right hand menu.
- Click on  to look up synonyms, related terms, and preferred terms.



The screenshot shows the WebSPIRS search interface with the following elements and annotations:

- 1:** The search term "(augustine or anselm or aquinas) and #1" is entered in the "Find" box.
- 2:** The search field is set to "Words anywhere".
- 3:** The language is set to "German".
- 4:** The "Limit Your Search" button is highlighted.
- 5:** The "Search Builder" button is highlighted.

Additional interface elements include:

- Buttons: "Start Search", "Search Builder", "Remove Checked", "Re-type Checked", "Combine Checked", "Change Display", "Clear All Limits", "Determine how search results are displayed and other options."
- Current limits: (none)
- Search Results: #1 life after death 72 [Display](#)
- Combine using: and or