

Wildcard Operator

When creating a keyword query, sometimes you may want to pull in variations of a word. Since *ForSight* does not stem words automatically, it is best to insert keyword variations to pull in the most relevant conversation. You can accomplish this with the use of the **Wildcard** operator within your keywords, to return search results with word variations for you.

ForSight currently supports two types of Wildcard operators: the *Asterisk Operator* (*) and the *Question Mark Operator* (?). Each functions differently depending on which you use.

Note: You cannot use the Wildcard operator at the start of a keyword. i.e. ***cat** or **?cat**.

1. Asterisk Operator (*)

This Wildcard operator is universally utilized and will return any number of characters beyond the asterisk. In *ForSight*, the asterisk operator will only work if there are *at least* 3 characters in the term you are applying it to. For example:

C* will not validate

Ca* will not validate

Cat* will return: cat, cats, catching

Bat* will return: bat, bats, battery, batteries

2. Question Mark Operator (?)

This Wildcard operator will return a single character, and can be used in multiple locations. For example:

Bat? Will return = bath, bats, bate

Co?? Will return = come, core, coat

C?m? Will return = camp, coma, comb

C??? Will return = cats, casa, club