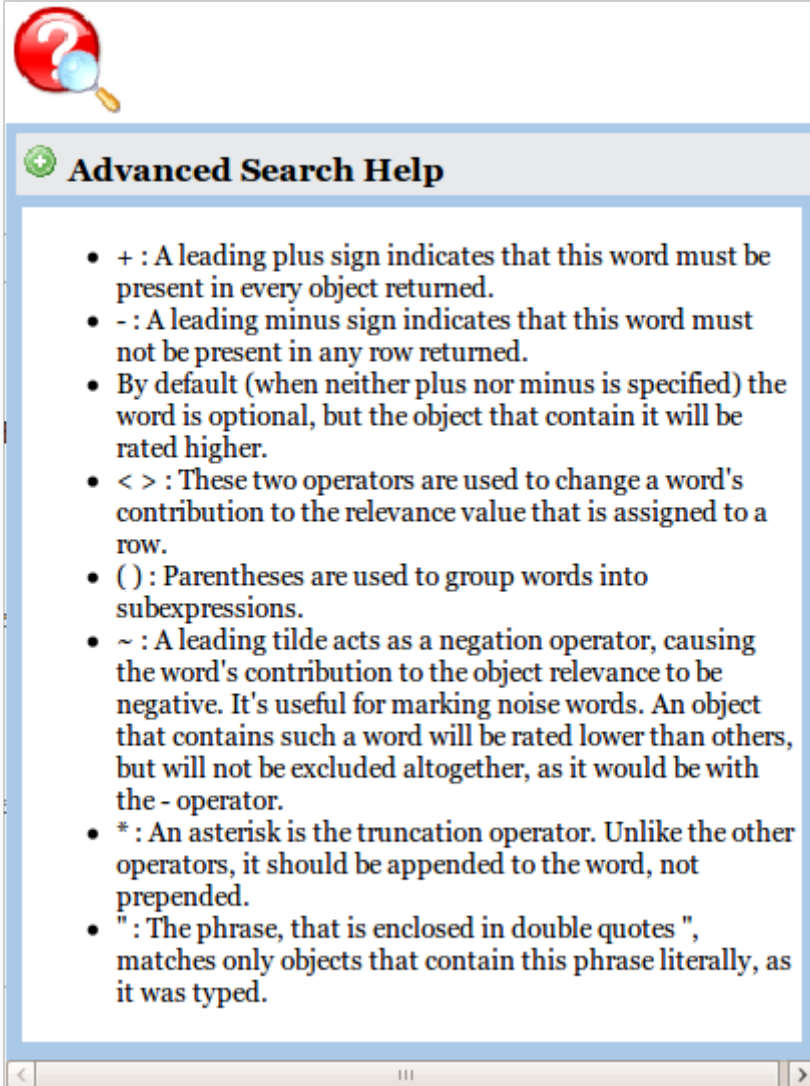


## Module search\_box and "Advanced Search"

The search has been improved in [Tikiwiki 3.0](#).



If you are using mysql as the database behind your tikiwiki installation, you can use the [Module search\\_box](#), which allows advanced searches, like BOOLEAN searches and many other improvements of the search feature, using a simple syntax:




The image shows a help window titled "Advanced Search Help" with a magnifying glass icon. It contains a list of search operators and their functions.

- **+** : A leading plus sign indicates that this word must be present in every object returned.
- **-** : A leading minus sign indicates that this word must not be present in any row returned.
- By default (when neither plus nor minus is specified) the word is optional, but the object that contain it will be rated higher.
- **< >** : These two operators are used to change a word's contribution to the relevance value that is assigned to a row.
- **()** : Parentheses are used to group words into subexpressions.
- **~** : A leading tilde acts as a negation operator, causing the word's contribution to the object relevance to be negative. It's useful for marking noise words. An object that contains such a word will be rated lower than others, but will not be excluded altogether, as it would be with the - operator.
- **\*** : An asterisk is the truncation operator. Unlike the other operators, it should be appended to the word, not prepended.
- **"** : The phrase, that is enclosed in double quotes ", matches only objects that contain this phrase literally, as it was typed.

Example: you can search for "Dynamic items list" in the search box, without double quotes, and you'll find hundreds of objects containing some or all of the words.

**Search results**  

Find  Advanced search:   Date

Search:



Found "Dynamic items list" in 438 pages


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If you click on the advanced search checkbox, and surround your words by double quotes, you'll get a very narrow result, with the page containing the three words on its name in that list:

**Search results**  

Find  Advanced search:   Date

Search:

Found "\"Dynamic items list\"" in 3 pages

See [Search Admin](#) and [Search Details](#) for more info on this module and the search modes.