Searching the Data Dictionary Wiki

Searching through the Data Dictionary Wiki for fields, lookups, textual content and more can be done via Confluence search boxes (as shown below). What follows are some hints/tips to make that process easier.

Navigation Search Box(es) – Simple Searches

The search box (near the top left navigation bar) will search for terms only within the current Wiki version that is being displayed i.e. Wiki v1.7. A powerful Advanced Search bar is available by selecting the search icon to the right of the search box. It's usually best to search on whole words.

Note: Searching in the Left Panel Search Box with a term like "PropertySubType" while in Wiki 1.7 will only return Wiki 1.7 results.

Note: The left panel may not be visible depending on what mobile device you are using.

Note: Selecting "See more results..." or tapping the <Enter> key will also bring up the Advanced Search Results page.

Refining Searches from the Navigation Search Box(es)

Some additional hints and tips on how to do searches within the Data Dictionary Wiki are located at Data Dictionary Wiki Search Hints.

Below are some of the more common search hints:

Logical AND/OR Searching

- Typing Evaporative Cooling without quotes will bring up all pages with "Evaporative" OR "Cooling." The OR is implied.
- Logical operands must be in UPPER CASE. Hence, to query pages that have both "Evaporative" and "Cooling" must be keyed in as Evaporative AND Cooling.
- Logical operands include: OR, AND, NOT.

Exact Phrase Searching

- Exact phrases can be entered within quotations. "Evaporative Cooling" will look for pages that have the exact text "Evaporative Cooling."

Confluence has some quirks with exact phrases. It ignores certain common words like the, and, a, if and special characters such as $, & etc. Users might get a larger return set due to this.

Searching by Data Dictionary Field / Lookup Name (e.g., same as Page Title)

- Searching Entire Page: By default, searching will look at the entire page for a match. Keying in "Cooling" will search the Page Title and anywhere else on the page.
- Searching by Page Title Only: To restrict searching only to the Page Title (e.g., field/lookup name), precede the page title with the text "title:" in the search.
- Example: To search only for pages having PropertySubType in the title, enter title:PropertySubType.

Advanced Search Results Page

Note: Again, selecting "See more results..." or tapping the <Enter> key will also bring up the Advanced Search Results page (see below).

Refining Results from the Search Results Page (as shown above)

Confluence refers to DD Wiki versions as Spaces. In the Advance Search Results page, searches (by default) will query all versions of the Data Dictionary.

Note: To query a specific version in the advanced Search Results page, enter the DD Wiki version number in the IN SPACE field.

- Data Dictionary 1.4 (key in 1.4)
- Data Dictionary 1.5 (key in 1.5)
- Data Dictionary 1.6 (key in 1.6)
- Data Dictionary 1.7 (key in 1.7)
- Data: Draft (key in Draft); Draft is the Dictionary under consideration by RESO members (accessed by members only)

Note: Tapping on the ? will bring up a list of filter and sort options.
Other Ways to Search – Use Current .xml and .xlsx Files

Confluence search engines are great ways to do some quick searching. However, detail and precise searching might best be done via download of the most current Data Dictionary Wiki .xml and .xlsx files for searching within one of those files.

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