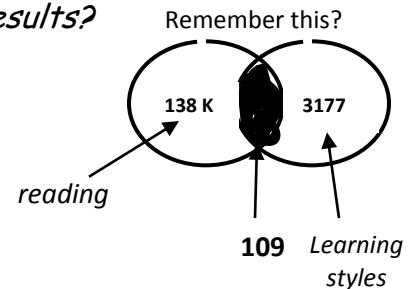


Smart Search Strategies

These strategies can be applied no matter what you're searching - whether it's the college's online databases or a search engine on the World Wide Web. When getting ready to search, ask yourself a few critical questions:

Is there any way this search engine/database will let me narrow my results?

- Combine search terms in the **Search/Find** field by using the word "and"
- Try limiting your date range



You might have to use an **Advanced Search Features** or a **More Search Options** tool, but most databases and Internet search engines will have something like this. You should see an area where you can specify your desired date range. Like this:

Published Date from

January	▼	Year:	2001	to
September	▼	Year:	2011	

Is there a way to make only professional quality articles come up?

Usually, yes. For 'professional quality' articles, sometimes there's a check-mark box, sometimes not. If there is, look for the words "scholarly" or "peer-reviewed" (or "refereed") and check-mark that.

Limit results to: Scholarly/peer-reviewed publications

When searching for articles on the Web, though, it's a bit trickier. Look for an **Advanced Search** feature/tool.

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