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## Did you know?



...that LexisNexis developed the Boolean search method?

Boolean searching is the traditional way to search for information in most online services, including the LexisNexis® services. It uses words and connectors to create phrases and concepts based on specific rules of search logic. The computer then searches for documents that contain the specific words and combinations of words in the search request.

For example, to find documents concerning employee drug tests, you might use this search request:

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drug w/5 test or screen! w/10 employ!
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*Information above from LexisNexis Knowledge Base.*

Here's a bit more on LexisNexis' development of Boolean from the Dayton Inventor's River Walk web site: [Dayton Inventor's River Walk web site](#):

### Search Engine



When searching on the Internet for "MetroParks and RiverScape or Van Cleve Park not Deed's Point," you'll not only find some great websites, but you'll be employing the Boolean search method that was developed in downtown Dayton. This method of searching, which uses "and," "or," and "not" to define parameters, was so successful that it led to LexisNexis becoming a leading source of information, perhaps the information source leader in the world.

The aspect of this search engine that made it more successful than others is that it was "scaleable," meaning that it worked well no matter how many parameters were applied or how much information was searched. The search engine invention station at RiverScape will allow you to do some searching of your own - come see what you can find.

*Do you have a question about the company's history? A company acronym you don't understand? Or a piece of trivia that you would love to know the correct answer on? (We'll also take answers - we're very willing to be educated by those who've been at the company for a while). Please send us your questions, trivia, or historical facts about LexisNexis and we'll share the information in future articles.*

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Use Terms and Connectors (Boolean) searching to retrieve the following types of information:

- Comprehensive information about an issue or topic, or a person or company
- Every word or its alternative that appears in each document
- Specific relationships between your search words
- Segment-specific searches