Proquest Hints/ Troubleshooting

Search results will vary. If you get:

- **No records** matched your search, **check your spelling** or the fields you searched in. **Don’t limit to subject if you get no results.** You may search for professional language or terms in the text of the articles.

- **Too many**, then go back and limit your search. Sometimes a search needs to be modified with: **additional search words**, searching only a specific field for instance **limit your search by selecting a term as subject.** You can also limit by viewing only one type of materials. For instance you might choose to **view magazines** or **scholarly journals only**.

- **Too few**, then go back and expand your search. Consider **adding synonyms to your search using OR** to add new words or concepts. Try to use professional language or terminology.

- **Irrelevant results**, then try new search terms. Check the **Topics index** for synonyms or related concepts.

**Field searching**

When we talk about field searching we don’t mean fields as in this picture of Slovakia.

Common database **fields** are revealed when you press the arrow on the search screen.

Most useful fields for refining your search are: **citation and abstract**, **subject**, **publication**, and **document text**.
The arrow reveals fields that may help you limit your search results.