

User Manual





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Basic Search Procedure

A Search within Tambic is simple. In the following paragraphs you will learn how to use Tambic for simple and complex search queries.

How to start

Following the link http://www.cs.uta.fi/~tambic/ you will see the welcome page of the Tambic. See Figure 1. To start using Tambic please follow the link "Start using TamBiC!".



Figure 1: start page

Some basic facts

- Every word matters. Generally, all the words you put in the query will be used. With exception of the operators.
- Search is always case insensitive. Searching for dog is the same as searching for Dog .If not otherwise stated. (See Distinguish upper- and lowercase letters)
- Exceptions are: punctuation is ignored (@#\$%^&*()=+[]\ and other special characters).



How to read the main page

The diagram below points out the features that are important to understanding the main page, and that you will use while performing a search:



Figure 2: page description

- 1. **The corpus selection:** The first line determines the original language of the corpus, the second line determines the line inside the corpus you will be searching for. By clicking either of this the selection changes and is possible to select other language.
- 2. **The search box:** The area where you type the query you are searching for.
- 3. **The case sensitivity:** This will allow you to have case sensitivity, so searching for dog is NOT the same as searching for Dog when this is selected.
- 4. **Help button:** A link to a help file that will solve your questions of how to use the corpus. Click here if the feature that you wanted isn't available or clear for you.
- 5. **About button:** A link to the information file that will tell you more about the Tambic corpus, the authors and the texts used in the corpus. Click here to know more about us!



How to read the search results

Tambic's goal is to provide you with results which are clear and easy to read.

In our example we want to find any entry which contains the word "cucumber". No matter how it is written. So first we select the corpus

English to Finnish

and after that we select the language of the word, we just typed in, which is

English

After clicking the Button

New Search

we will get the search results shown in Figure 3.

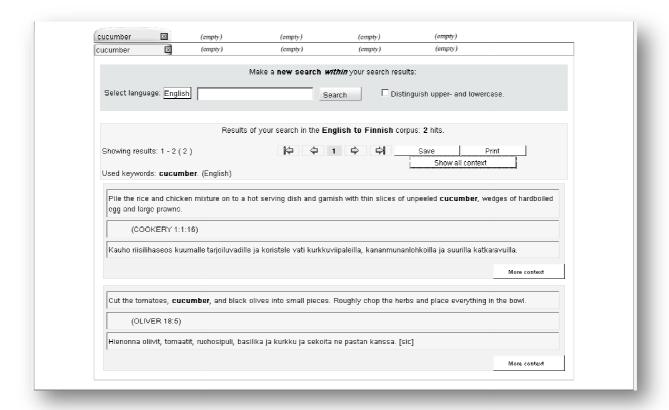


Figure 3: search results for word cucumber

- **Format of results:** The first line of any search result is the original language of the corpus you selected, followed by a code that identifies the text and finally the translated version of the text. For each hit.



Figure 4: format of results

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The tabs: Help you to navigate throw the searches. To close a tab click on the X of the tab you wish to close, for closing a whole group close the main search tab. A maximum of 5 tabs can be open for the basic search and for the refined search (See Distinguish upper- and lowercase letters) as well.



Figure 5: tab

- **The search within search area:** This allows you to perform a new search based on the results from the first search. In addition it gives the information of the corpus language where the search was performed.



Figure 6: search within search results

- Search box: The area where you type the query you are searching for.
- Language selection: This determines the line inside the corpus you will be searching for. By clicking in it the selection changes and is possible to select other language.
- Upper- and lowercase letters: This will allow you to have case sensitivity in the refined results, so searching for dog is NOT the same as searching for Dog when this is selected.
- The navigation area: This allows you to go through the search results shown below. In addition it gives the information of the word which the query was performed.



Figure 7: navigation area

- Show All Context button: Allows you to display the previous and next sentence from all the hits.
- Navigation buttons: Click here to navigate to the next and previous page of the results
- o **Print:** For printing using the format of the website.
- Save: Is possible to save the results in .rtf directly in your computer for further analysis.



- More contexts: Allows you to show the previous and next line from a specific hit.



Figure 8: more context button

More search help

The Basic search help covers all the most common issues, but sometimes you need more power. Here we will highlight the more advanced features of Tambic Search Corpus.

Wild cards (*)

This is a very powerful feature. If you include * within a query, it tells the search to try to treat the star as a placeholder for any unknown letter(s) and then find various other forms of the search word (inflections, prefixes, suffixes) in addition to the basic search word.

There are 4 possibilities to use the wildcard *:

At the end of the word



Figure 9: wildcard at the end

This will find also words like shown in Figure 10



Figure 10: excerpt of search result with wildcard at the end



the beginning of the word



Figure 11: wildcard at the beginning

This will find also words like shown in Figure 12.

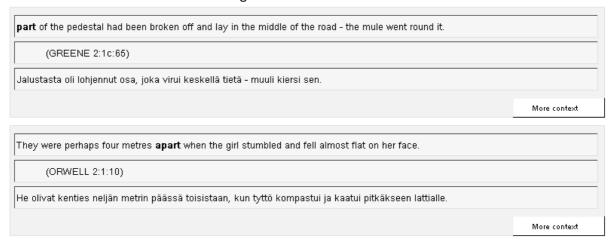


Figure 12: excerpt of search result with wildcard in the beginning

At the beginning and at the end of the word

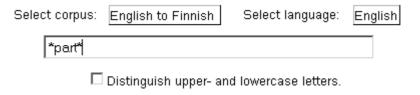


Figure 13: wildcard at the beginning and at the end

The result can look like shown in Figure 12.



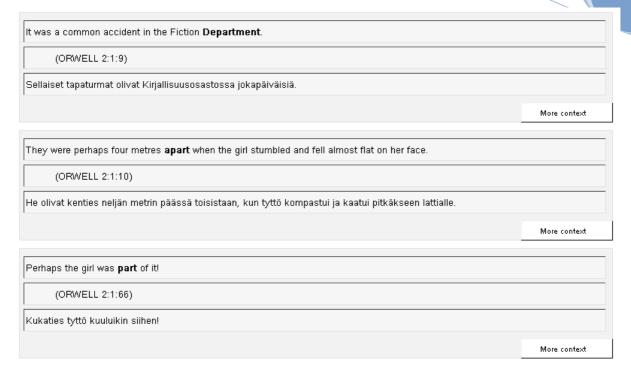


Figure 14: excerpt of search result with wildcard at the beginning and at the end of the word

Within the word



Figure 15: wildcard within

An excerpt of the results is shown in Figure 16.



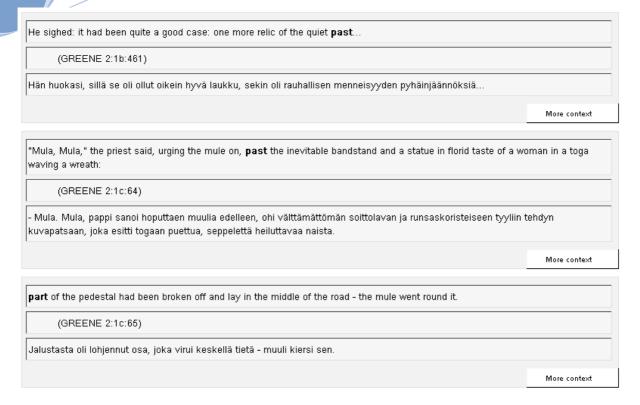


Figure 16: excerpt of search result with wildcard within the word

Operators (AND, OR, NOT)

In Tambic you can use three operators to make a more precisely search. You have to type the operator in, in capital letters, so that Tambic recognize it as an operator. These 3 operators are

AND

Combining two words with an AND operator will tell Tambic to find phrases just containing these two words.



Figure 17: search with AND operator

In Figure 18 you can find an excerpt of the search result with an AND operator.





Figure 18: excerpt of search result with AND operator

OR

Combining two words with the OR operator will find all phrases which contain one of the word or both.

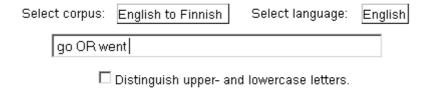


Figure 19: search with OR operator

Result may look like in Figure 20

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He has avoided it for six years, but now it wasn't his fault - it was his duty to **go** there - it couldn't count as sin.

(GREENE 2:1a:23)

Hän oli vältellyt sitä kuuden vuoden ajan, mutta nyt tämä ei ollut hänen syynsä - hänen velvollisuutensa oli mennä sinne - sitä ei voitu pitää syntinä.

More context

He **went** back to his mule and kicked it gently,

(GREENE 2:1a:24)

Hän palasi muulinsa luokse ja potkaisi sitä ystävällisesti:

Figure 20: excerpt of search result with OR operator

NOT

Using the NOT operator before a search word, will exclude it.



Figure 21 shows the search results.



Figure 21: search result with NOT operator



Combination of the operators

Of course you can also combine the operators if you want or if you have to.

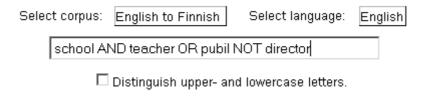


Figure 22: search with combined operators

This query gives us one result which is shown in Figure 23.

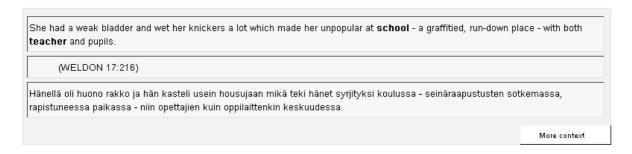


Figure 23: search result with combined operators

Distinguish upper- and lowercase letters

The default setting of Tambic is to search the words case insensitive. This means that no matter how you enter the words (capital letters, small letters, mixed capital and small letters) it will find them all. But maybe in some special search reason you want just to find the words which start with a capital

letter. In this case you can check the Distinguish upper- and lowercase letters. and Tambic will return just the phrases containing the word with capital letters.

Let us do one example to make it clearer.

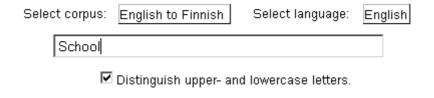


Figure 24: search with an uppercase letter

We will get just phrases which contain the word "School". See Figure 25. Phrases which contain the word "school" will not be returned in the result.

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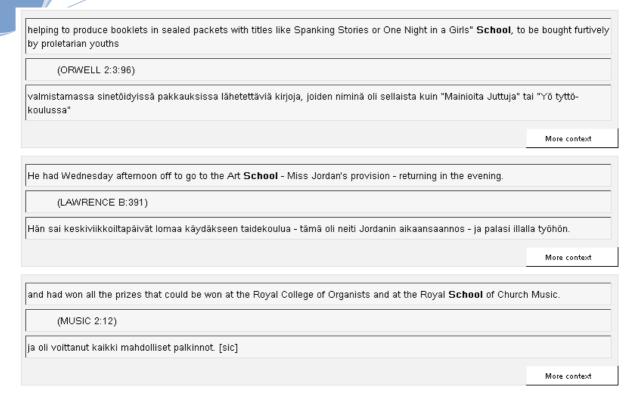


Figure 25: excerpt of search result with an uppercase letter

New search within search results

This enables you to carry out further searches within your search results.

How to do a refined search

The refined search takes place in the area marked with a red rectangle in Figure 26.

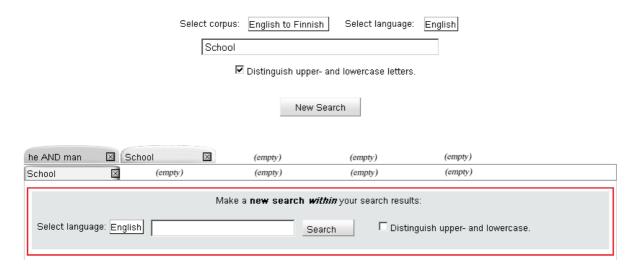


Figure 26: area of refined search

For every basic search a tab will be created in level 1. For every refined search a tab will be created as well in level 2.

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Let us do an example. In the basic search we were searching for "he AND man". Now we want to search within the "he AND man"-results make another search. We want to find all phrases which also contain the word "childless". So we type in the word "childless" in the refined search field and press the Button Search.



Figure 27: refined search

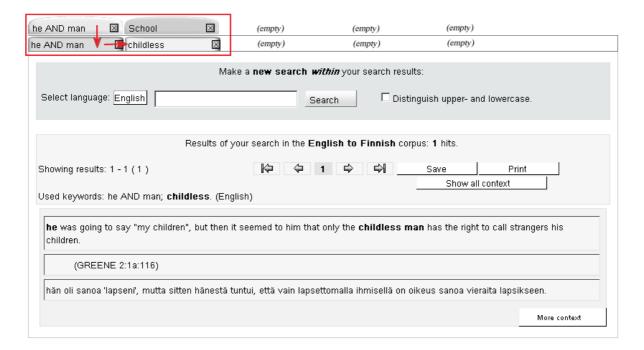


Figure 28: result of refined search

Following the red arrows in Figure 28 we can see that our basic search was "he AND man" and the refined search "childless" appears in a tab in level 2.

Features of refined search

The following features can be used for the refined search:

- Language selection of the search word
- Distinguish upper- and lowercase (See also Distinguish upper- and lowercase letters)
- Wildcard (*) search (See also Wild cards (*))
- Operators AND, OR, NOT (See also Operators (AND, OR, NOT))