



# Wildcards for searching for records

| Key   | Action                                                                                                                         | Example                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| %     | Find any (or no) characters                                                                                                    | <b>%International</b> finds all records whose name starts with anything but finishes with International.<br><b>International%</b> finds all records whose name starts with Internationalbut finishes with anything.                                                           |
| ?     | Finds a single unknown character                                                                                               | <b>SM?THJ</b> finds John Smith, James Smith, John Smyth and Jane Smith.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| *     | Finds one or more unknown character(s)                                                                                         | <b>SM*THJ</b> finds John Smith, James Smith, John Smyth, Jane Smith and Jane Smeath<br>Enter * on its own to display all the items in the database                                                                                                                            |
| [...] | The area within a set of square brackets represents one character.<br>The database matches anything within the square brackets | <b>NE1[ ]</b> looks for postcode NE1 only and not NE11 or NE12 because the 4th character must be a space.<br><b>NE1[12]</b> looks for postcodes NE11 and NE12 because the 4th character must either be a 1 or a 2.<br>This can be very useful for controlled postcode lookup. |

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