
Keyword phrase searching across subfields in Voyager

- **Product:** Voyager
 - **Relevant for Installation Type:** Multi-Tenant Direct, Dedicated-Direct, Local, TotalCare
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Question

When I do an "as a phrase" title keyword search in my (Tomcat) OPAC I'm unable to search across subfields. Why?

Answer

The Voyager keyword index is subfield-specific. That is, it indexes the contents of the 245 \$a and 245 \$b (for example) separately.

So, a phrase search can't cross subfield boundaries. A search like: TKEY "gone with the wind" will find records with the phrase "gone with the wind" in the 245 \$a or the 245 \$b (or any of the other subfields in your TKEY index), but would not find a record with 245 \$a gone with \$b the wind.

If your search logs (or patron complaints) show certain titles where this is a consistent problem, consider asking a cataloger to add an *alternate title field* with the desired phrase all in one subfield. There are no indexing changes in Voyager which will solve this problem, it's fundamental to the keyword index design in Voyager.

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