

Search query examples V2



Purpose

Please note that the information in this presentation is NOT aimed to replace educations in IES. This is presentation is only compiled to give an insight in usable search queries. It does not cover any setup, how to think with more advanced searches etc

It is highly recommended that separate IES educations are attended and at a bare minimum the IES "M3 how to" videos should have been watched. These are accessible through the M3 homepage on the sales portal (link Quick studies) or through the Infor education portal. As an example of M3 IES educations please see Infor educations and a course like M3: v13x Configuring ION Enterprise Search



Version dependency

Please note that this information is based on current IES version (v11.0) and M3 version (13.3/13.4) at the time of writing. Some of the described features are not available in earlier M3 or IES versions. For more information about version dependency please see published NCR documents.

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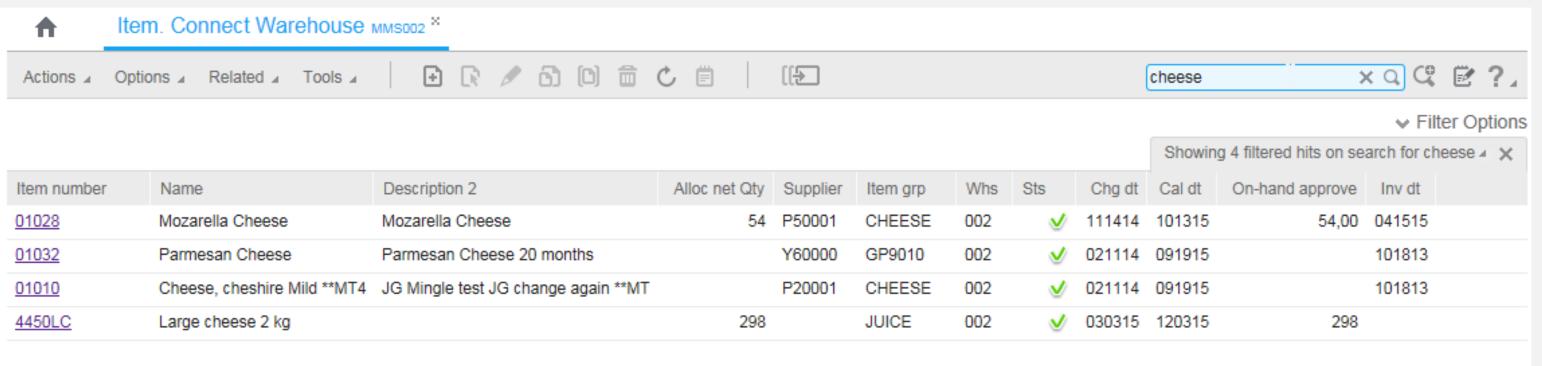
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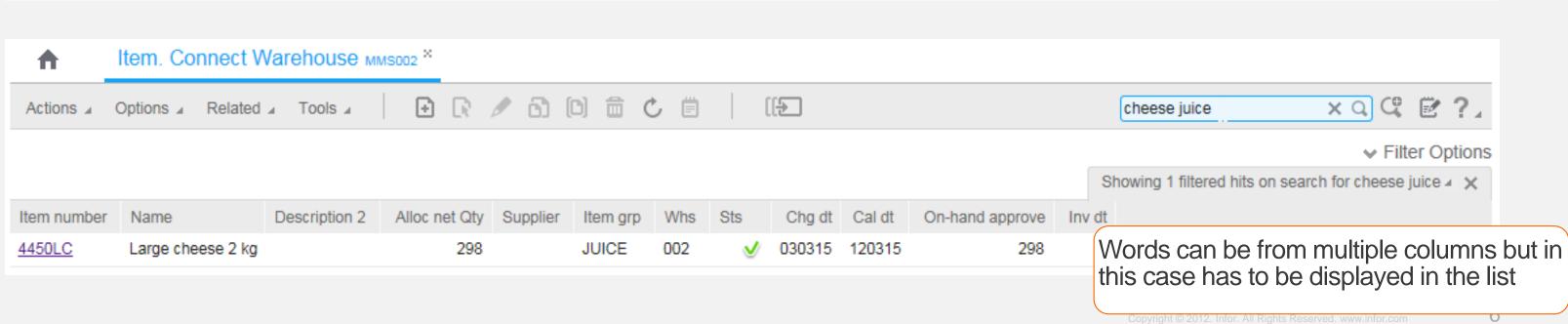




This is the simplest form of search with entry of full words.

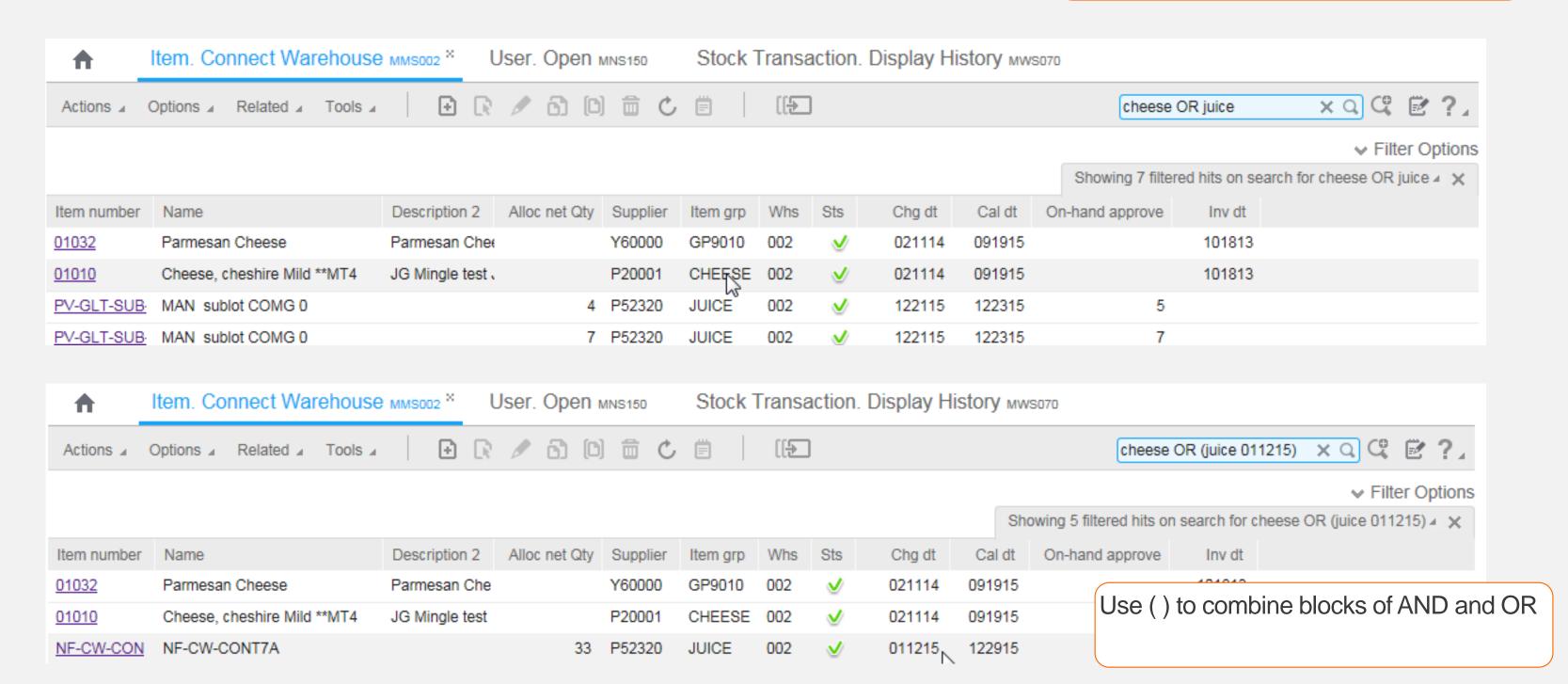
Note that search is always case insensitive.





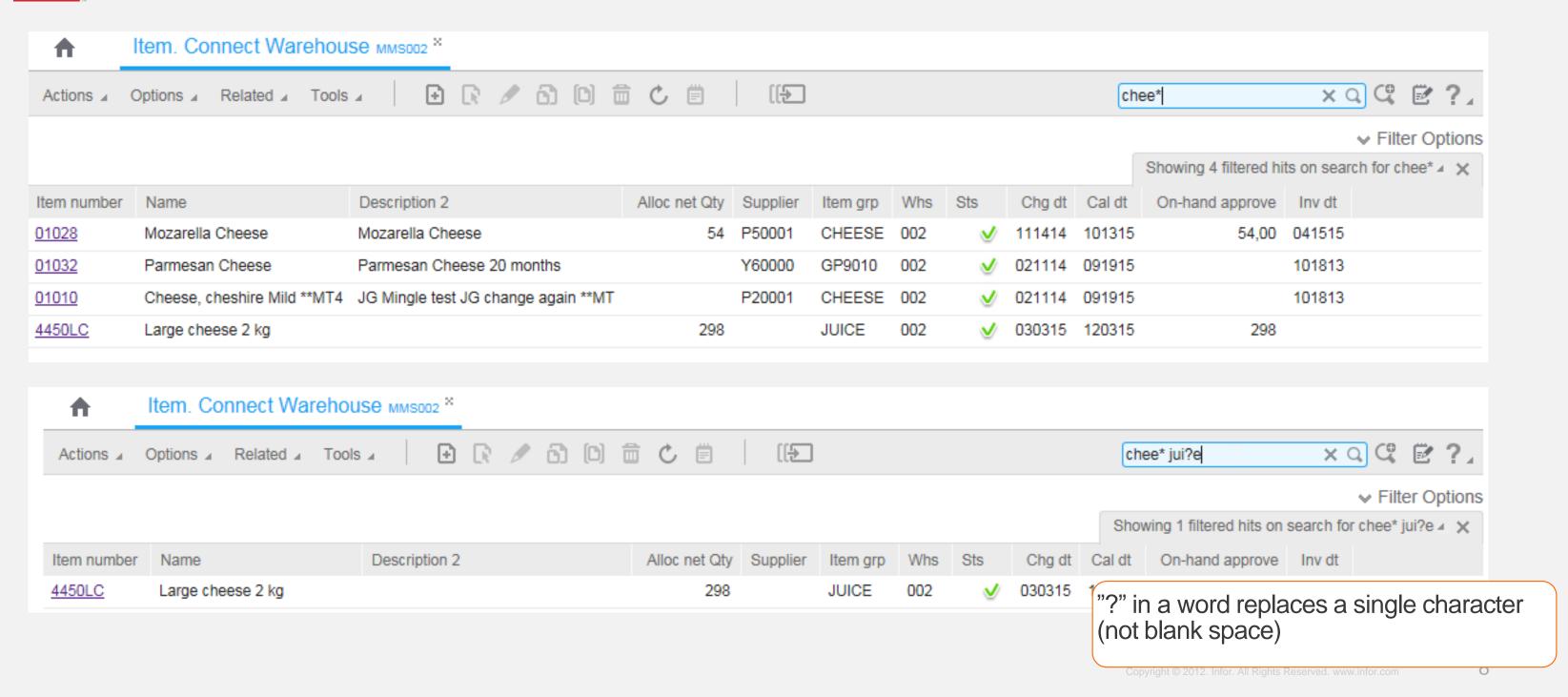


Default if using multiple words in search is AND meaning all words has to exist in one or more columns. Using OR means one of them must exist in one of the columns



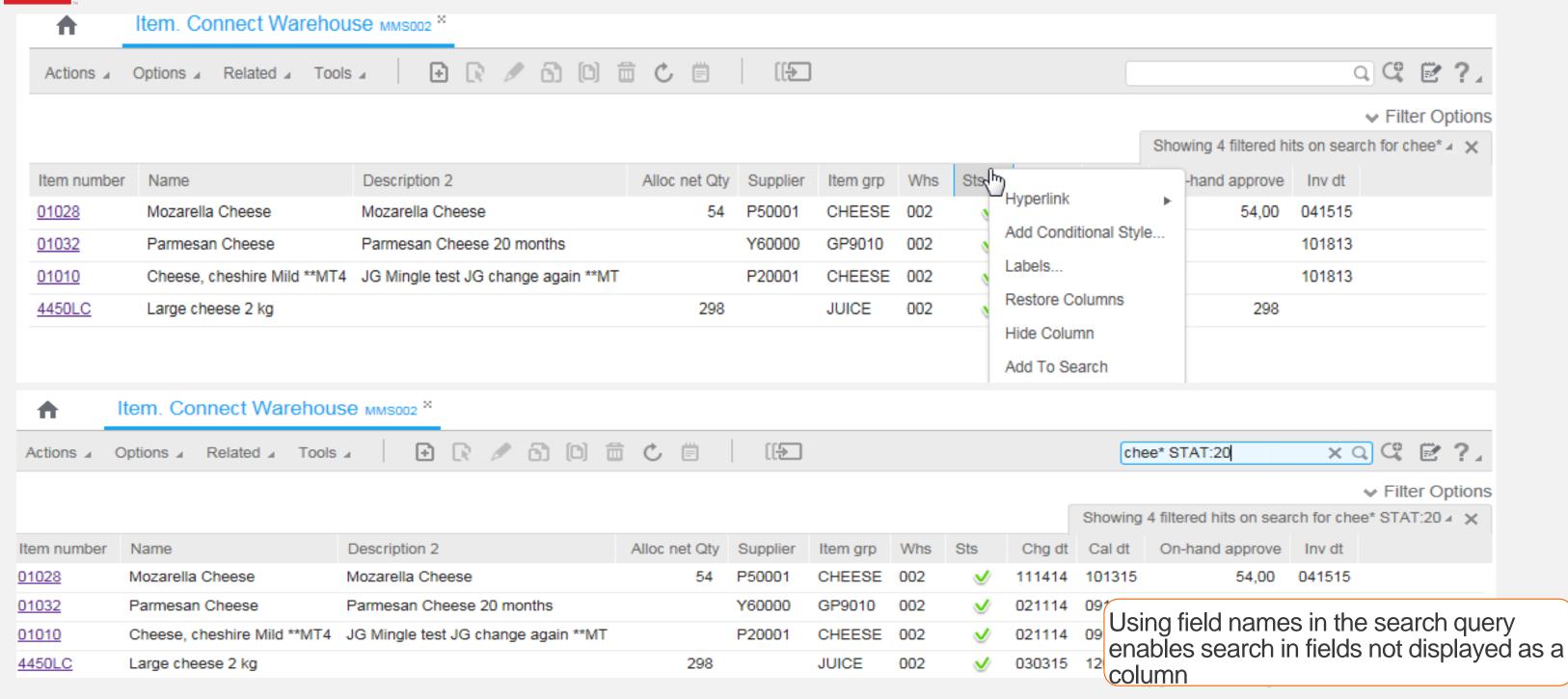


Using Wildcard let you only enter the first part of a word. Risk is of course that you get other hits that you didn't want.



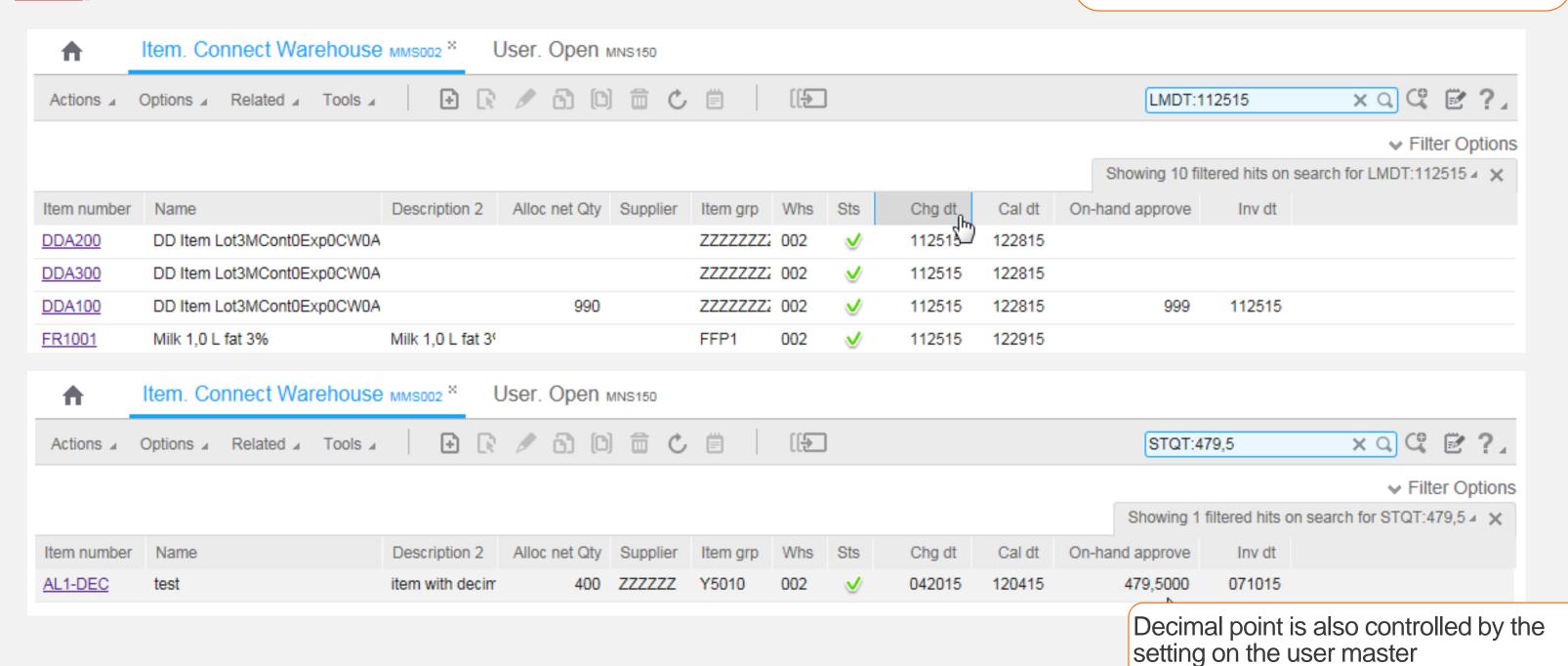


To limit search to a single column right click on column header and select "Add to search" (or write field name manually if known). Write search word without any blank space





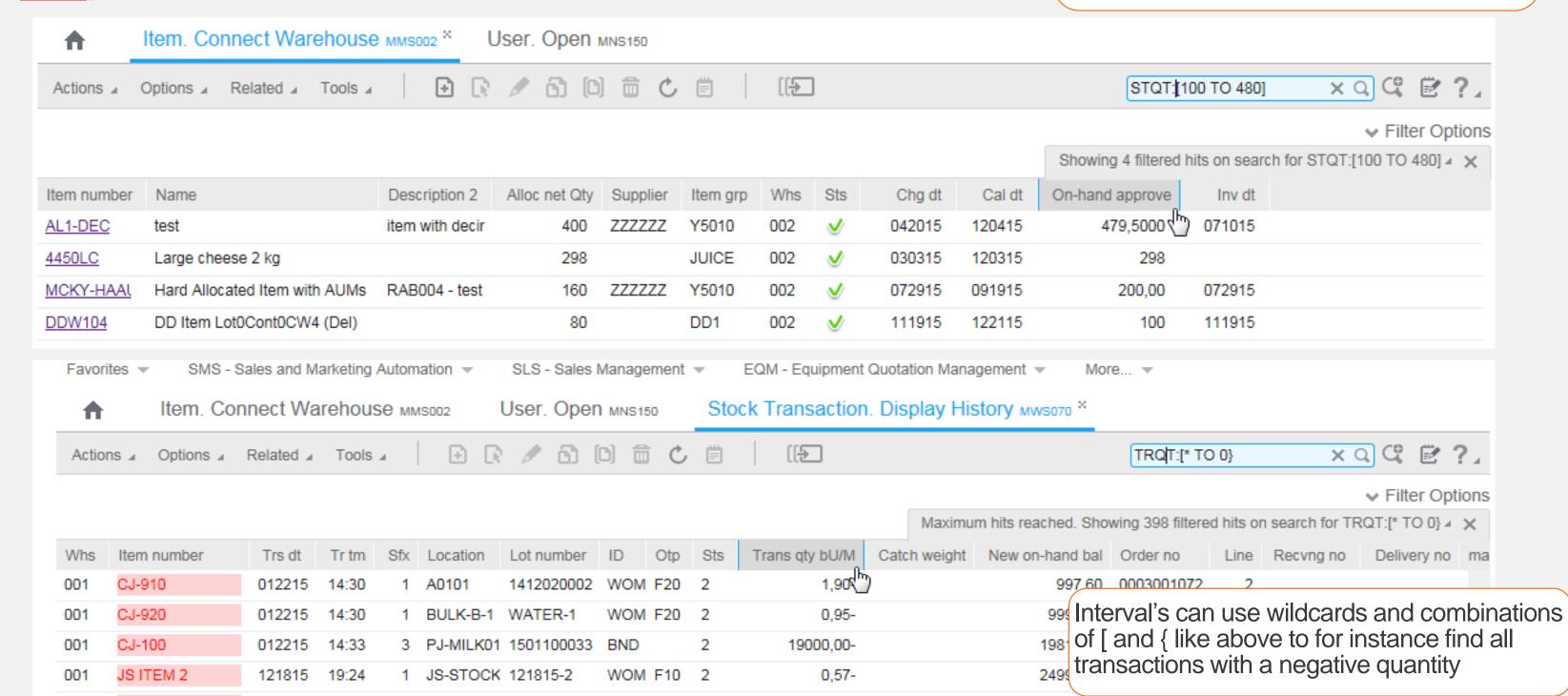
Date is entered in same date format as is set on the user in the user master (MNS150). Normally same as used in the list. Date can be entered with 6 or 8 digits







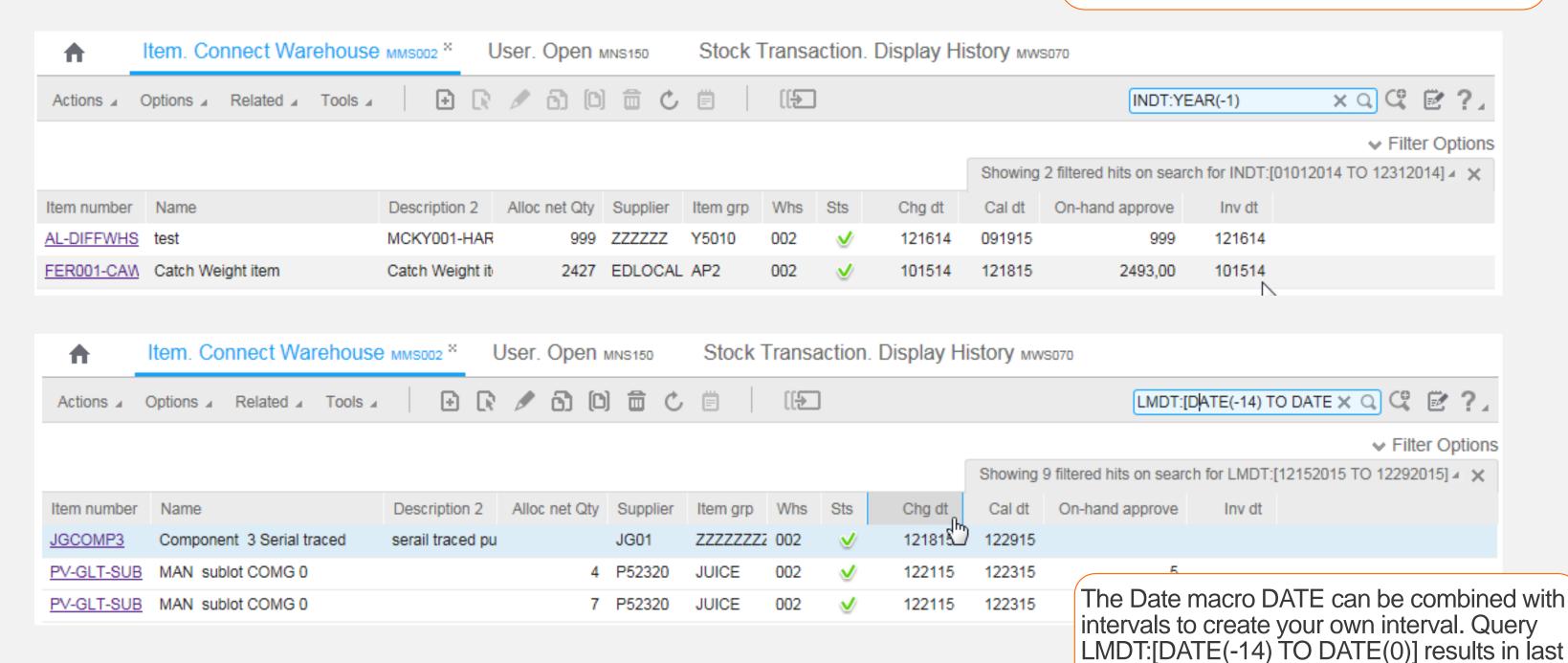
Interval is done with format [x TO y] or { x TO y } or a combination of them. Usage of [] means the value is included. Usage of { } means value is excluded





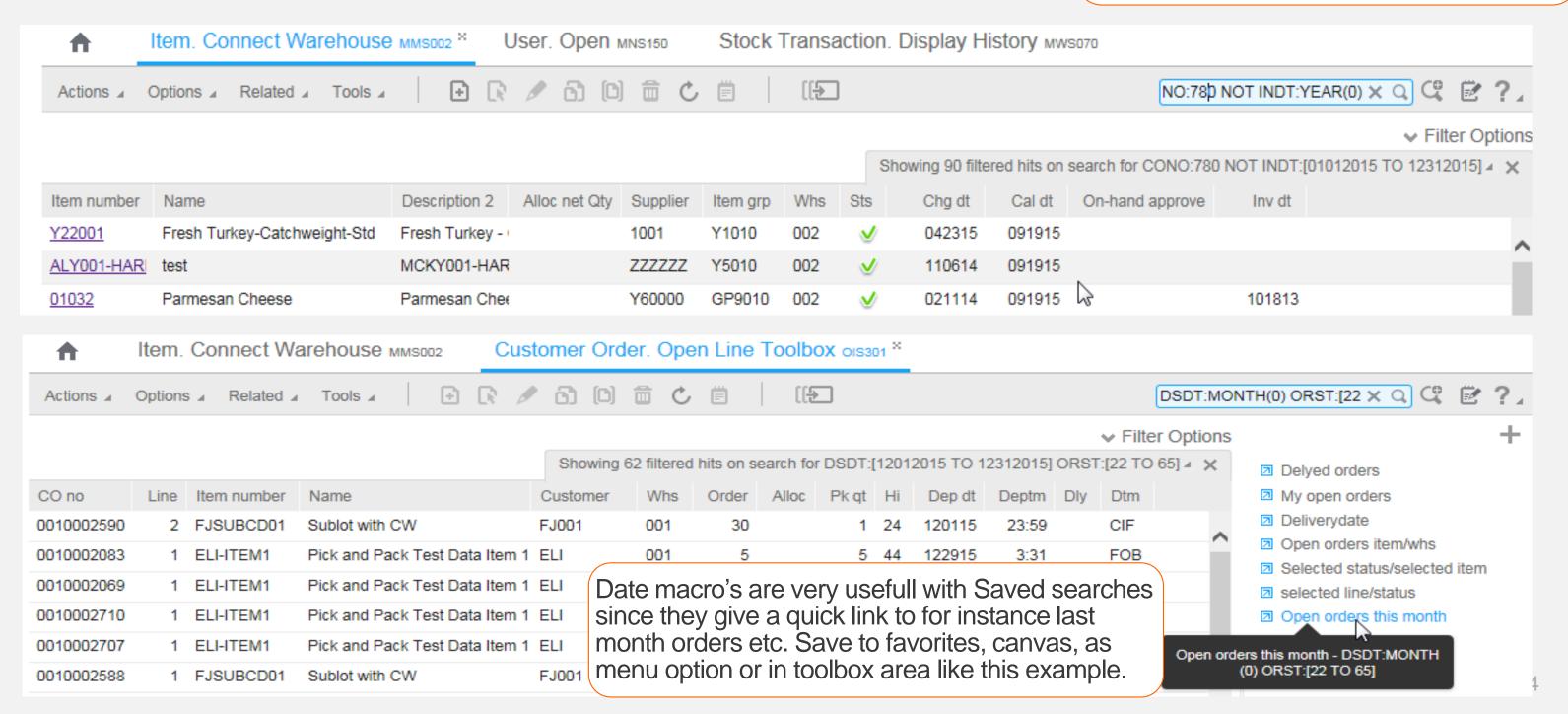
Date can be entered through date macro's. Following macro's exists: YEAR(x), MONTH(x), WEEK(x) and DATE(x) where x is a relative number meaning DATE(0) = current date

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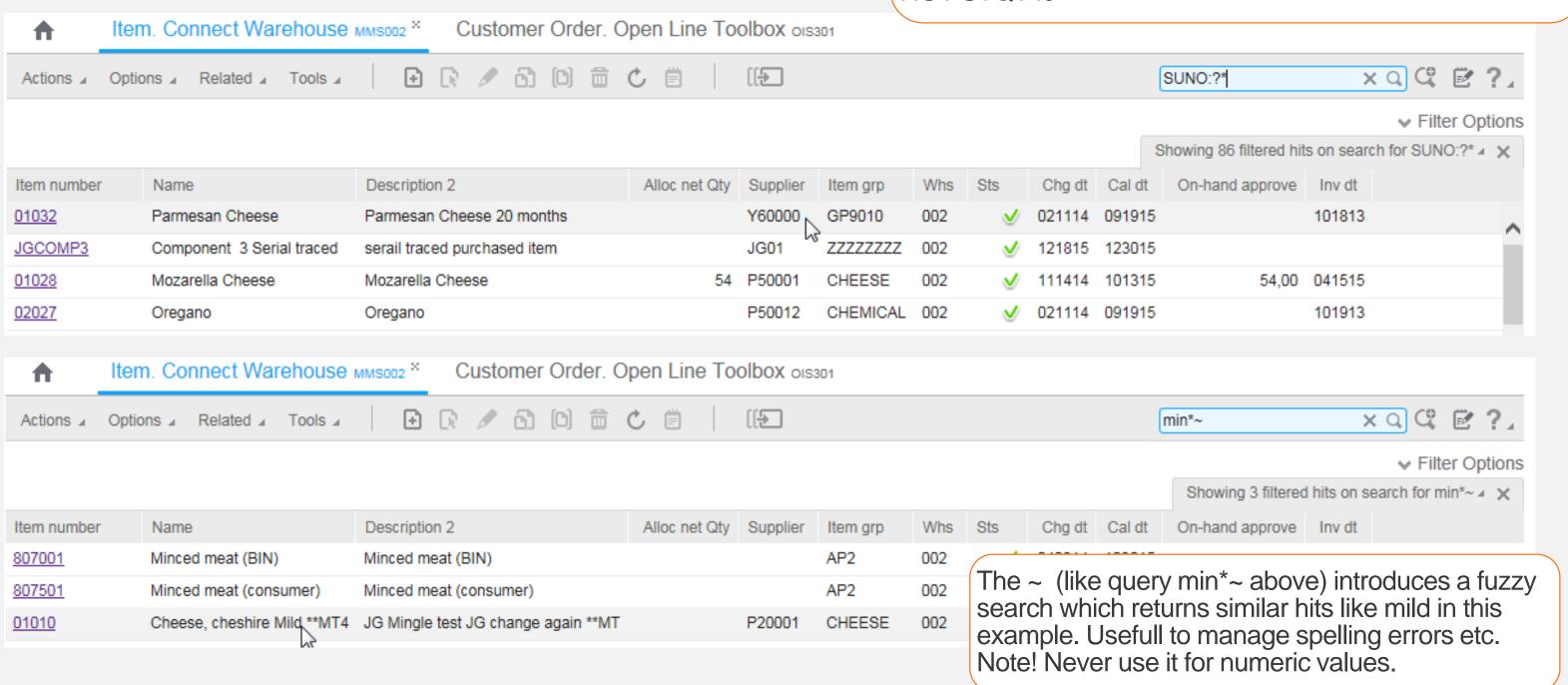


Searching with NOT must start with other query. Hint is to use company number as search if the whole table should be searched. Here are all items not been part of a stock take 2015 displayed



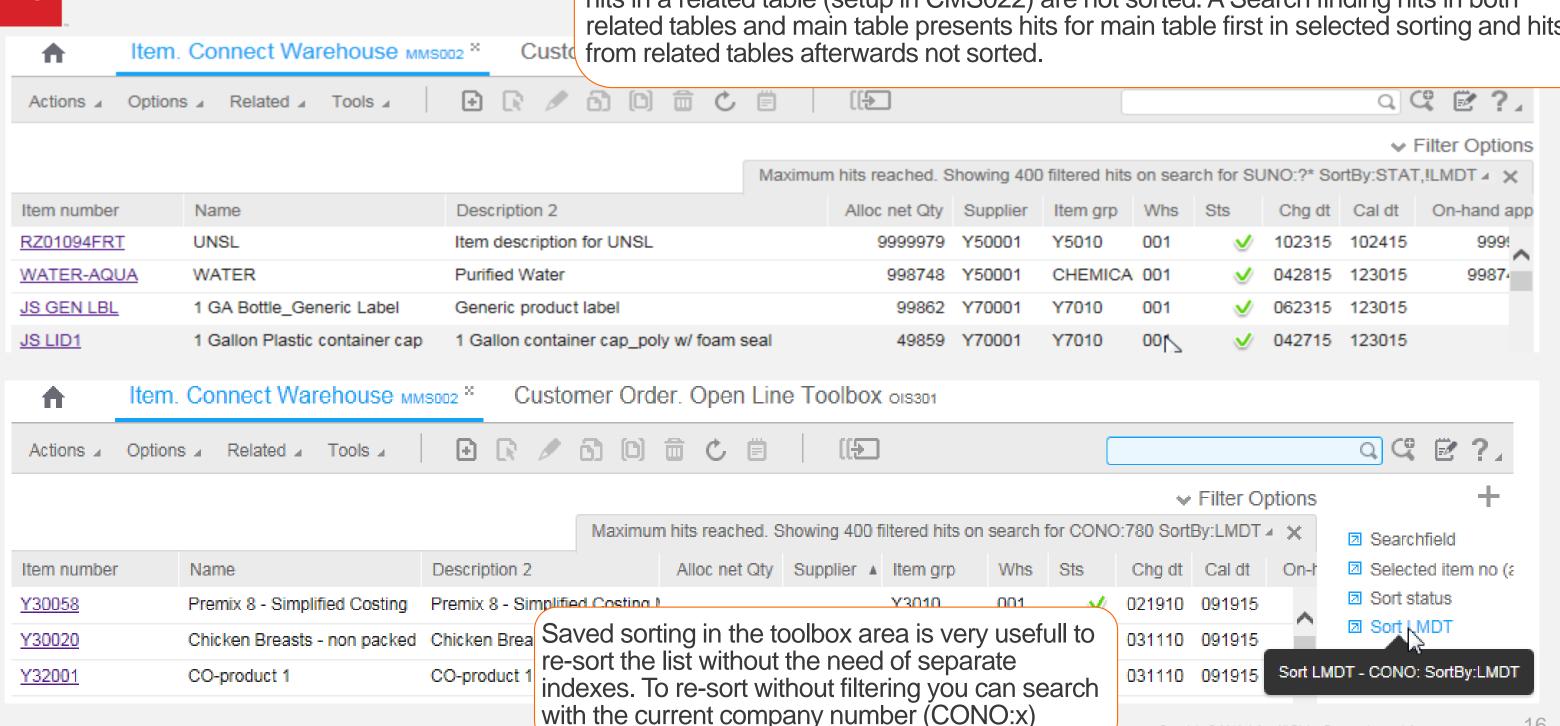


Creative usage of the ? allows a simple search for all records with supplier number. This since ? only finds records with a character in the positon. Blanks are omitted. Query SUNO:?* gives you all records with a supplier number in this case. For numeric fields you use the NOT statement like NOT STQT:0



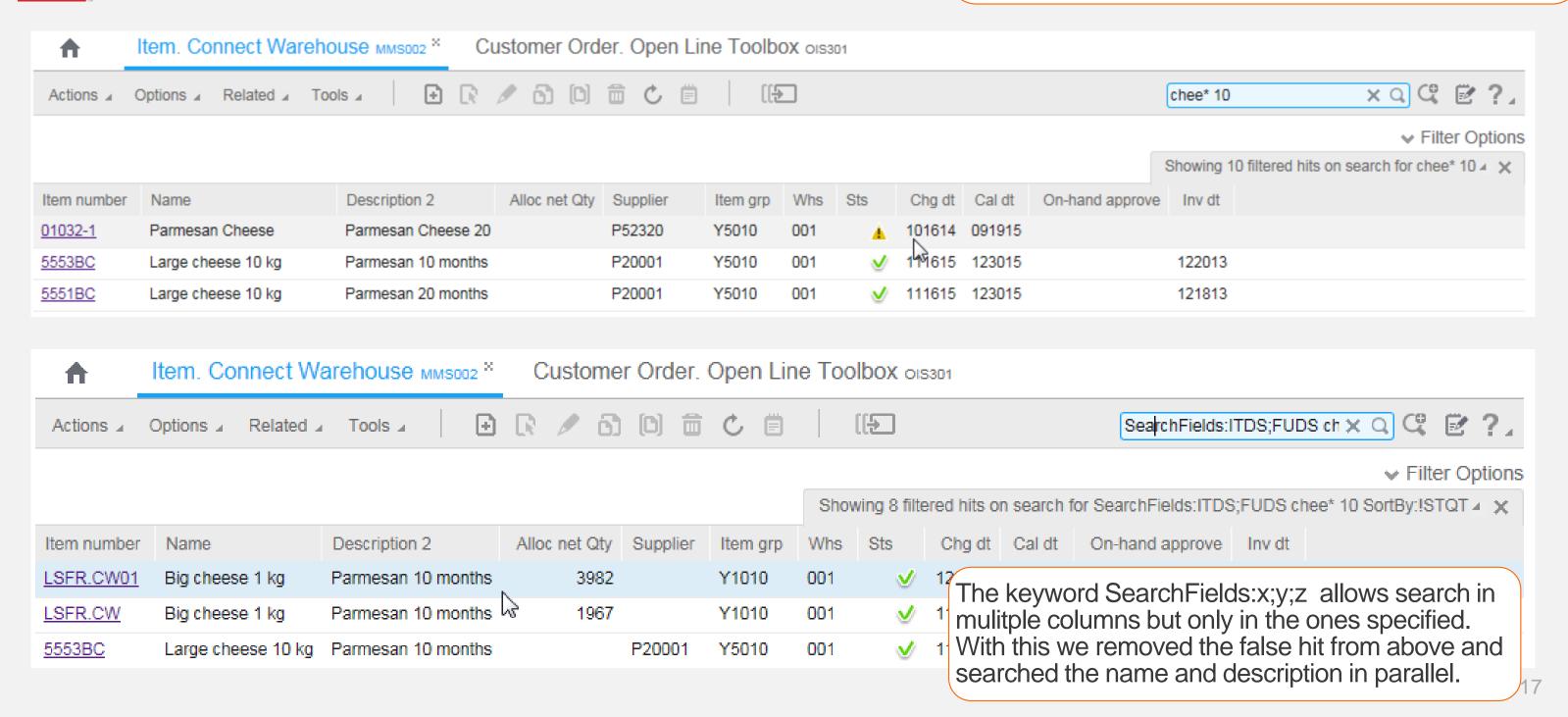
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Sorting of the search result is a very useful feature since it allows a free sorting of any field in the main table of the function (exception with fields containing mulitple words like a description). The sorting is done by key word SortBy:x,z,!y where ! perform a decending sorting. Please note that sorting is only done on searches on main table. A search finding hits in a related table (setup in CMS022) are not sorted. A Search finding hits in both related tables and main table presents hits for main table first in selected sorting and hits





Searching with multiple words existing in several columns can easily give false hits (like first line below where it found it becase the status = 10). For this you can't use specific fields either since you do not know in which column the word exist.





Searching with help of key search simplifies often more complex queries for the end user. It also allows search in other tables without the need for matching keys (as related search setup in CMS022 requires). In the below example the end user just enters the query and the pre-set part in the key search is automatically appended. Availiable Key search is displayed by Ctrl+f. Please note that a key search is performed on both main table and related tables (in CMS022). It is not recommended to use related tables and key search since the result can be confusing

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Key search can be used in many scenarios. In above case a key search is also used to search for responsible by name (searches User master), items sold to a specific customer (searches customer order lines as well as an automatic limit of search to only include items set as sales items.

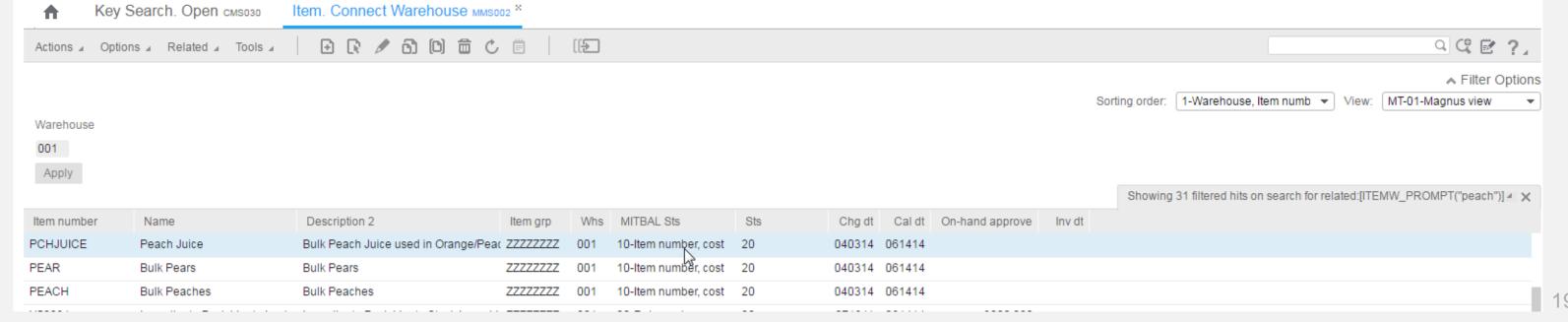
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Please note that a key search is performed on both main table and related tables (defined in CMS022 or related tables through CMS011 when using custom list, CMS100). It is not recommended to use related tables and key search in combination since the result can be confusing

In the below example the key search is used including the status validation of MITBAL records. Still records with MITBAL status = 10 are displayed. The reason for this is that the key search is also performed on related table MITMAS and that search only returns item number. This means that if there is any MITBAL record for the item with status 20 to 50 then it is a valid hit. When finally displayed in MMS002 it will display the MITBAL record for the selected warehouse which happens to have status 10. Basically ending with the same result as if the key search only returned field Item number.

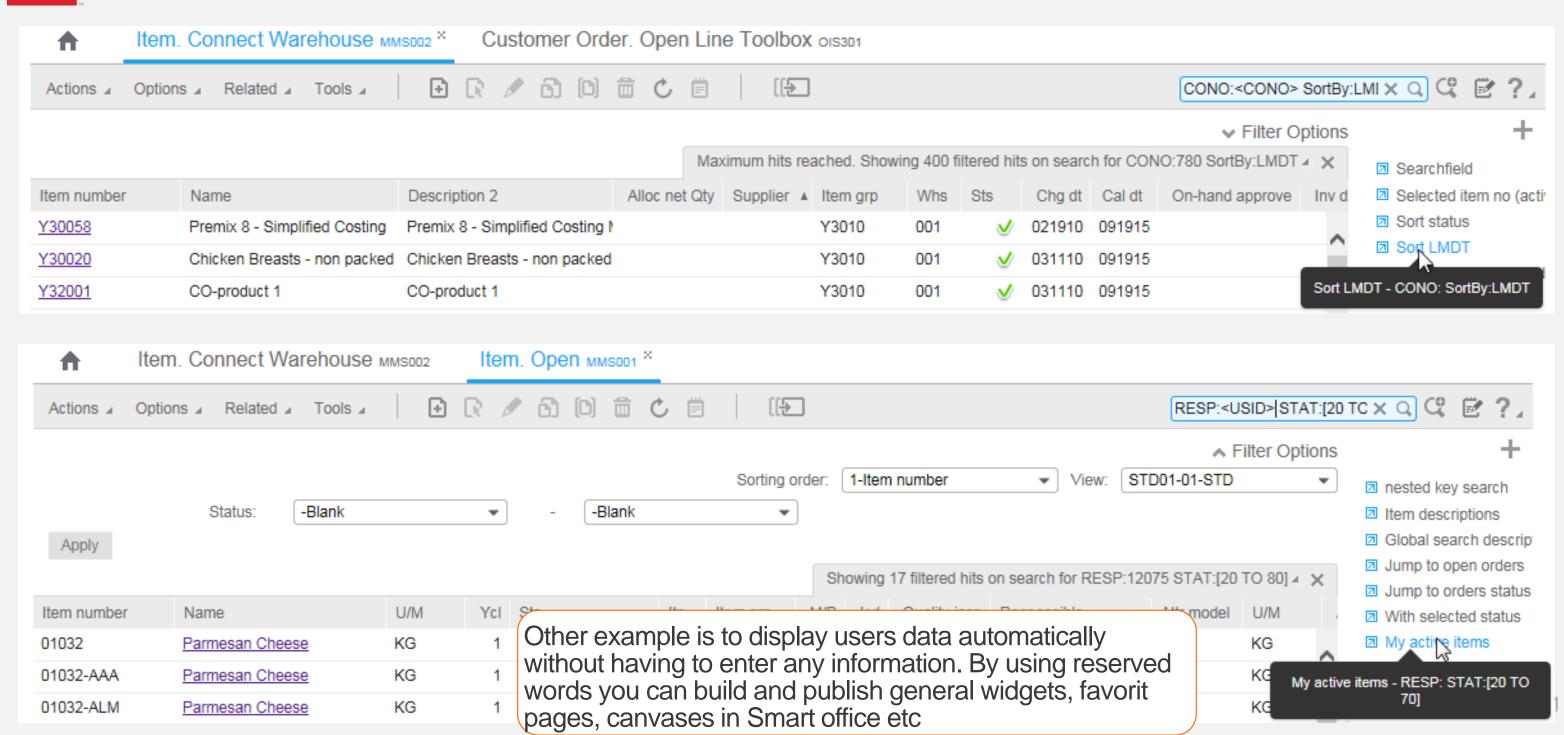




Search including reserved words

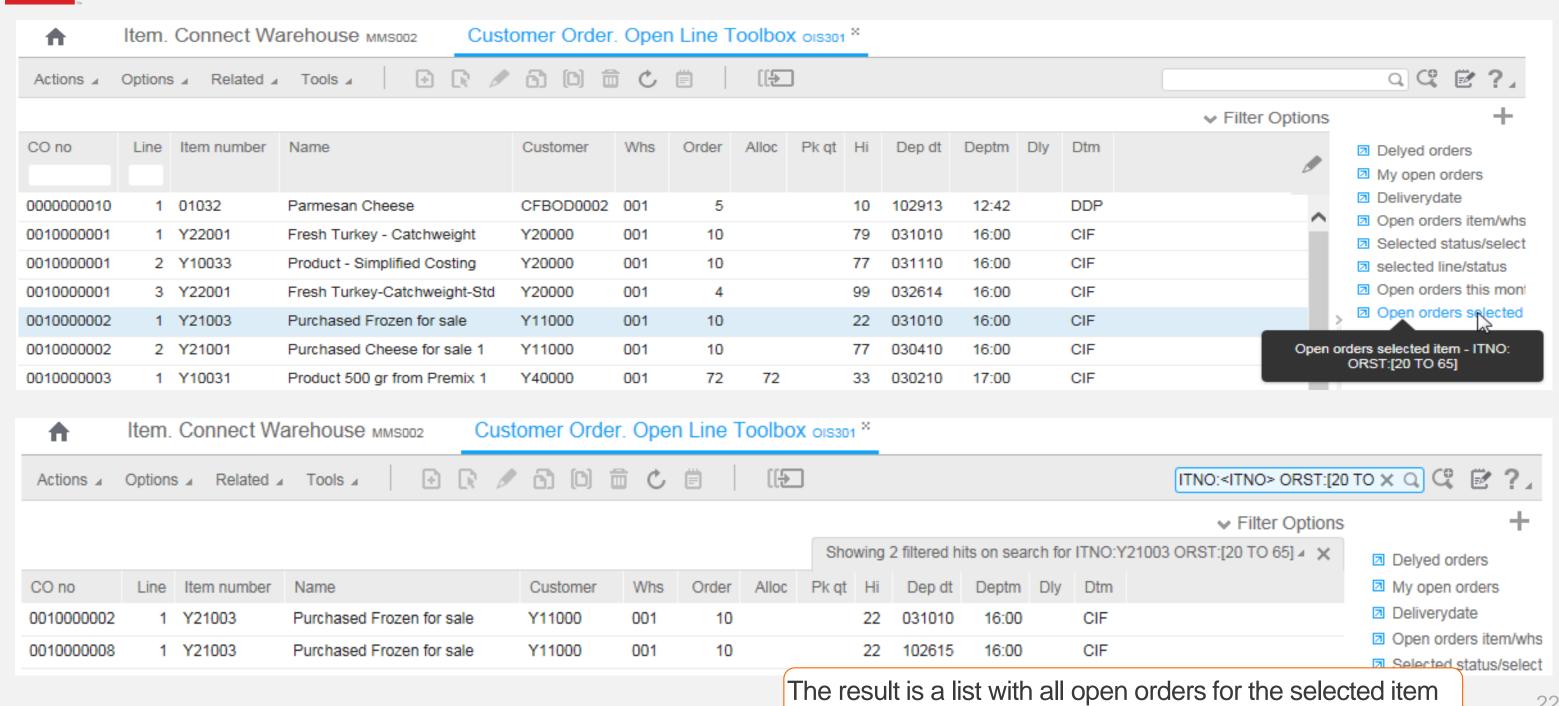


M3 IES reserved words are very useful in stored and published search queries since they automatically retrieve information from the context they belong to. In example below company number is retrived from current session making the query independent of user and context.



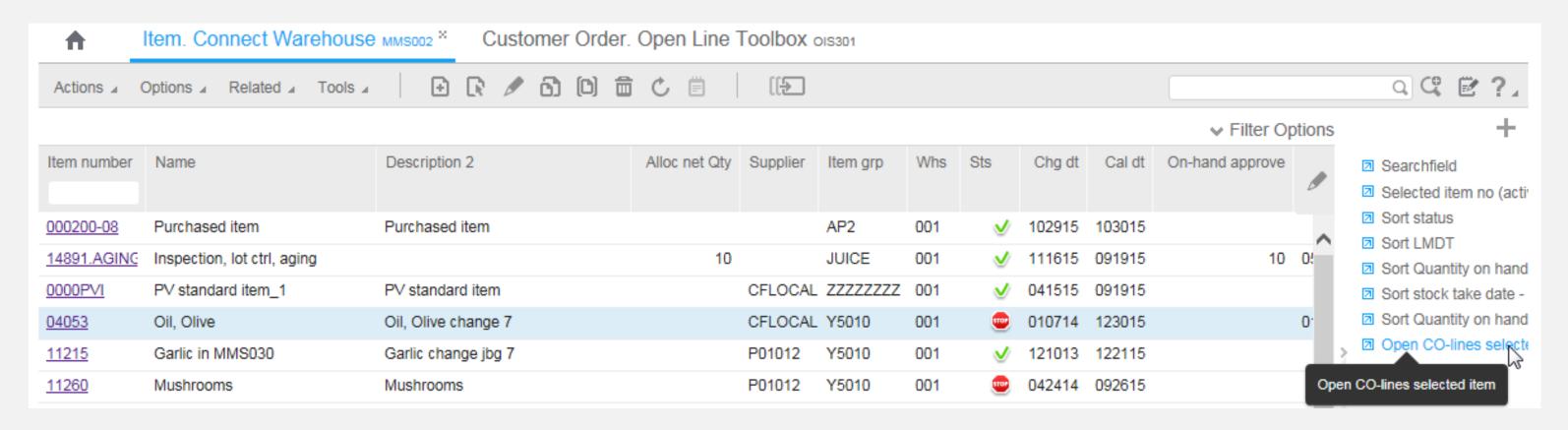


Reserved words can also replace information in query based on selected line in a list or from panel header. Below selected item number is added to query to create a simple drill around among the data.





Saved search can also be used to add links to other programs where the search query is passed to the next program. In below example we jump to Customer order lines (OIS301) and included the item number from the selected line



M3 IES reserved words



Reserved words

• SortBy:x,y,!z Sorts search result in x, y z hierarchy. The ! Prior field name perform a descending sorting (NCR 6670 and 6671)

• SearchFields:x;y Limits search to listed fields x, y etc. Increases performance and can eliminate false hits

• YEAR(x) Replaces with date range of year relative to current year x=-1 equals last year etc

MONTH(x) Same as YEAR but for month
 WEEK(x) Same as YEAR but for week

DATE(x) Similar to YEAR but replaces with specific date

<xxxx> List & list header based replacements to query string. (NCR 6813)

All below are described in NCR 6220

<USID> Replaced by logged on user id

<CONO> Replaced by logged on company number

<DIVI> Replaced by logged on Division. Same as <CurrentDivison>

<FACI> Replaced by default facility from user master (MNS150)

<CUNO> Replaced by customer no from user master

<LNCD> Replaced by language code from user master

<CurrentLanguage> Replaced by currently used language in M3 (in case of switched language during logged in session)

<TIZO> Replaced by time zone from user master

<WHLO> Replaced by warehouse from user master

<DEPT> Replaced by department from user master

<MNVR> Replaced by menu version from user master

<DFMN> Replaced by menu name from user master

M3 IES reserved words



Reserved words for usage with key search only:

<QRY> Replaced by entered query in the search string

• MAXJOIN:x Used to change number of records used in the key search join (default set in IES local management pages)

(NCR 4351)

• NOOPT Used when multiple key searches done to same table (like find items with attribute x, y but NOT z or items

existing in warehouse a, b and c (NCR 4349)

M3 IES stop words



Stop words in IES has the meaning of words that are not indexed and are automatically removed from the search query. Examples of stop words are "and", "or" "etc" and other similar types. IES, by default has a set of English based stop words which apart from above examples also includes "a", "by", "is", "as" plus about 20 other words. Unfortunately in many cases when searching ERP type of data you might want to search for "factor a", the Swedish word for ice "is" etc.

The work around for this is to add a new stop word in the IES admin pages. Make sure it is something never search for like "lksdhja7789". By doing that the default stop words are not used anymore. Please note that affected tables like MITMAS, MITLAD, OCUSMA, CIDMAS etc need to be re-indexed after this has been done.

M3 IES search query and key search



The following rules are used to set * and ~ in a key search:

<QRY>*

Automatically appends a wild card to each word in the user entered query. As an example the query joh smit is set to joh* smit* before search is performed. Please see exceptions below.

• <QRY>~

Automatically appends a tilde (fuzzy search) to each word in the user entered query. As an example the query joh smit is set to joh~ smit~ before search is performed. Please see exceptions below. NOTE it is not recommended to use fuzzy search for numeric values. This is due to the unpredictable result of this type of search.

Exceptions

Query inside ""

When entering a query enclosed by "" like "joh smit" wildcards or tilde is not added to the words. The main reason for this is that the search engine treats all characters inside "" as normal characters meaning "joh*" only returns result named joh* and not john etc.

Short words

From M3 IES v11 patch 5. Short words containing less than the number of characters set in the IES Local admin page (Default is 3 characters meaning jo, 10, xl) are not appended with * or ~ . The reason for this is the very heavy load short words with wild cards places on the IES server. Very often such a search also ends in an error message stating "To many possible hits". In short it means that a query like joh smit 10 ends up like joh* smit* 10



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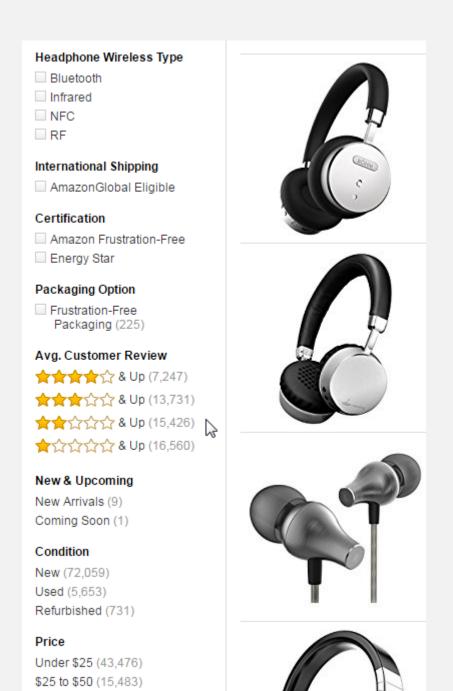
M3 API fully supports the usage of IES. There are some standard API transactions that are search enabled (like MMS200MI Trans SearchItem) where the normal filter input is replaced by a search query. The search through API supports all normal search queries except the UI related ones like Date macros and field value replacements (like <WHLO>).

The M3 API tools (MDBREADMI and CMS100MI) are fully search enabled.

Please note that there is no fixed upper limit of number records possible to return through an search in an API. However there is an practical limit due to that the API fails due to a timeout. The number of successful returned records due to this is highly dependable by the environment. Tests have pointed to a reasonable maximum around 3000-6000 records.

M3 IES usage through API calls - Facets





A special part of the IES through API calls are the facet searches. In the most simplistic form facets can be explained as a count of the number of records tht matches a certain value in a specific field. As a start, facets where used to simplify the filtering of information by aggregating number of existing records into various groups. M3 Sales hub as well as many web shops etc uses this technique. To the left is a screenshot from Amazon where examples of facets are displayed.

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Transaction: LstFacets ... ?

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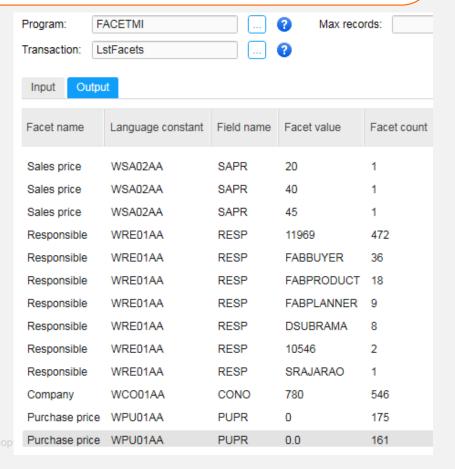
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FNAM Table name MITMAS ...

SQRY Search query CONO:780 11969 ...

FLNA Filtering of field name ...

The M3 facets are retrieved by using the FACETMI. The input to the API is the table name for which the facets are retrieved and secondly the search query for filtering the facets and their count. The above gives this result. As example based on the query there are 161 records with 0 as purchase price and 1 with sales price = 20.

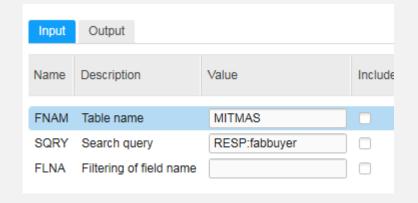


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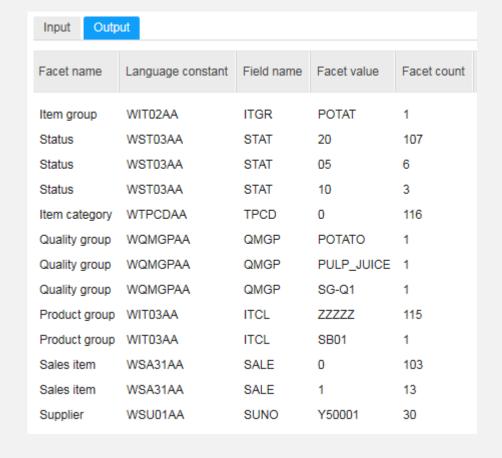


The strength with facets is that is gives very high performance regardless of the number of records in the table and secondly that the filter of the facets and their count is based on a search query. This gives endless possibility to drill around in the information.

As a limitation it can only do a count of the number of records.



As an example start with investigating some statistics for the responsible user "fabbuyer"





Further refining the query to only see facets for sales items but still for same responsible person

Input Output								
Facet name	Language constant	Field name	Facet value	Facet count				
Purchase price	WPU01AA	PUPR	9.0	1				
Purchase price	WPU01AA	PUPR	15.0	1				
Purchase price	WPU01AA	PUPR	20.0	1				
Item group	WIT02AA	ITGR	Y5010	9				
Item group	WIT02AA	ITGR	ZZZZZZZZ	3				
Item group	WIT02AA	ITGR	Y7010	1				
Status	WST03AA	STAT	20	13				
Item category	WTPCDAA	TPCD	0	13				
Quality group	WQMGPAA	QMGP	SG-Q1	1				
Product group	WIT03AA	ITCL	ZZZZZ	12				
Product group	WIT03AA	ITCL	SB01	1				
Sales item	WSA31AA	SALE	1	13				
Supplier	WSU01AA	SUNO	Y50001	2				

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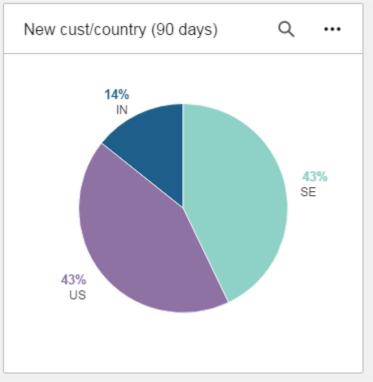
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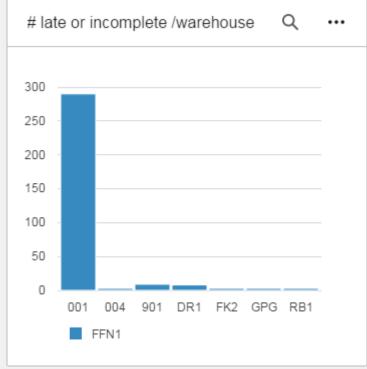


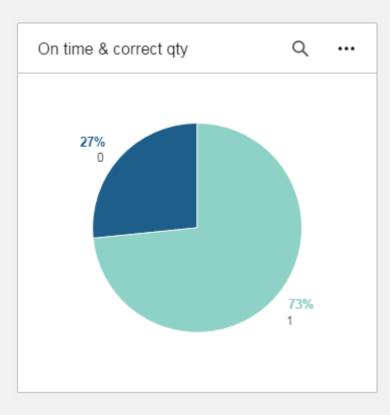
Apart from using facets as a selection criteria is can also be used as an on-line statistics.

To facilitate this facets has been added, by default, to many M3 tables including the transactional and statistical tables.

The facets in M3 can facilitate many statistical measurements like the below examples taken from the "M3 Sales Manager homepage template"



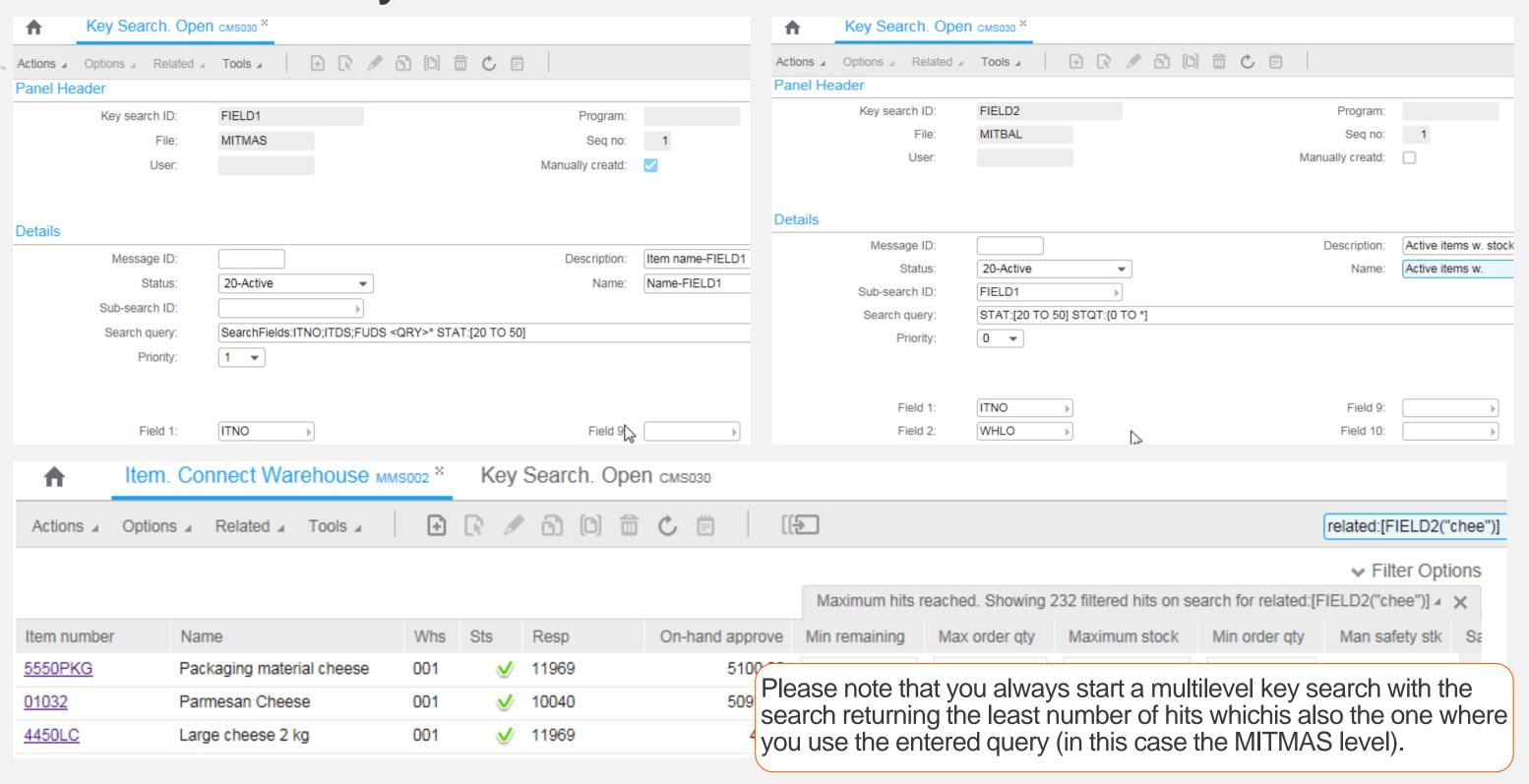






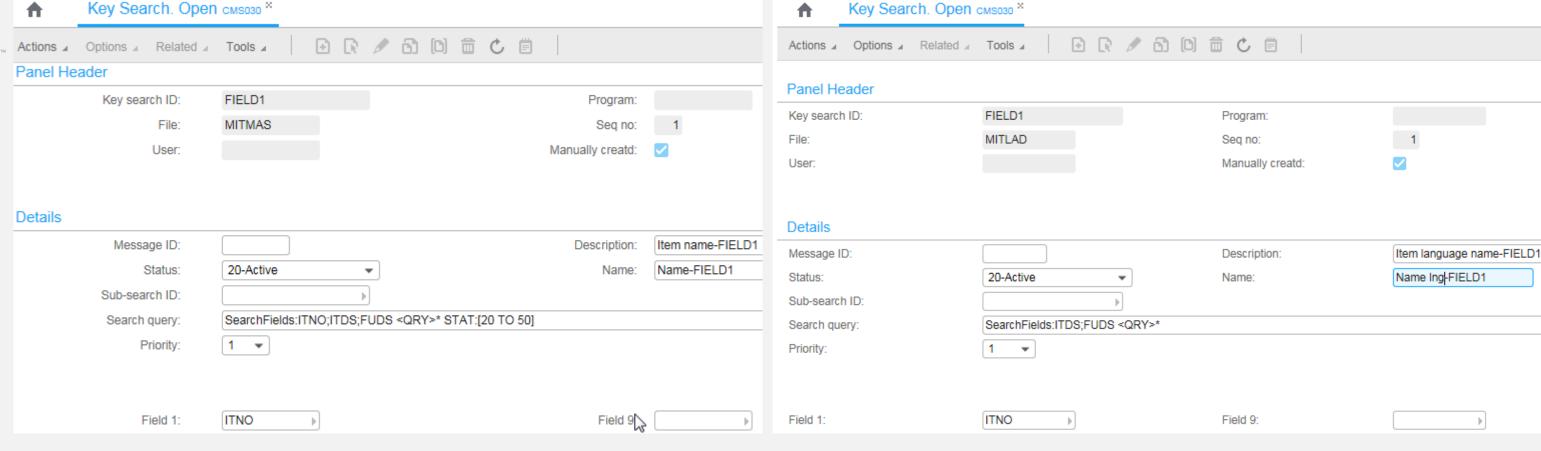
Multi level key search is a very useful feature and in this example it is used to find items from the name, description or item number but automatically limits it to items with stock.

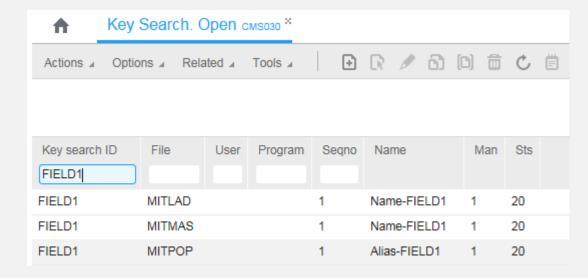




Key search can expand the search to multiple tables to be searched in parallel. To add for instance MITLAD (Item language description) to the search in previous example is done by adding a keysearch with same ID but for MITLAD (see below). The search is then done in both MITMAS and MITLAD in parallel and results from both key searches are used







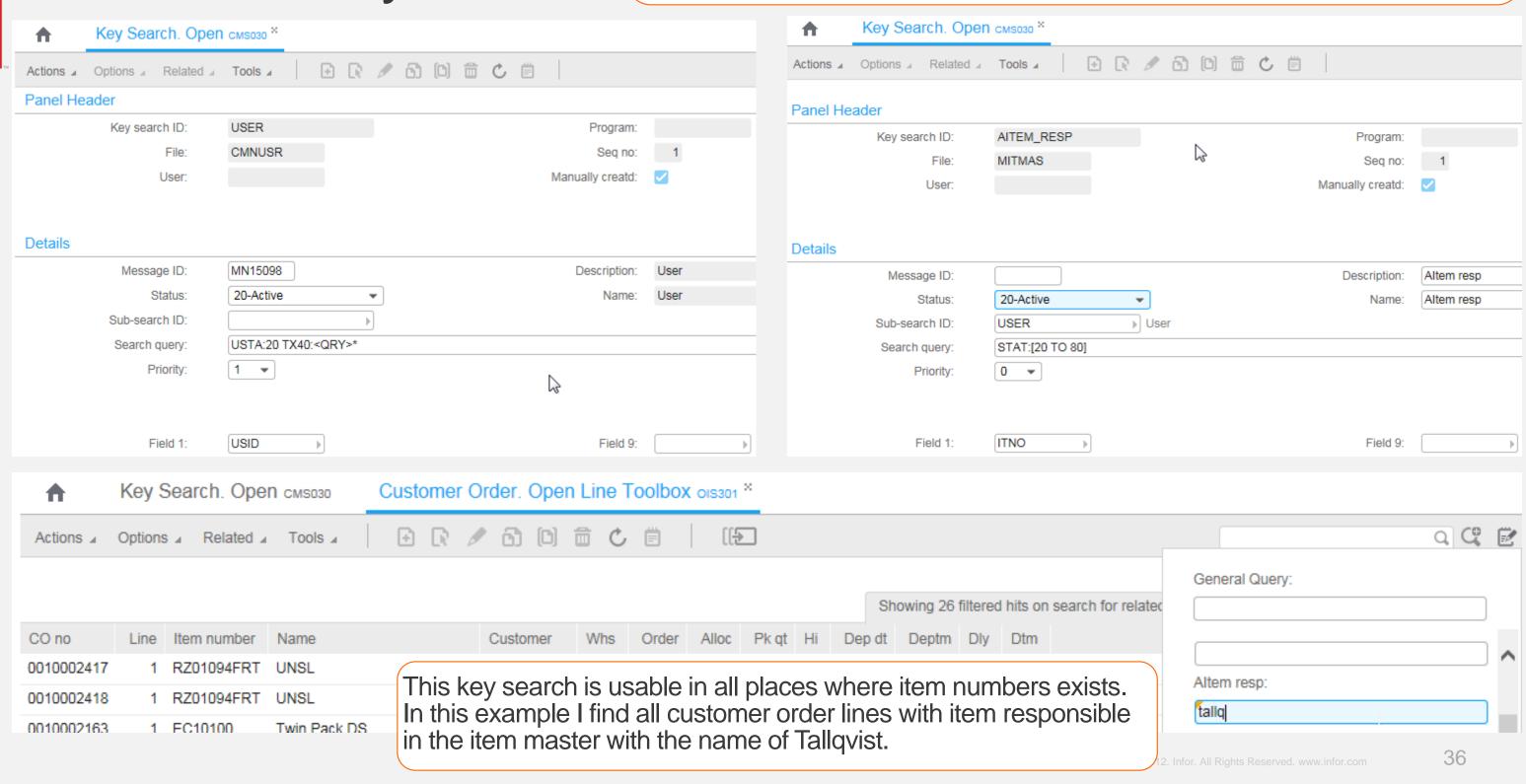
Adding several key searches like this makes it possible with same query from end user to search descriptions for different languages as well as aliases. Note that you connect keysearch to higher level in same way as if there was only a single key search

Key search ID:	FIELD2
File:	MITBAL
User:	
Message ID:	
Status:	20-Active
Sub-search ID:	FIELD1 >
Search query:	STAT:[20 TO 50] STQT:{0 TO *]
Priority:	0 •

Another useful example is to search for items based on responsible persons name rather than he's user id.

Note that the below example requires that the field aliases (CMS031) has been generated with default values.

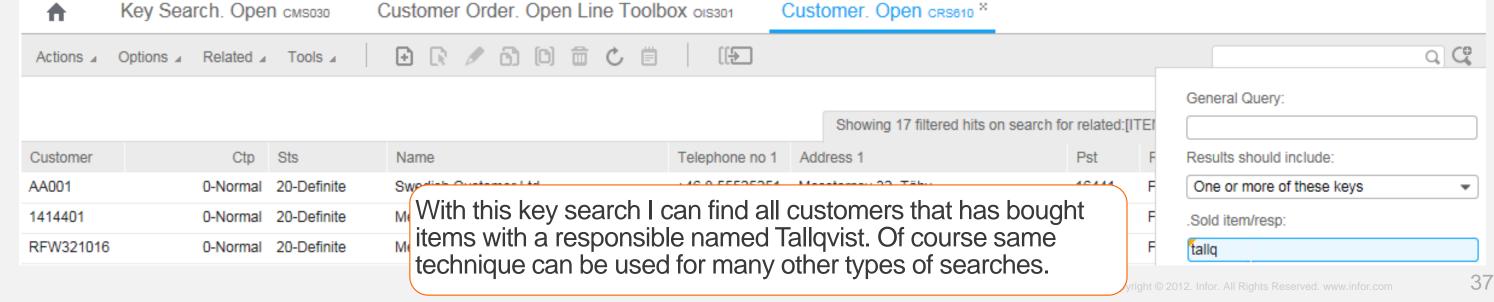






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The key search can be expanded to more than a single level. In the below example I add one more level on top of the item search and is instead finding all customer order lines for items with a certain responsible. Since the key search is returning customer number it is only of use in functions like the customer master so it has been restricted to only be used in the function for customers (CRS610)





Very advanced search queries

Very advanced search queries



Please note that this section is mostly targeted to advanced IES users wanting to run IES search queries through code. No one is expected to write these queries by hand.

Key search without Ctrl+f UI/CMS030



Syntax used when defined in CMS030:

Key search ID that exists CMS030

• related:[ITEM/WHS("WHLO:100"; ITEM GRP1("ITGR:1533"; ITEM_BROWS("chair")))]

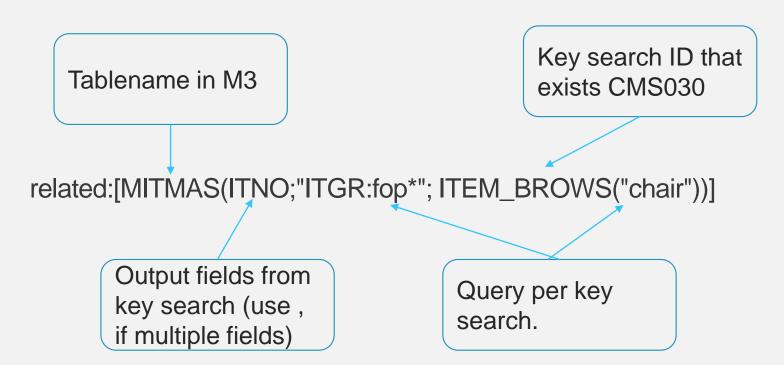
Query per key search.

Make sure you end with correct number of)

Key search without UI/CMS030



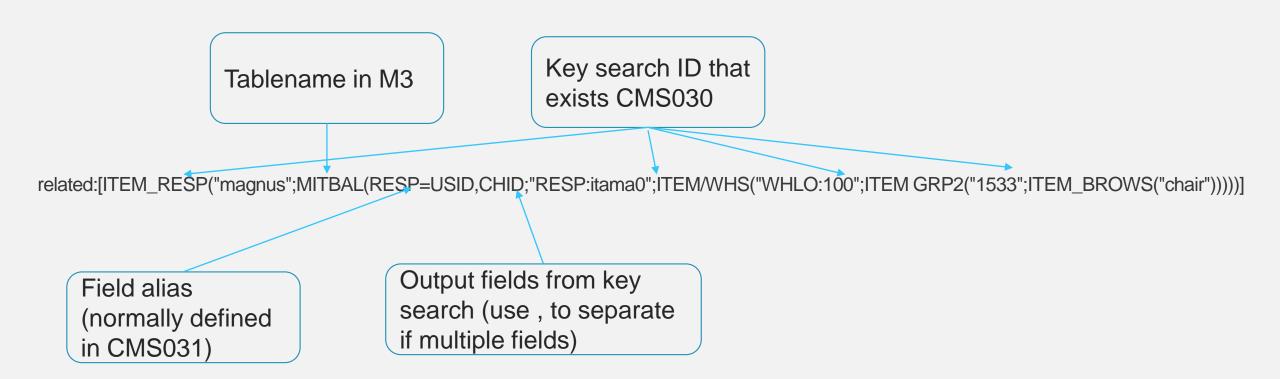
Syntax used when not defined in CMS030:



Key search without UI/CMS030



Syntax used when not defined in CMS030 and alias not in CMS031:



Various examples using key search



- related:[ORDEREDGT0_1(MITMAS(ITNO;"ITNO:cherry OR ITDS:cherry~ OR FUDS:cherry~ OR ITDS:cherry* OR FUDS:cherry*"))]
- related:[MITMAS(ITNO;"ITGR:fop*"; ITEM BROWS("chair"))]
- related:[ITEM/WHS("WHLO:100"; ITEM GRP1("ITGR:1533"; ITEM_BROWS("chair")))]
- related:[MITBAL(ITNO;"RESP:itama0";ITEM/WHS("WHLO:100";ITEM GRP2("1533";ITEM_BROWS("chair"))))]
- related:[ITEM_RESP("magnus";MITBAL(RESP=USID,CHID;"RESP:itama0";ITEM/WHS("WHLO:100";ITEM GRP2("1533";ITEM_BROWS("chair")))))]
- related:[MITMAS(ITNO;"ITGR:fop*"; ITEM_BROWS("chair"))] NOT related:[ITEM/WHS("WHLO:100)] (separate key search. You can
 use AND (default if nothing entered), OR and NOT. In the above example it will list hits existing in the first part as long as they do not
 hits in the second key search
- MAXJOIN:2000 related:[MITMAS(ITNO;"ITGR:fop*"; ITEM_BROWS("chair"))] (Note MAXJOIN increases the number of hits internally in the key search. This overrides the setting in the IES local management pages. For more information please see NCR 4351).



Lucene references

Lucene Query syntax



IES uses Lucene search engine as a base. The documentation of lucene search syntax can be found here:

https://lucene.apache.org/core/2_9_4/queryparsersyntax.html

