

Multi-Column Search

Search Across Multiple Columns Interactively, Collectively and Simultaneously
Queries May Be: Intra-Book; Inter-Book; Cross-Library; Full-Text; Word-Book Index; SQL
Example Inter-Book Search Criteria

The screenshot displays the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The title bar reads 'Multi-Column Search'. Below the title bar is a navigation menu with tabs: 'Intra/Inter Book Queries' (selected), 'Regular Expressions', 'Final Filters', 'Special Queries', 'SQL Queries', 'TXT Queries', 'Word Queries', and 'Post-Search Actions'.

The main interface is divided into three vertical panels:

- Left Panel (For Each Book in Turn [1]):** Contains a search input field with 'author', a 'Swap' button, and a comparison section. The comparison section has an input field with 'author' and radio buttons for 'Search Text is Text' and 'Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name' (selected). Below are radio buttons for comparison operators: '=', '>', '<', '>=', '<=', '<>', 'contains', 'does not contain', and 'regular expression'. At the bottom are dropdown menus for 'Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet' and 'Fuzzy Equality: None'.
- Middle Panel:** Contains radio buttons for logical operators: 'AND' (selected), 'OR', 'NOT', and 'Inactive'. A 'Swap' button is located below these. At the bottom are checkboxes for 'Inter-Book Search?' (checked), 'All Authors' Books?' (unchecked), and 'Use Final Filters?' (unchecked). A 'Save Criteria' button is at the bottom.
- Right Panel (For Each Book in Turn [2]):** Contains a search input field with '#original_title', a 'Swap' button, and a comparison section. The comparison section has an input field with '#original_title' and radio buttons for 'Search Text is Text' and 'Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name' (selected). Below are radio buttons for comparison operators: '=', '>', '<', '>=', '<=', '<>', 'contains', 'does not contain', and 'regular expression'. At the bottom are dropdown menus for 'Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet' and 'Fuzzy Equality: None'.

At the bottom of the window are three buttons: 'Execute Search [Selected Books]', 'Execute Search [All Books]', and 'Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]'. A blue bar at the very bottom contains the text 'Exit'.

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Example Intra-Book Search Criteria

The screenshot displays the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The title bar reads 'Multi-Column Search' with standard window controls. Below the title bar is a tabbed interface with the following tabs: 'Search Criteria' (selected), 'Regular Expressions', 'Final Filters', 'Special Queries', 'SQL Queries', 'TXT Queries', and 'Post-Search Actions'.

The main area is divided into three columns:

- Left Column (Lookup/Search Name [1]):** Contains a text input field with 'title', a 'Swap' button, a 'Search Text' input field with 'Gravity', radio buttons for 'Search Text is Text' (selected) and 'Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name', a list of comparison operators (including 'contains' which is selected), and dropdown menus for 'Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet' and 'Fuzzy Equality: None'.
- Middle Column:** Contains radio buttons for logical operators: 'AND', 'OR' (selected), 'NOT', and 'Inactive'. It also includes a 'Swap' button, checkboxes for 'Inter-Book Search?', 'All Authors' Books?', and 'Use Final Filters?', and a 'Save Criteria' button.
- Right Column (Lookup/Search Name [2]):** Contains a text input field with '#original_title', a 'Swap' button, a 'Search Text' input field with 'title', radio buttons for 'Search Text is Text' and 'Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name' (selected), a list of comparison operators (including '=' which is selected), and dropdown menus for 'Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet' and 'Fuzzy Equality: DoubleMetaphone Sounds-Like'.

At the bottom of the window, there are three buttons: 'Execute Search [Selected Books]', 'Execute Search [All Books]' (highlighted in blue), and 'Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]'. An 'Exit' button is located at the very bottom center.

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Example Regular Expressions for Search Criteria

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The title bar is pink and contains the text 'Multi-Column Search' and standard window control icons. Below the title bar is a navigation bar with several tabs: 'Intra/Inter Book Queries', 'Regular Expressions', 'Final Filters', 'Special Queries', 'SQL Queries', 'TXT Queries', 'Word Queries', and 'Post-Search Actions'. The 'Regular Expressions' tab is selected. The main area contains a list of 10 search criteria, each with a radio button and a text input field. The criteria are:

- 1: 1:
- 2: 2:
- 3: 3:
- 4: 4:
- 5: 5:
- 6: 6:
- 7: 7:
- 8: 8:
- 9: 9:
- 10: 10:

At the bottom left, there are two checked checkboxes: and I.C.?. To their right is a button labeled 'Save Current Regular Expressions'. At the bottom center, there is a button labeled 'Exit'.

I.C. = "Ignore Case"

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Example “Final Filters” for Search Criteria

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Search Criteria Regular Expressions Final Filters Post-Search Actions

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1:	cc: #myinteger	IS	>=	2	Values	OR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2:	identifiers: type	IS NOT	EXISTENT	ddc		OR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3:	cc: #myserieslike	IS	EXISTENT	Star Wars [*]		OR
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4:	cc: #mytextfixedsetofvalues	IS	LIKE	Favorites		AND
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5:	cc: #myyesno	IS	TRUE			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6:	cc: #myrating	IS NOT	EXISTENT			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7:	cc: #original_title	IS	EXISTENT			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8:	authors: name	IS NOT	LIKE	Smith		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9:	tags: name	IS	LIKE	Factual		NOT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10:	books: pubdate	IS	<	2000-01-01		

Save Filters?

Save and Validate Filters?

Do not use single or double quotes in the Values.
Do not use semicolons in the Values. If you do,
the Final Filters will be disregarded...all of them.

Execute Search [Selected Books] Execute Search [All Books]

Exit

Specify a specific Value to be used for this specific filter.
Not always required, and sometimes not allowed. Sometimes a specific format is required.
Custom Columns of datatype 'series' (i.e., series-like) require either a specific series index or a wildcard series index. Example: Star Wars [*] (or [1] or [2] or [0..5])
Tags are evaluated individually, and not as displayed in the GUI (concatenated). So, a book with many Tags will not be filtered out if you specify 'IS NOT LIKE' (some Tag). That is because the book definitely has one or more Tags that 'ARE NOT LIKE' (some Tag). Avoid 'IS NOT LIKE' for books with multiple Tags unless the 'value' matches all of their Tags. 'NOT'.....'IS LIKE' should similarly be avoided.
'Integer' and 'Float' Custom Columns require an appropriate numeric value. 'Alphabetic' operators (e.g. 'LIKE') are not allowed for numerics.
Ratings are an integer from 1-10, and not simply the 'number of stars' that are displayed.
'Undefined' values, such as a 'nothing' in an Integer Custom Column or in Tags, are highly problematic. You are advised to ensure that every book has at least a 0 in a numeric Custom Column if you intend to use Final Filters based on its 'existence'. That trick does not work on Tags, because they do not allow an empty string or space. Be careful when filtering based on the existence of Tags.

Saved filters that use Custom Columns that are unique to the current library will disappear in other libraries.

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Example “Special Query”

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The title bar is pink and contains the text 'Multi-Column Search' and standard window control icons. Below the title bar is a tabbed interface with the following tabs: 'Search Criteria', 'Regular Expressions', 'Final Filters', 'Special Queries' (which is the active tab), 'SQL Queries', 'TXT Queries', and 'Post-Search Actions'. The 'Special Queries' tab contains the following elements:

- Three dropdown menus for defining a query: the first is set to 'books: title', the second to 'CONTAINS', and the third to 'authors: name'.
- Two checkboxes: 'All Authors' Books?' and 'Use Final Filters?', both of which are currently unchecked.
- A button labeled 'Execute the Special Search Query [All Books]'.
- A yellow tooltip box on the right side of the tab with the following text: 'This Tab is used to execute a few powerful queries against only a few standard Calibre columns (but all 'text' Custom Columns) for the purpose of cleaning metadata. The chosen columns are evaluated for all books using all possible values. For example, the query 'books: title CONTAINS author: name' compares all known author names in the current library to all book titles in the current library.'

At the bottom of the window, there is a blue bar with the text 'Exit'.

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Example “SQL Query”

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The 'Raw SQL' tab is active, displaying a complex SQL query. Below the query are two checked checkboxes: 'All Authors' Books?' and 'Use Final Filters?'. An 'Execute the Raw SQL Query [All Books]' button is at the bottom. To the right, a tooltip explains the 'Normalized' and 'Not Normalized' options and lists 29 custom columns with their data types.

```
SELECT id FROM books WHERE id IN (SELECT book FROM books_authors_link
WHERE author IN (SELECT id FROM authors WHERE name LIKE '%victor%hugo%' )
OR author IN (SELECT id FROM authors WHERE name LIKE '%rachel%' )
OR author IN (SELECT id FROM authors WHERE name LIKE '%george r_r__martin%' ) )
AND has_cover = 0
AND id IN (SELECT book FROM custom_column_19 WHERE value > 0 AND value < 10)
AND id NOT IN (SELECT book FROM books_custom_column_4_link
WHERE value IN (SELECT id FROM custom_column_4
WHERE value LIKE '%star wars%' AND value NOT NULL ) )
AND id IN (SELECT book FROM custom_column_8 WHERE value REGEXP '^.+;$' )
/*Comments: The REGEXP function will be evaluated after converting both 'value' and the
regular expression itself to Unicode text. The re parameters to be used are re.IGNORECASE,
re.DOTALL, re.MULTILINE, and re.escape. */
```

All Authors' Books?
 Use Final Filters?

Execute the Raw SQL Query [All Books]

Exit

This Tab is used to execute raw 'SELECT bookid' SQL with the addition of the optional 'All Authors' Books' and 'Final Filters' afterwards. The custom column information from table custom_columns for this library is shown below.

Normalized: Table custom_column_N has the values. Columns: id,value. Table books_custom_column_N_link has the link of the value to the book. Columns: id,book,value where value is the id of the value from table custom_column_N.

Not Normalized: Table custom_column_N has both the value and the link to the book. Columns: id,book,value.

- 1---#worldcat_lccn_url---composite
- 10---#isni_url---composite
- 11---#odc_owf---text---Normalized
- 12---#myyesno---bool
- 13---#myserieslike---series---Normalized
- 14---#myinteger---int
- 15---#myrating---rating---Normalized
- 16---#viaf_author_id_url---composite
- 17---#mytextfixedsetofvalues---enumeration---Normalized
- 18---#original_title---text---Normalized
- 19---#mydate---datetime
- 2---#loc_lccn---composite
- 20---#lcc---text---Normalized
- 21---#myfloat---float
- 22---#isbn---composite
- 23---#genre---text---Normalized
- 24---#pages---int
- 25---#abc_hierarchy---text---Normalized
- 26---#abc_numeric---int
- 27---#author_book_count---text---Normalized
- 3---#mytext---text---Normalized
- 4---#mycomments---comments
- 5---#lc_authority_name_url---composite
- 6---#ddc---text---Normalized
- 7---#loc_lccn_url---composite
- 8---#odc---text---Normalized
- 9---#icad---text---Normalized

Raw SQL. The Rules:

- [1] Must start with SELECT
- [2] The very first column selected must be an integer book id (e.g. 'books.id' or 'books_authors_link.book')
- [3] May not contain SQLite Keywords that add, change, or delete data or objects
- [4] May not contain semi-colons
- [5] May not contain question marks
- [6] May not contain double quotes
- [7] Must otherwise comply with the syntax in: https://www.sqlite.org/lang_corefunc.html

Suggestion: create a .txt file to keep your SQL history for future copy-and-paste ease.

Refer to this Tab's ToolTips for a list of the current library's custom columns.

SQLite Syntax questions? Answer them at <http://www.w3schools.com/sql/> or <http://www.sqlcourse.com/>.

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Example “TXT Query”

Full-Text Searches of TXT Formats

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Column Search' application window. The 'TXT Queries' tab is selected, displaying a search interface. The main search area contains the text: 'Mein schönes Fräulein, darf ich wagen, Meinen Arm und Geleit Ihr anzutragen?'. A yellow tooltip box provides instructions on how to use regular expressions for searching, including examples and a reference link. Below the search area, there are two checked checkboxes: 'All Authors' Books?' and 'Use Final Filters?'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'Execute the TXT Query [Selected Books with TXT Formats]' and 'Execute the TXT Query [All Books with TXT Formats]'. An 'Exit' button is located at the very bottom of the window.

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Search Criteria Regular Expressions Final Filters Special Queries SQL Queries **TXT Queries** Post-Search Actions

Full-Text Search Regular Expression:

Mein schönes Fräulein, darf ich wagen, Meinen Arm und Geleit Ihr anzutragen?

Enter the text you wish to search for here. Do not enclose the text in quotes.

The text you enter will be converted into a Regular Expression using the re parameters re.IGNORECASE, re.DOTALL, re.MULTILINE and re.escape.

Example: neuroscience

Example: Horatio Hornblower

Example: Nile[]River|Nile. +River|River. +Nile

Example: Nile|Egypt|Pyramid|Pharaoh

Example: Mein schönes Fräulein, darf ich wagen, Meinen Arm und Geleit Ihr anzutragen?

For re syntax, refer to: <https://docs.python.org/2/library/re.html>

The use of a 'Virtual Library' while executing a TXT query for 'All Books' may cause a confusing results count, since MCS selects 'All Books' based on metadata.db, not what is currently displayed.

All Authors' Books?

Use Final Filters?

Execute the TXT Query [Selected Books with TXT Formats]

Execute the TXT Query [All Books with TXT Formats]

Exit

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“Word Queries” Using a Word-Book Index

Fast Searches for Words or Word Patterns

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Intra/Inter Book Queries | Regular Expressions | Final Filters | Special Queries | SQL Queries | TXT Queries | **Word Queries** | Post-Search Actions

Word-in-Book Index: Queries

ägypten|%ribonucleic%|φοινικικοζ|locust|anzutragen

A 'bar' ('|') means 'AND' instead of 'OR'

Automatically Index Unindexed Books? [Selection Maximum: 4]

All Authors' Books?

Use Final Filters?

Execute the Word-in-Book Query [Selected Indexed Books]

Execute the Word-in-Book Query [All Indexed Books]

Word-in-Book Index Administration: [Index Row Count: 1164935]

6 Minimum Letters in Words to Index

{w}\1{2,}{?#Ignore words with 3+ repeating letters, such as 'zzzz' or 'www' }

Update the '#mcs_was_indexed' Custom Column? CSV

Index/Reindex [Selected Books with TXT Formats]

Index/Reindex [All Books with TXT Formats]

Index Unindexed Only [All Unindexed Books with TXT Formats]

Word-in-Book Index: Trimming

^abcde.+\${?#Purpose: Starts with 'abcde' }

Trim Index per Minimum Letters & Regex [Selected Books]

Top 100 English Nouns? English Non-Nouns? 漢 CSV

Trim Index per English/漢/CSV Options [All Books]

Purge Index [Selected Books] [Use with Caution]

Exit

Callout Box 1 (Left): This Tab is used to build and maintain a 'Word-by-Book' index within Calibre, and then to execute queries against that index. The 'Word-by-Book' index is built from each book's TXT format. Optionally, a CSV file can be imported to build (or enhance) the index for specific Books. In order to optimize the index, it may be 'Trimmed' by deleting uninteresting and/or undesirable words.

Callout Box 2 (Right): Enter the WORD you wish to search for here. Do not enclose the word in quotes. Multiple WORDS may be specified by using the bar symbol to mean either 'OR' or 'AND'. MCS will treat each WORD as a 'pattern' to be searched for in the Word-Book index. Optionally, variable WORD patterns may be specified by using the '%' and '_' symbols. Refer to the 'Final Filters' Tab for a full explanation of those symbols for use with 'LIKE'.

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Post-Search Actions

Apply Compatible Value Changes to a Target Custom Column for Books both Currently 'Marked' in the Search Results and Currently 'Selected'

The screenshot shows the 'Multi-Column Search' dialog box with the 'Post-Search Actions' tab selected. The 'Target Custom Column' is set to '#original_title' and the 'Target Column Data Type' is 'text'. The 'Source Column Data Type' is also 'text'. The 'Set Custom Column equal to Source Column' option is selected. A button at the bottom reads 'Apply Specified Changes [Selected AND Marked Books Only]'. An 'Exit' button is at the very bottom.

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Search Criteria Regular Expressions Post-Search Actions

Target Custom Column: #original_title

Target Column Data Type: text

Set Custom Column to this Boolean: True

Set Custom Column to this integer: 0

Set Custom Column to this number: 0.000000

Set Custom Column to this date: 2015-11-09

Set Custom Column to this text: ?

Set Custom Column equal to Source Column: Authors

Source Column Data Type: text

Apply Specified Changes [Selected AND Marked Books Only]

Exit

The screenshot shows the CalibreMCS interface with a search for 'marked:true'. The results table has columns for 'Author(s)' and 'Title'. Rows 1, 2, 12, 13, 20, 21, and 23 are highlighted in green, indicating they are marked. Row 6 is highlighted in blue, indicating it is selected. A mouse cursor is pointing at row 7.

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Virtual Library marked:true

	Author(s)	Title
★ 1	Anónimo	Cantar del mio Cid
★ 2	Anónimo	The Poem of the Cid
3	Anónimo	El cementerio del diablo
4	Anónimo	El libro sin nombre
5	Anónimo	El ojo de la luna
★ 6	Anónimo	The Death of King Arthur
★ 7	Anónimo	La muerte del rey Arturo
8	Anónimo	Las mil y una noches
9	Anónimo	Memorias de una pulga
10	Anónimo	Pregúntale a Alicia
11	Anónimo	Sir Gawain y el Caballero Verde
★ 12	Juan Anónimo & Anónim...	El cantar de los Nibelungos
★ 13	Juan Anónimo & Anónim...	The Song of the Nibelungs
14	DaltonST	ENF: Test BOTH Good and Bad Words ...
15	DaltonST	ENF: Test EPUB Format
16	DaltonST	ENF: Test ONLY Bad Words
17	DaltonST	ENF: Test ONLY Good Words
18	DaltonST	ENF: Test ONLY Singural:Plural Pairs
19	DaltonST	ENF: Test PDF Format - MCS User Guide
★ 20	Victor Hugo	The Hunchback of Notre-Dame
★ 21	Victor Hugo	Notre-Dame de Paris
★ 22	Jules Verne	Cinq semaines en ballon
★ 23	Jules Verne	Five Weeks in a Balloon

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“Search Criteria” Tab - Comments

<u>Column</u>	<u>Lookup/Search Name(s)</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Custom Columns	(any #.....)	If Datetime CC, Search Text Format must be: YYYY or YYYY-MM or YYYY-MM-DD. Only the first 10 characters are used. Blank is okay for any CC (text, comments, integer, float, datetime).
Authors	authors (but 'author' will work too)	
Title	title	
Series	series	Does not include the Series Index. <u>Just</u> the Series Name.
Tags	tags	
Publisher	publisher	
Comments	comments	
Published Date	pubdate (but 'published' will work too)	Search Text Format you must use: YYYY-MM. Blank is okay.
Path	path	Example: Larry Niven/Fallen Angels (3325)

General Comments and Caveats

- If you make nonsensical comparisons, nothing will happen other than your search results will be empty.
- Don't compare numerics to text. The integer 9 is not the same as a textual 9. For example, comparing #author_book_count (a tag-like column) to #abc_numeric (an integer column) for equality will return False.
- Calibre stores all Paths using “/”, regardless of your operating system.
- Comments may be in HTML, so if you search for a “1” in the Comments, you may get a result even if the text has no “1” in it, but the HTML tags do.
- If you specify that the Search Text is Text (not a Lookup/Search Name), and you leave the field empty, it will be treated as an empty string (i.e., “”) for text, a 0 for integers, 0.00 for floats, and “0000-00-00” for dates.
- “NOT does not contain” normally gives the same results as “AND contains”. Ditto for “NOT =” & “AND <>”.
- MCS will validate invalid criteria, and fix what it can. The Calibre status message will state so.
- Cross-Library Search Results do not show Comments because of their length.

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Example of an 'Inter-Book' Search Query

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	Author(s)	Title	Original Title	Languages	Series	Tags	ISBN	DDC	LCC	OCLC	Modified
★ 1	Anónimo	Cantar del mio Cid	Cantar del mio Cid	Spanish	Clásico [9]	Poesía	9788484321217	861.1	PQ6366	368201339	05 Nov 2015
★ 2	Anónimo	The Poem of the Cid	Cantar del mio Cid	English	Classics [9]	Clásico, Poesía	9780143105657	861.1	PQ6367.E3	289878571	05 Nov 2015
★ 3	Anónimo	El cantar de los Nibelungos	El cantar de los Nibelungos	Spanish	Clásico [10]						
★ 4	Anónimo	The Song of the Nibelungs	El cantar de los Nibelungos	English	Classics [10]						
5	Anónimo	El cement									
6	Anónimo	El libro sin									
7	Anónimo	El ojo de l									
★ 8	Anónimo	The Death									
★ 9	Anónimo	La muerte									
10	Anónimo	Las mil y u									
11	Anónimo	Memorias									
12	Anónimo	Pregúntal									
13	Anónimo	Sir Gawair									
14	DaltonST	ENF: Test									
15	DaltonST	ENF: Test									
16	DaltonST	ENF: Test									
17	DaltonST	ENF: Test									
18	DaltonST	ENF: Test									
19	DaltonST	ENF: Test PDF Format - MCS User Guide		English							
★ 20	Victor Hugo	The Hunchback of Notre-Dame	Notre-Dame de Paris	English	French Classics						
★ 21	Victor Hugo	Notre-Dame de Paris	Notre-Dame de Paris	French	French Classics						
★ 22	Jules Verne	Cinq semaines en ballon	Cinq semaines en ballon	French	French Classics						
★ 23	Jules Verne	Five Weeks in a Balloon	Cinq semaines en ballon	English	French Classics						

Checking this box activates a search algorithm that answers this type of query:
'Find all of the books that have the same [COLUMN NAME 1] and the same [COLUMN NAME 2], ignoring all other columns. I want to compare each book to every other book. I do NOT want to have to provide any specific value to search for. Let MCS do the work for me'.

REQUIRED SETTINGS:
 [1] The Top and Bottom 'Lookup/Search Names' must be identical on the Left Side. Ditto for the Right Side.
 [2] The Operators must both be '='.
 [3] 'AND' must be selected in the Middle Column.
 [4] Execution is always for 'All Books'.
 [5] Execution is always for the Current Library, and never Another Library.

EXAMPLE:
 I have many books by many Authors both written in their original languages and translated to English, so I **cannot** specify any particular Author to search for. I want to display all books which have the same Author and same Custom Column:original_title. The Author is crucial for comparison, as the same Title/Custom Column:original_title can have multiple authors. MCS should return only books for which there are translations.

Example of returned result:
 Author ----- Name ----- Custom Column:original_title
 Jules Verne ----- Five weeks in ballon ----- Cinq semaines en ballon
 Jules Verne ----- Cinq semaines en ballon ----- Cinq semaines en ballon
 Victor Hugo ----- Notre-Dame de Paris ----- Notre-Dame de Paris
 Victor Hugo ----- The Hunchback of Notre-Dame ----- Notre-Dame de Paris

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Search Criteria Regular Expressions

For Each Book in Turn [1]

↑↓ Swap ↑↓

Compared to All Other Books

Search Text is Text
 Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

=
 >
 <
 >=
 <=
 <>
 contains
 does not contain
 regular expression

AND

OR

NOT

Inactive

← Swap →

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Save Criteria

For Each Book in Turn [2]

↑↓ Swap ↑↓

Compared to All Other Books

Search Text is Text
 Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

=
 >
 <
 >=
 <=
 <>
 contains
 does not contain
 regular expression

Execute Search [Selected Books] Execute Search [All Books] Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]

Exit

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Search Results After Executing “Search Another Calibre Library: All Books”

MCS Search Log for Library: S:/Calibre/QuarantineAndScrub/metadata.db

	Author	Title	Series	Tags	Publisher	Published	Path	#work_author	#work_title
19	Robert R. Shandley	Hogan's Heroes	Tv Milestones	Factual:History-World War II		2011-09	Robert R. Shandley/Hoga...	Robert R. Shandley	Hogan's Heroes
20	Peter Heller	The Painter		Fiction:Action&...		2014-05	Peter Heller/The Painter (8469)	Peter Heller	The Painter
21	Olivia Cunning	One Starry Night	Sinners on Tour	Fiction:Action&...		2014-12	Olivia Cunning/One Starry Nigh...	Olivia Cunning	One Starry Night
22	Michelle Kelly	When I Wasn't Watching		Fiction:Action&...		2014-08	Michelle Kelly/When I Wasn't ...	Michelle Kelly	When I Wasn't Watching
23	Matt Yockey	Batman	Tv Milestones	Fiction:Action&...		2014-03	Matt Yockey/Batman (8501)	Matt Yockey	Batman
24	Holly Hook	Tempest		Fiction:Action&...		0000-00	Holly Hook/Tempest (8585)	Holly Hook	Tempest
25	Clive Cussler	The Assassin	Isaac Bell	Fiction:Action&...		2015-03	Clive Cussler/The Assassin (8707)	Clive Cussler	The Assassin
26	Marian Hale	Dark Water Rising		Fiction:Children		2006-09	Marian Hale/Dark Water Rising (8...	Marian Hale	Dark Water Rising
27	Dr. Seuss	One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Bl...		Fiction:Children		1960-03	Dr. Seuss/One Fish Two Fish R...	Dr. Seuss	One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Bl...
28	Victoria Aveyard	Red Queen		Fiction:Fantasy		2015-01	Victoria Aveyard/Red Queen (8980)	Victoria Aveyard	Red Queen
29	Stephen R. Lawhead	Taliesin	Pendragon Cycle	Fiction:Fantasy		1990-01	Stephen R. Lawhead/Taliesi...	Stephen R. Lawhead	Taliesin
30	Nora Roberts	The Liar		Fiction:Fantasy		2015-04	Nora Roberts/The Liar (9002)	Nora Roberts	The Liar
31	Alys Arden	The Casquette Girls		Fiction:Fantasy		2013-10	Alys Arden/The Casquette Girls ...	Alys Arden	The Casquette Girls
32	Dean Koontz	Intensity		Fiction:Fantasy-Paranormal		2000-10	Dean Koontz/Intensity (8835)	Dean Koontz	Intensity
33	David DaBalko	Out of Smoke and Ashes	Triple Trouble	Fiction:Fantasy-Paranormal		2013-05	David DaBalko/Out of Smoke a...	David DaBalko	Out of Smoke and Ashes
34	Christine Feehan	Cat's Lair		Fiction:Fantasy-Paranormal		2015-05	Christine Feehan/Cat's Lair (9018)	Christine Feehan	Cat's Lair
35	Wrath James White	Hero		Fiction:Horror		2008-01	Wrath James White/Hero (8863)	Wrath James White	Hero
36	Stephen King	Throttle		Fiction:Horror		2012-04	Stephen King/Throttle (8899)	Stephen King	Throttle

Optimize Deoptimize Save Copy to Clipboard Cancel

- Optimize, Deoptimize and Save refer to the current column widths.
- Search Results can be copied to the system Clipboard as tab-delimited text for pasting "special" into a spreadsheet or normal pasting into any text document.

Multi-Column Search

Example: Transform Functions

The screenshot shows the CalibreMCS interface with a search results table and a 'Multi-Column Search' dialog box. The table lists books with columns for Author(s), Title, Original Title, and Languages. The dialog box is configured for a search on 'author' and '#original_title' using the 'Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet' transform function. Blue arrows indicate the flow from the dialog's settings to the corresponding columns in the table.

Author(s)	Title	Original Title	Languages
1 Anónimo	Cantar del mio Cid	Cantar del mio Cid	Spanish
2 Anónimo	The Poem of the Cid	Cantar del mio Cid	English
3 Anónimo	The Death of King Arthur	La muerte del rey Arturo	English
4 Anónimo	La muerte del rey Arturo	La muerte del rey Arturo	Spanish
5 Juan Anónimo & Anónim...	El cantar de los Nibelungos	El cantar de los Nibelungos	Spanish
6 Juan Anónimo & Anónim...	The Song of the Nibelungs	El cantar de los Nibelungos	English
7 Bokmal	Bokmal: Å,ä,Ä,å,ö,ø,Ë,ä,Ä,ä,æ,ö,ø	Bokmal: AE,æ	Swedish
8 bokmä	Bokmä: Å,ä,Ä,å,ö,ø,Ë,ä,Ä,ä,æ,ö,ø	Bokmä: Æ,æ	Swedish
9 VICTOR HUG' O	The Hunchback of Notre-Dame	Notre-Dame de Paris	English
10 Jules Verne	Cinq semaines en ballon	Cinq semaines en ballon	French
11 Jules Verne	Five Weeks in a Balloon	Cinq semaines en ballon	English
12 victorhugo	Notre-Dame de Paris	Notre-Dame de Paris	French

Functions to 'transform' the values to be compared prior to comparison.

'Decompose and Normalize Alphabet' allows searching for non-English metadata that may or may not have been mangled into something English-like. Basically, it changes complex letters into simple letters, removes diacritics, removes spaces, and removes punctuation. Then, the values are compared.

These Transform Functions are **not** used by Cross-Library searches.

Multi-Column Search

Example: Fuzzy Equality – Token Sort Ratio

Author(s)	Title	Original Title	Languages
1 Anónimo	del mío Cid Cantar	Cantar del mío Cid	Spanish
2 Anónimo	del diablo El cementerio	El cementerio del diablo	Spanish

Multi-Column Search

Search Criteria Regular Expressions Post-Search Actions

Lookup/Search Name [1]

#original_title

Search Text

title

Search Text is Text

Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

=

>

<

>=

<=

<>

contains

does not contain

regular expression

Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet

Fuzzy Equality Compare: Token Sort Ratio

Lookup/Search Name [2]

#original_title

Search Text

title

Search Text is Text

Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

=

>

<

>=

<=

<>

contains

does not contain

regular expression

Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet

Fuzzy Equality Compare: None

AND

OR

NOT

Inactive

Inter-Book Search?

Save Criteria

Execute Search [Selected Books] Execute Search [All Books] Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]

Exit

Notice that the same 2 columns, Title and Original Title, have MCS search rules. The left rule matches on '='. The right rule matches on '<>'. How? The Fuzzy Equality Compare function used in the left rule makes the truly 'unequal' Title and Original Title values 'equal' because they 'passed' the Token Sort Ratio comparison.

Multi-Column Search

Example: Fuzzy Equality – Token Set Ratio

Author(s)	Title	Original Title	Languages	Series	Tags	ISBN	DDC	LCC
1 Bokmal	Bokmal: Å,ä,A,a,O,o,Ä,ä,Æ,æ,Ø,ø	Bokmal: AE,ae Bokmal: AE,ae Bokmal: AE,ae	Swedish					
2 Bokmål	Bokmål: Å,ä,Ä,ä,Ö,ö,Æ,æ,Ø,ø	Bokmål: Æ,æ Bokmål: Æ,æ Bokmål: Æ,æ	Swedish					

Multi-Column Search

Search Criteria Regular Expressions Post-Search Actions

Lookup/Search Name [1] #original_title

Lookup/Search Name [2] title

AND

Search Text title

Search Text

Search Text is Text

Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

=

>

<

>=

<=

<>

contains

does not contain

regular expression

Compare as: Decomposed & Normalized Alphabet

Fuzzy Equality Compare: Token Set Ratio

Fuzzy Equality Compare: None

Execute Search [Selected Books] Execute Search [All Books] Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]

Exit

Fuzzy Logic Search Functions. These functions are used only for an operator of '=', because they are used to test for 'Fuzzy Equality'.

[A]Function 'Token Sort Ratio': the words must be identical and in the same quantity, but their sort sequence may be different.

[A1]Example: 'fuzzy wuzzy was a bear' **is identical to** 'a bear was wuzzy fuzzy'

[B]Function 'Token Set Ratio': the number of duplicate words do not matter as long as all of the words in the second value are used somewhere in the first value.

[B1]Example: 'fuzzy wuzzy was a bear' **is identical to** 'was fuzzy fuzzy was a wuzzy wuzzy a bear bear'

[B2]Example: 'Bokmal: Å,ä,A,a,O,o,Ä,ä,Æ,æ,Ø,ø' **is identical to** 'Bokmal: AE,ae Bokmal: AE,ae Bokmal: AE,ae'

[*]Important: Inter-Book Searches **not** use Fuzzy Logic Search Functions, but **do** use Transform Functions. So, Bokmål: Æ,æ = Bokmal: AE,ae

[*]Important: Cross-Library Searches **do** use Fuzzy Logic Search Functions, but do **not** use Transform Functions. So, Bokmål: Æ,æ ≠ Bokmal: AE,ae

Multi-Column Search

Example: Cross-Library Use of Fuzzy Equality Functions

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Restart CalibreLibraryCo... Preferences Plugin updater Add books Connect/share Find Duplicates Embed metadata Extract ISBN Count Pages Modify ePub

Multi-Column Search

Search Criteria Regular Expressions Post-Search Actions

Lookup/Search Name [1]

title

Search Text

#original_title

Search Text is Text

Search Text is a Lookup/Search Name

AND

OR

NOT

Inactive

Swap

Inter-Book Search?

Save Criteria

Execute Search [Selected Books] Execute Search [All Books] Execute Search [Another Library: All Books]

Exit

MCS Search Log for Library: S:/Calibre/CalibreMCS/metadata.db

Author	Title	Series	Tags	Publisher	Published	Path	#original_title
1 Bokmål	Bokmal: Å,å,Ä,ä,Ö,ö,Å,å,Æ,æ,Ø,ø				0000-00	Bokmal/Bokmal_ A,a,A,a,O,o,Å,å,Æ,æ,Ø,ø (33)	Bokmål: Å,å,Ä,ä,Ö,ö,Å,å,Æ,æ,Ø,ø

Fuzzy Logic Search Functions. These functions are used **only for an operator of '='**, because they are used to test for 'Fuzzy Equality'.

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[C]Function 'Simple Ratio, No Punctuation, Upper Case': the words are compared with all punctuation first removed and then converted to upper case.

[C1]Example: 'fuzzy wuzzy was a bear...' **is identical to** 'fuzzy wuzzy was a bear?'

[D]Function 'Simple Ratio: Decomposed and Normalized Alphabet' allows searching for non-English metadata that may or may not have been mangled into something English-like. Basically, it changes complex letters into simple letters, removes diacritics, removes spaces, and removes punctuation. Then, the values are compared.\

[D1]Example: "Bokmal: AE,ae **is identical to** Bokmål: Æ,æ"

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[*]Important: Cross-Library Searches **do** use Fuzzy Logic Search Functions, but **do not** use Transform Functions.

[*]Important: Intra-Book Searches use **both** Fuzzy Logic Search Functions **and** Transform Functions.