

Digital Webster: A Dictionary and Thesaurus

Type a word or phrase you'd find in the dictionary in the query box, and click Define (or press Return). Depending on which books are open, Webster displays dictionary or thesaurus entries (or both) in the text area. Clicking the dictionary and thesaurus buttons opens and closes the books.

Webster ignores capitalization and characters other than letters and numbers. Normally, it searches by Full Word: It finds only words or names matching the query exactly. However, you can use the Preferences panel to search by Prefix, which finds all words or names that begin with (as well as match) your query.

Immediately after a search, clicking the Find button locates the next occurrence of the query's first word within the text area; or, if you enter text in the Find panel, the Find button locates occurrences of the first word of that text. When you reach the last occurrence of the word, Find starts over at the beginning of the text area.

If you see a word in the text area that you want to look up, select the word while holding down the Command key.

For details on other features, see the chapter on Digital Webster in *The NeXT User's Reference Manual*. You can also use the Contents command to read the explanatory essays contained in *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary* and *Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus*.