

# Search Engine

## An overview of the EROL Search Engine

### What is the EROL Search Engine

The EROL Search Engine is a powerful CGI based search facility that allows users to search by keyword for any related Items in your store.

The search box can be inserted in as many areas of your store as required.

The results the search engine sends back are displayed on a customisable results page. Each result (ie. Item) that is returned can be formatted to look exactly as you want it to, by allowing your results to be defined by a Template.

## Creating a Search Engine for your store

### Inserting a search box

At any point in your store you can give users the ability search your store for any particular product by inserting a search box.

To do this:

1. Insert a Display Item
2. Select a template that displays 'Description' only
3. Activate the HTML editor by clicking the <...> below the 'Description' field
4. Click the 'Insert Search Box' button
5. Set up the width, default value and button alignment for your search box
6. Click 'OK'

### Laying out your results page

The results the search engine sends back are displayed on a customisable results page. The results page can be customised along the following lines:

- The background image and colour of the page
- Header and Footer HTML
- The number of results per page
- The number of columns per page
- The appearance of the result items

To do this:

1. Select Tools > Options... from the main EROL toolbar
2. Click on the 'Search' button
3. Ensure that 'Enable search' is checked
4. Assign the page attributes governing the look and feel of the page
5. Assign an item template to govern the appearance of the results
6. Click 'Save & Close' to commit your results page