

**From:** Bowman, Randal  
**To:** [Hoy, Mark](#)  
**Cc:** [stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com); [Cash, Marcia](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Status on current upload?  
**Date:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 1:27:56 PM

---

Thank you. I'll avoid using them until you have a clear answer.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 2:25 PM, Hoy, Mark <[mark@texifter.com](mailto:mark@texifter.com)> wrote:

Randal -

I'm not entirely sure that the stopwords are indeed the problem - I'm still researching this further. Some search engines will ignore stopwords in quoted (phrase) queries, and some will not... I've not yet been able to find a definitive answer for how our search engine (3rd party) treats stop words within quoted queries... my best guess so far is that yes this is indeed what is going on, but I'm still not 100% convinced as I cannot find any references saying "yes or no" to if they are ignored or not.

For your reference, the list of stopwords in use by our search engine is attached.

- Mark

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 1:29 PM  
Subject: Re: Status on current upload?  
To: Stu Shulman <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)>  
CC: Marcia Cash <[marcia\\_cash@fws.gov](mailto:marcia_cash@fws.gov)>

My concern was and is that I did a search and got results not corresponding to the search term, which caused me to stop searches and stop coding the results.

This is the first I've heard of "stopwords". If the problem is that some words, even when used with other words and in quotes, don't register with discovertext searches, a simple explanation of that with a list of the words or types of words would have resolved the matter.

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 12:54 PM, Stu Shulman <[stu@texifter.com](mailto:stu@texifter.com)> wrote:

From Mark:

I don't know why he's still asking about the quotes... I thought I made it clear that the system has been patched (for a couple of weeks) and will transform the curly quotes into regular quotes... :/  
As for his exact issue (I think he's saying that he is seeing search results when searching for "mounument as is" that doesn't have the

phrase "as is" in it... .) - I \_think\_ this is related to "as" and "is" being stopwords (and thus, not counted in the query), but I've not been able to determine this 100% yet...

On Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 12:26 PM Bowman, Randal <[randal\\_bowman@ios.doi.gov](mailto:randal_bowman@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

How is this coming? I will shortly send a note to the DOI coders urging them to finish the current project, where there are about 3200 comments remaining to be coded, so we can focus on the new ones next week, and would like to include when we likely can start that.

Also, I know you addressed this early on, but I am not sure I remember it correctly - can I only access my account from my government computer, or will the link with my username and password work from any computer? If the latter, I likely would have some time available while at my parents'.

Lastly, has Mark had any chance to work on the quotes/search issue, or has all his time been taken on getting the new comments loaded?

--

Dr. Stuart W. Shulman  
Founder and CEO, Texifter  
Cell: [413-992-8513](tel:413-992-8513)  
LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/stuartwshulman>

--

Dr. Stuart W. Shulman  
Founder and CEO, Texifter  
Cell: [413-992-8513](tel:413-992-8513)  
LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/stuartwshulman>