

Search and Value Buffer Examples

This section contains examples of search and value buffer construction. For the Adabas file definitions used in all the examples in this section, see *File Definitions Used in Examples*. The values for the value buffer are shown in character and/or hexadecimal notation.

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Example 1: Using a Single Search Expression

A search that uses a single search expression.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "12345" for field AA, which has a standard length of eight bytes and numeric format.

Search Buffer	AA.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 00012345 hex-notation F0F0F0F1F2F3F4F5	Field value specification

The same search may be performed using "AA,5." (length override) in the search buffer and the value "12345" (without trailing blanks) in the value buffer.

Example 2: Using Search Expressions Connected by AND

A search that uses two search expressions connected by the AND operator.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "12345678" for the field AA, which has a standard length of eight bytes and numeric format, and the value "+2" for the field AB, which has a standard length of two bytes and packed decimal format.

Search Buffer	AA,D,AB.	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation F1F2F3F4F5F6F7F8002C	Field value specification

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "12345678" for the field AA, which has a standard length of eight bytes and numeric format, and the value "+2" for the field AB, which has a length of three bytes (override) and unpacked decimal (override) format.

Search Buffer	AA,D,AB,3,U.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 12345678002 hex-notation F1F2F3F4F5F6F7F8F0F0F2	Field value specification

This second search produces the same result as the first search, but shows the use of the length and format override in the search buffer.

Example 3: Using Search Expressions Connected by OR

A search that uses three search expressions connected by the OR operator.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain any of the values "284", "285", or "290" for the field XB. Length and format overrides are used.

Search Buffer	<code>XB,3,U,O,XB,3,U,O,XB,3,U.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 284285290 hex-notation F2F8F4F2F8F5F2F9F0	Field value specification

Example 4: Using Search Expressions Connected by FROM-TO

A search that uses two search expressions connected by the FROM-TO operator.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain any value in the range "+20" through "+30" for the field XB.

Search Buffer	<code>XB,S,XB.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation 020C030C	Field value specification

Example 5: Using Search Expression with BUT-NOT

A search that uses three search expressions connected by the FROM-TO and BUT-NOT operators.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain any of the values in the range "+20" through "+30" but not "+27" for the field XB.

Search Buffer	<code>XB,S,XB,N,XB.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation 020C030C027C	Field value specification

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain any of the values in the range "+1" through "+200" or "+500" through "+600" for the field XB.

Search Buffer	<code>XB,S,XB,O,XB,S,XB.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation <code>001C200C500C600C</code>	Field value specification

Example 6: Using a Multiple-Value Descriptor

A search in which a multiple-value field is used.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "ABC" for any value of the multiple-value field MF.

Search Buffer	<code>MF.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation ABC hex-notation <code>C1C2C3</code>	Field value specification

It is not possible to limit the search to a specific occurrence of a multiple-value field. The following search buffer entry is invalid:

Search Buffer	<code>MF2.</code>	Search argument
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Example 7: Using a Descriptor Within a Periodic Group

A search in which a descriptor within a periodic group is used.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "4" in any occurrence of the descriptor BA (which is contained in a periodic group).

Search Buffer	<code>BA.</code>	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation 04	Field value specification

Select the ISNs of all records in file 1 that contain the value "4" in the third occurrence of the descriptor BA (which is contained within a periodic group).

Search Buffer	BA3.	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation 04	Field value specification

Example 8: Using a Subdescriptor

A search that uses a subdescriptor. SA is a subdescriptor derived from the first four bytes of the field RA.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain the value "ABCD" for the subdescriptor SA.

Search Buffer	SA.	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation C1C2C3C4	Field value specification

Example 9: Using a Superdescriptor with Alphanumeric Format

A search that uses a superdescriptor with alphanumeric format. SB is a superdescriptor derived from the first eight bytes of the field RA and the first four bytes of the field RB.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain the value "ABCDEFGH1234" for the superdescriptor SB.

Search Buffer	SB.	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation C1C2C3C4C5C6C7C8F1F2F3F4	Field value specification

Example 10: Using a Superdescriptor with Binary Format

A search that uses a superdescriptor with binary format. SC is a superdescriptor derived from the fields XB and XC.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 2 that contain the value "+20" for the field XB and the value "123456" for the field XC.

Search Buffer	SC.	Search argument
Value Buffer	hex-notation 020FF1F2F3F4F5F6	Field value specification

Example 11: Using Previously Created ISN Lists

A search that uses previously created ISN lists (identified by their command IDs).

Select the ISNs present in both ISN lists identified by the command IDs "CID1" and "CID2".

Search Buffer	(CID1),D,(CID2).	Search argument
Value Buffer	not used	Field value specification

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 for which an ISN is present in the ISN list identified by "CID1" and which contain the value "+123" for the field AB.

Search Buffer	(CID1),D,AB,3,U.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 123 hex-notation F1F2F3	Field value specification

Example 12: Using a Value Operator

A search in which a value operator is used.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain a value greater than "+100" for the field AB.

Search Buffer	AB,3,U,GT.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 100 hex-notation F1F0F0	Field value specification

Example 13: Using Both Value and Connecting Operators

A search in which both value and connecting operators are used.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain a value greater than "+100" for the field AB and a value greater than "A" for the field AA.

Search Buffer	AB, 3, U, GT, D, AA, 1, GT.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 100A hex-notation F1E0E0C1	Field value specification

Example 14: Using Physically Coupled Files

A search using search expressions that refer to physically coupled files.

Select the ISNs of all the records in file 1 that contain the value "+20" for the field AB and are coupled to records in file 2 that contain the value "ABCDE" for field RB. Length and format override are used for field AB.

Search Buffer	/1/AB, 3, U, D, /2/RB.	Search argument
Value Buffer	character-notation 020ABCDEbbbbbb hex-notation F0F2F0C1C2C3C4C54040404040	Field value specification

Example 15: Using Single Soft Coupling Criterion and Single Search Criterion

The file for which ISNs will be returned is determined by the file number field.

File Number	4	
Search Buffer	(4, AB, 1, AC) / 1/AB, S, AB.	Search argument
Value Buffer	-----	Field value specification

1. Search file 1 for AB = value as provided in value buffer.
2. For each resulting ISN in file 1, read field AC and internally match the value with the corresponding value list for file 4. The resulting ISN list from file 4 is provided in the ISN buffer.

Example 16: Using Single Soft Coupling Criterion and Multiple Search Criteria

The file for which ISNs will be returned is determined by the file number field. The order in which the criteria are specified is arbitrary.

File Number	1	
Search Buffer	(1,AA,2,AB) /1/AC,D,AE,D, /2/AF,S,AF.	Search argument
Value Buffer	-----	Field value specification

1. Search file 2 for AF = ... through ... (values in value buffer)
2. For each resulting ISN in file 2, read field AB and internally match the value with the corresponding value list for file 1.
3. Search file 1 for AC = ... and AE = ... (values in value buffer).
4. Match resulting ISN lists from steps 2 and 3. The resulting ISNs are provided in the ISN buffer.

Example 17: Using Multiple Soft Coupling Criteria and Multiple Search Criteria

File Number	1	
Search Buffer	(1,AA,2,AB; 1,AA,5,BA) /1/AC,D,AE,D, /2/AF,S,AF,D, /5/BC,S,BC.	Search argument
Value Buffer	-----	Field value specification

1. Search file 2 for AF = ... through ... (values in value buffer).

2. For each resulting ISN in file 2, read field AB and internally match the value with the corresponding value list for file 1.
3. Search file 5 for BC = ... through ... (values in value buffer).
4. For each resulting ISN in file 5, read field BA and internally match the value with the corresponding value list for file 1.
5. Search file 1 for AC = ... and AE = ... (values in value buffer).
6. Match resulting ISN lists from steps 2, 4 and 5. The resulting ISNs are provided in the ISN buffer.

Example 18: Using Multiple Soft Coupling Criteria and Multiple Search Criteria with Physical Coupling

Search Buffer	(1,AA,2,AB) /1/AC,D,AE,D,/2/AF,S,AF,D,/5/BC,S,BC.	Search argument
Value Buffer	-----	Field value specification

1. Search file 2 for AF = ... through ... (values in value buffer)
2. For each resulting ISN in file 2, read field AB and internally match the value with the corresponding value list for file 1.
3. Search file 5 for BC = ... through ... (values in value buffer)
4. For each resulting ISN in file 5, use the physical coupling lists created by the ADAINV utility to perform ISN matching. This is done since no soft coupling criteria was provided from file 5 to the main file (file 1). If a physical coupling list does not exist, any ISNs from file 5 will not be considered.
5. Search file 1 for AC = ... and AE = ... (values in value buffer).
6. Match resulting ISN lists from steps 2, 4 and 5. The resulting ISNs are provided in the ISN buffer.