



# #LancsBox X query cheat sheet

version 3.0.0

Regular expressions are in blue

## Basic query

cup of tea  
adam's apple

## Wildcard query

big\* (any suffix)  
\*tion (any prefix)  
very \* (any word)

## Smart query

NOUN  
SPLIT\_INFINITIVE  
EMOTION

## Token query

[word="apple.\*"] Words starting with *apple*  
 [hw="apple"] Words with the headword *apple*  
 [word="professional" pos="J.\*"] *professional* as an adjective  
 [word=="LaTeX"] *LaTeX* with case-sensitivity  
 [word="jump.\*" word!=".\*ing"] Words starting *jump* and not ending *ing*

## Multi-token query

[word="green | blue"] [] Any word after *green* or *blue*  
 really []{1,3} day *really* and *day* separated by 1-3 words  
 big green? NOUN Any noun after *big* or *big green*  
 [](plus []){2,10} Matches lists like *W plus X plus Y plus Z*

## Punctuation query

/! /?/ *!* followed by *?* (punctuation in between allowed)  
 /' : ./ ' consecutively followed by .  
 please /punc="\.\|?"/ *please* followed by . or ? (may be non-consecutive)  
 // : please Any punctuation consecutively followed by *please*  
 [] (: plus []){2,10} Lists of items with no punctuation before each *plus*

## XML element query

<u/> Text inside <u></u> (utterance) elements  
 <u gender="male"/> Text inside utterances with a male gender attribute  
 <text genre="fiction" subgenre=".\*horror"/> Horror fiction texts

## “Within” query

[word="apple"] within <u gender="male"/> *apple* within male utterances  
 <s/> within yes Sentences within *yes* (i.e. *yes* as a full sentence)  
 /?/ within (<s n="1"/> within <title/>) Question marks in first sentences also in titles

Note: many of these examples assume CLAWS or USAS tagging, punctuation identification, or certain XML elements and attributes. Certain queries may also be infeasible on large corpora.