

## Wildcards

Wildcard characters are special characters that are interpreted when comparing text.

There are three meaningful wildcard characters:

- ? - matches a single character
- \* - matches everything (including nothing)
- & - matches a whole word if used alone

For example the expression **t\*s a \*?t** matches the string **this is a text**

If & is not used alone it matches the plain text '&' character

**test &** matches **test this** or **test that**

**test &his** matches only **test &his**

**test thi&** matches only **test thi&**

**test th&s** matches only **test th&s**