Hey there. I’m Stephanie from the BRYT team. I’m here to show you how to find trade articles in Business Source Complete and ProQuest Business using two kinds of filters: specific keywords and source type. Trade articles, also known as industry news, provide useful information and insight into a particular industry’s trends, developments, and opportunities. They are typically written by industry professionals and associations.

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Business covers scholarly, trade, newspaper and magazine content really well. Let’s use our previous search strategy, and type in “clothing industry” OR “fashion industry” OR “apparel industry” on the first line. Then C-A-N-A-D with an asterisk on the second line. And click the + sign to add another row and add M-A-N-U-F-A-C-T* on the third line. Notice how ProQuest Business uses the same search operators as Business Source Complete? Now click Search. On the left, you can narrow your results to just trade articles by clicking Trade Journals under Source Type. If you expand the Publication title section, you can see a list of trade publications. To access the articles, look for either an HTML or a PDF Full Text link, or click the Find it @ York icon. It’s best to search more than one article database, because each database covers different content. Also, make sure to try different keywords as you learn more about your topic.

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