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A filter or search field makes it easy to search for the occurrence of a specific value within a table/list. If you want to search for multiple values in the same field, you need to use the [Profiles and Filter AddOn](#). This allows convenient searches for multiple values. However, sometimes it would be helpful to enter multiple values in a single search field, which the standard search field does not support without source code modifications.

Here's an example table:



The search field looks for a first name matching a specific value, such as *John* or *J**.

However, if you enter multiple names, like *John;Ma**, the search will not return results since no first name contains this text. But implementing this is quite simple with some lines of code:

```
filterFirstname.eventConfigureCustomCondition().addListener(new
IFilterEditorListener()
{
    @Override
    public void configureCustomCondition(FilterEditor pEditor) throws
Throwable
    {
        String sValue = (String)pEditor.getValue();

        if (sValue != null)
        {
            ICondition cond = new Or();

            for (String element : StringUtil.separateList(sValue, ";",
true))
            {
                cond = cond.or(new Like(pEditor.getColumnName(), element));
            }

            pEditor.setCustomCondition(cond);
        }
        else
        {
            pEditor.setCustomCondition(null);
        }
    }
});
```

The Like search enables finding similar values. Wildcards can be defined using *. Searches can also be performed using Equals or other [conditions](#).

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