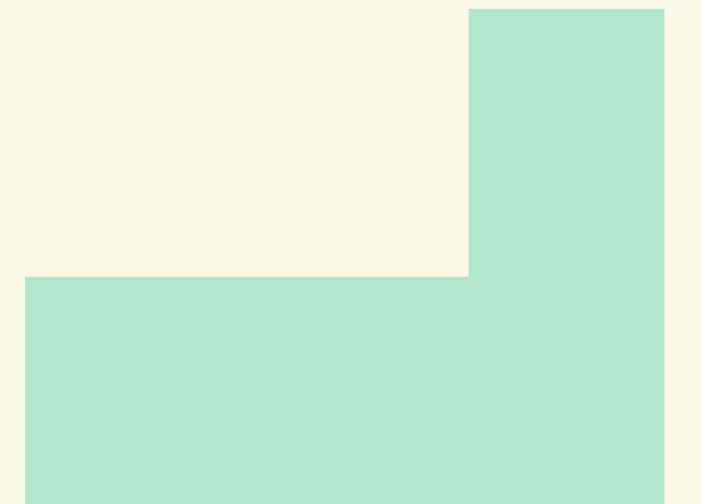


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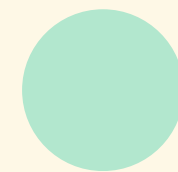


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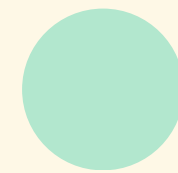
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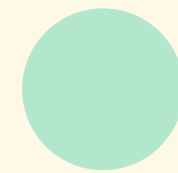
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Provides access to approximately 1.4 million artworks, 2.1 million photographs



Allows searching with text or image (match or similarity)



Advanced filters to narrow down results



12 Partner **Institutions**

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Examples

1 - Searching with an Image

Search by image ×



Drag an image here or [upload a file](#)
Supported formats: .tiff, .jpeg, .png

OR



https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/f9/Mona_Lisa%2C_by_Leonardo_da_Vinci%2C_from_C2RMF_natural_color.jpg

Examples

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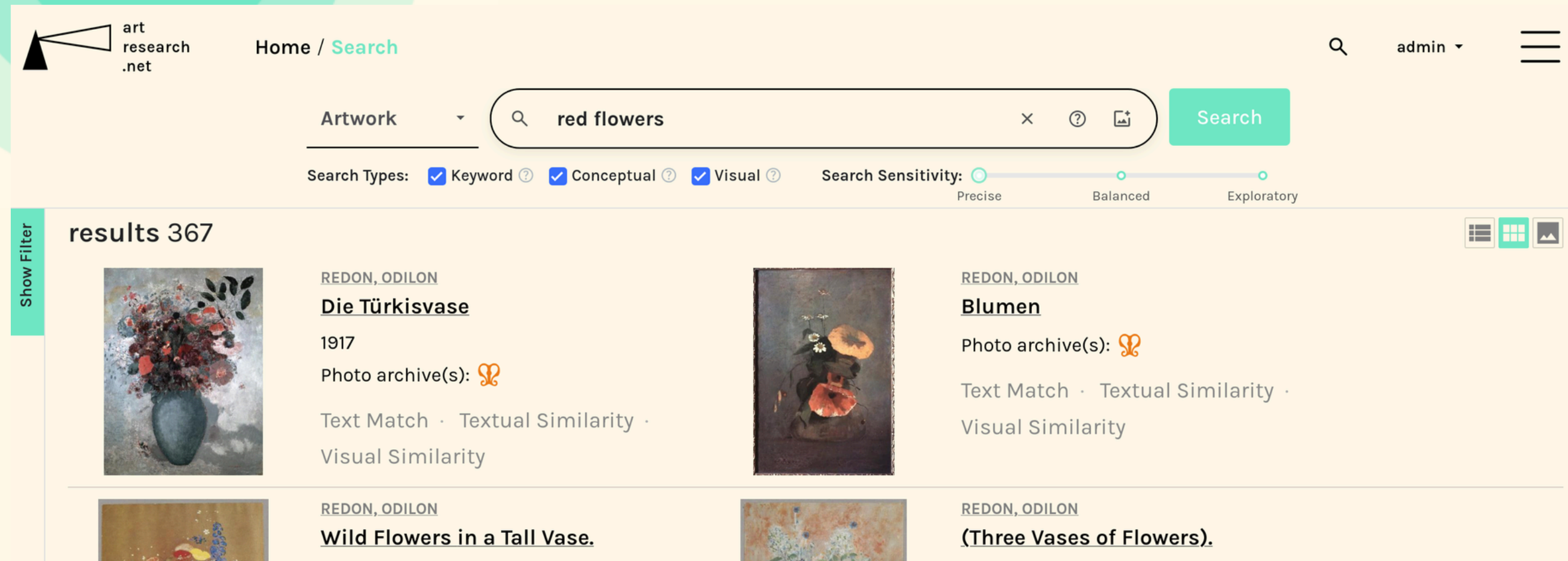
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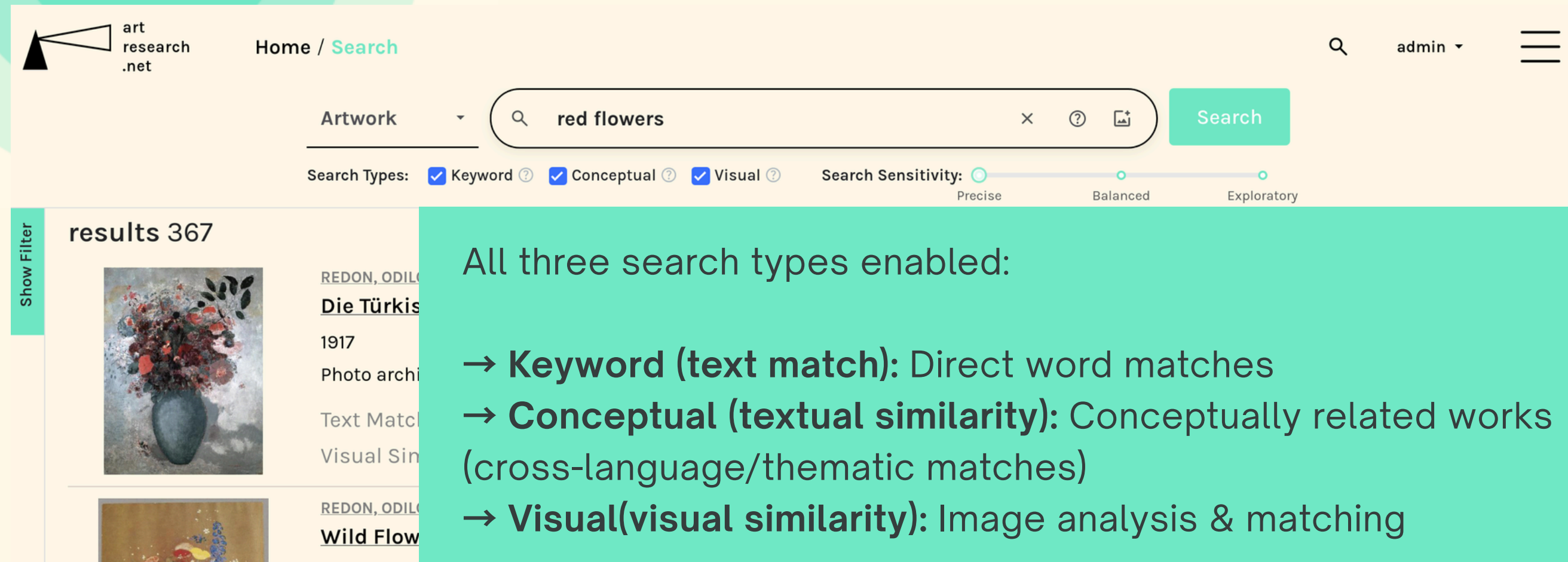
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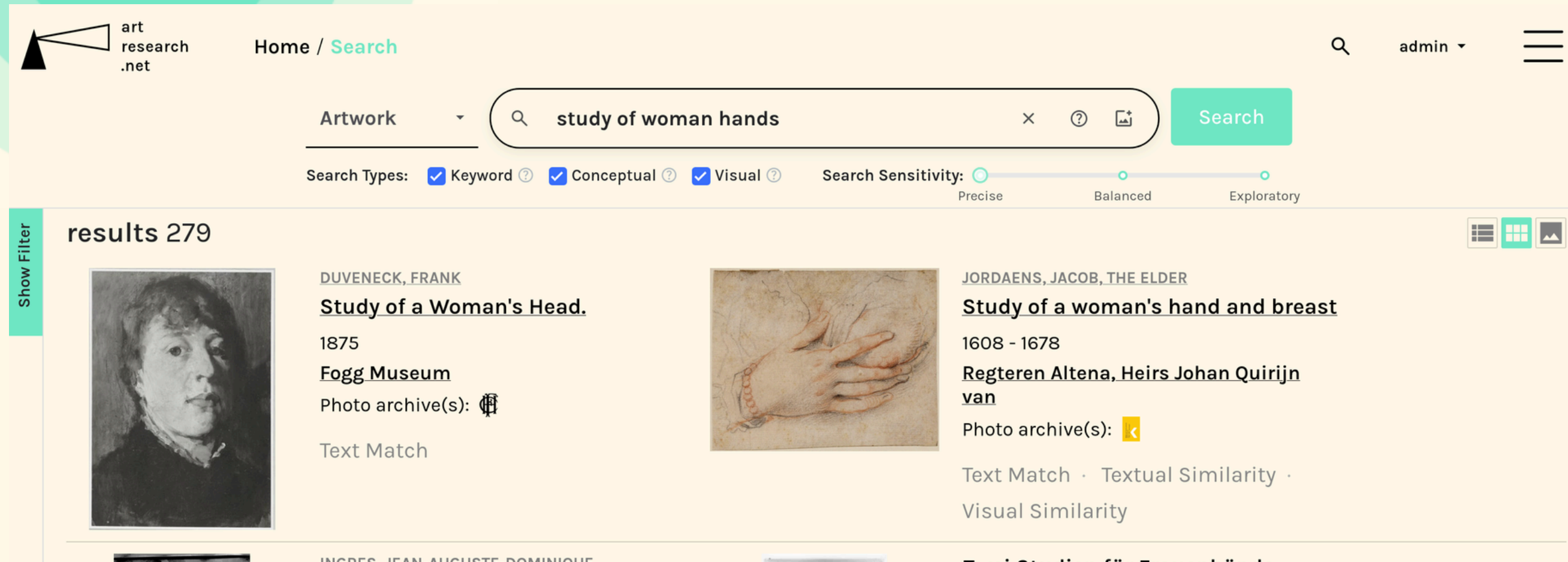
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All three search types enabled:

- **Keyword (text match):** Direct word matches
- **Conceptual (textual similarity):** Conceptually related works (cross-language/thematic matches)
- **Visual (visual similarity):** Image analysis & matching

Examples

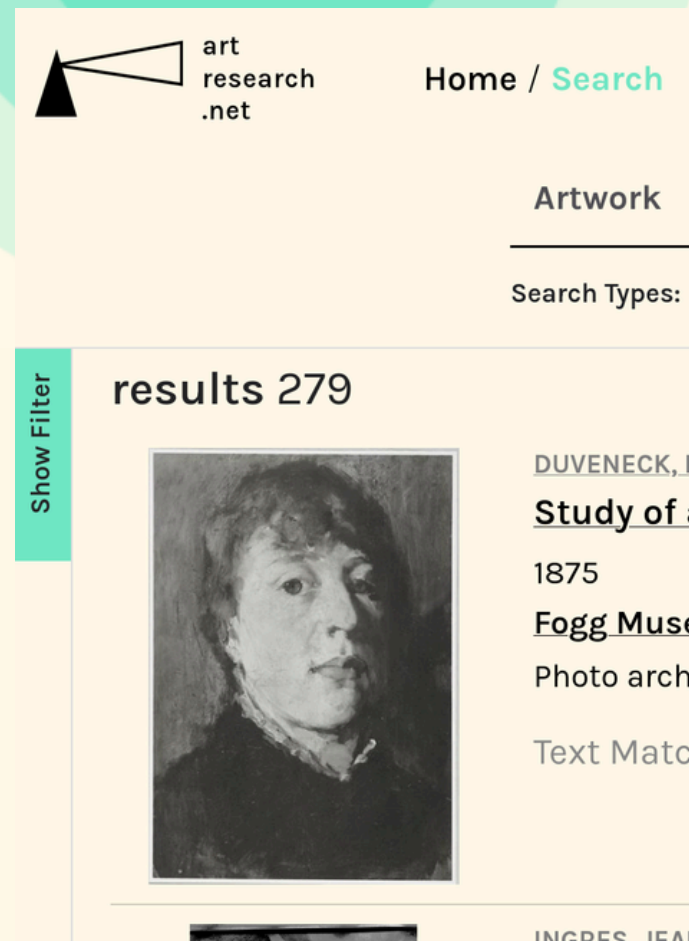
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Examples

2 - Text Search “*study of woman hands*”



Combined search engine understands intent by going beyond simple keyword matching

→ **Text Match:** Provides precision but lacks context, occasionally showing technically correct results that lack the searched subject

→ **Textual Similarity:** Conceptual matching bridges language gaps to find relevant works across different languages that simple keyword searches would overlook

→ **Visual Similarity:** AI image analysis provides a final verification layer, ensuring the image content actually depicts the subject and filtering out non-matching outliers



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