

# ALLTHEWEB LIVELSEARCH

## URLs

<http://www.alltheweb.com/>

<http://livesearch.alltheweb.com/>

## Key features

- suggests search strategies and changes the results list as you type in your search terms
- Refine Search by file type and site or domain
- uses Yahoo's database

## Search Options

<b>Default search type</b>	Searches for all of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	No
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "building society"
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	url: for pages with the term in their URL, for example url:chocolate
<b>Word in title</b>	title: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example title:chocolate
<b>Linked pages</b>	linkdomain: for example linkdomain:www.potato.org.uk
<b>Similar pages</b>	No
<b>Limit by domain/site</b>	site: for results from a particular type of domain, for example site:.ac.uk for academic sites in the UK, or to search one specific web site, for example site:statistics.gov.uk
<b>File type</b>	Use Refine Search. File types supported include PDF, Word, Excel, Powerpoint, RSS/XML.
<b>Cached copy available</b>	No.

<b>Boolean search</b>	AND, OR, NOT. (Must be in capitals).
<b>Specify language</b>	No
<b>Limit by country</b>	No
<b>Limit by date</b>	No
<b>Unique features</b>	Suggests strategies and displays results as you type.

# ASK

## URLs

<http://www.ask.com/>

<http://www.ask.co.uk/>

## Key features

- web results ranked in a different order compared with other search engines
- "Zoom" feature that suggests way of broadening or narrowing down your web search
- current news service covering the last 30 days of free articles on the web
- picture/image search often comes up with very different results compared with other engines
- excellent feed and blog search

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	All of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	No
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "climate change"
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words such as "the", "of"
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	inurl: for pages with the term in their URL, for example inurl:chocolate
<b>Word in title</b>	intitle: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example intitle:chocolate
<b>Linked pages</b>	No
<b>Similar pages</b>	No
<b>Limit by domain/site</b>	site: to limit by part of a domain name, for example site:uk for UK sites, or to search one specific web site, for example site:statistics.gov.uk
<b>File type</b>	No
<b>Cached copy available</b>	No.
<b>Boolean search</b>	OR (must be in capital letters)

<b>Specify language</b>	Advanced Search
<b>Limit by country</b>	Advanced Search - limits by continent/region, not individual country
<b>Limit by date</b>	Advanced Search
<b>Unique features</b>	"Zoom" - suggests strategies for narrowing and down and expanding your search

# EXALEAD

## URL

<http://www.exalead.com/>

## Key features

- wildcards for stemming words
- pattern matching ("regular expressions")
- phonetic search
- approximate spelling search
- NEAR proximity operator
- full Boolean search
- thumbnails of pages displayed in results
- related terms and categories displayed on the results page
- user specified shortcuts (Smart Bookmarks) to other search engines on the home page

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	All of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	Yes. Asterisk (*) at the end of words, for example <code>pollut*</code> . Also pattern matching/regular expressions for internal wildcards, for example <code>/psych.*ist/</code> or <code>/mpg(1 2 3)?/</code>
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	Phrases "....." For example "climate change". NEAR operator to search for terms within sixteen words of one another. Specify maximum number of words using NEAR/n, for example <code>climate NEAR/5 change</code>
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words such as "the", "of". The plus sign can also be used to disable automatic stemming if set up by the user under preferences.
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example <code>branson -balloon</code>
<b>Word in the URL</b>	<code>inurl:</code> for pages with the term in their URL, for example <code>inurl:chocolate</code>
<b>Word in title</b>	<code>intitle:</code> for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example <code>intitle:chocolate</code>
<b>Linked pages</b>	<code>link:</code> for example <code>link:rba.co.uk</code>

<b>Similar pages</b>	No
<b>Limit by domain/site</b>	<code>site:</code> to limit by part of a domain name, for example <code>site:uk</code> for UK sites or to search one specific web site, for example <code>site:statistics.gov.uk</code>
<b>File type</b>	<code>filetype:</code> for example <code>filetype:pdf</code> . Options for RSS, video and audio files only accessible via the buttons on the results page.
<b>Cached copy available</b>	Yes. Click on the thumbnail of the document in the results list, or on any area of the entry in the results list that is not hyperlinked.
<b>Boolean search</b>	AND, OR, NOT (must be in capital letters). Nested Boolean searches using parentheses supported, for example <code>(chocolate OR confectionery) AND (production OR manufacture) AND (Belgium OR Austria OR Switzerland)</code>
<b>Specify language</b>	<code>language:</code> followed by the ISO two letter country code, for example <code>language:de</code> for pages written in German.
<b>Limit by country</b>	Advanced Search
<b>Limit by date</b>	<code>date:</code> To limit your search to documents modified after a certain date. Use the format <code>dd/mm/yyyy</code> . For example:  <code>"peak oil" date:25/01/2006</code>
<b>Unique features</b>	Phonetic search  Approximate spelling search  NEAR command  <code>sort:</code> to sort your results by ascending or descending dates. For example <code>sort:new</code> or <code>sort:old</code>

# GIGABLAST

## URL

<http://www.gigablast.com/>

## Key features

- Giga Bits at the top of your results lists suggests related or similar searches
- automatically links to older copies of web pages in the Wayback Machine
- gives the date a page was indexed and any available information on when it was last modified

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	All of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	No
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "building society"
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before words for example +wind +farms
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	suburl: for pages with the term in their URL, for example suburl:chocolate
<b>Word in title</b>	title: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example title:chocolate
<b>Linked pages</b>	link: for pages that link to a known URL, for example link:www.potato.org.uk  Exclude your starting page or site by using -host: for example link:www.potato.org.uk -host:www.potato.org.uk
<b>Similar pages</b>	No
<b>Limit by domain/site</b>	suburl: to limit by part of a domain name, for example suburl:uk for UK sites site: to search one specific web site, for example site:statistics.gov.uk

<b>File type</b>	<code>type</code> : to specify a file type, for example <code>type:xls</code> PDF, Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Postscript files are currently supported.
<b>Cached copy available</b>	Yes.
<b>Boolean search</b>	AND, OR, AND NOT (must be in capital letters)
<b>Specify language</b>	No
<b>Limit by country</b>	No
<b>Limit by date</b>	No
<b>Unique features</b>	Giga Bits, Reference Pages and Related pages suggest alternative strategies and sources.  Results include links to text only versions of a page and to archived copies in the Wayback Machine.

# GOOGLE

## URLs

<http://www.google.com/>  
<http://www.google.co.uk/>

## Key features

- automatic stemming of terms and searching for variations of your search terms
- synonym search
- numeric range search
- separate services covering images, blogs, peer-reviewed articles (Google Scholar), digitised books (Google Books)
- usenet archive and Google Groups offering a 20 year archive of discussions
- Google Toolbar for your browser giving access to many of the Google search options straight from your browser

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	Searches for all of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	Automatically stems and looks for variations of your search terms.
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "building society" Asterisk * can be used to stand in for one or more words within a phrase.
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words such as "the", "of", "in" for example "accidents +in +the home". Also use the plus sign before a word to stop Google automatically stemming it.
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	inurl: for pages with the term in their URL, for example inurl:chocolate allinurl: for pages that contain all of your terms in the URL
<b>Word in title</b>	intitle: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example intitle:eiger allintitle: for pages that contain all of your terms in the title

**Linked pages**                      `link:` for pages that link to a known URL, for example  
`link:www.rba.co.uk`

**Similar pages**                      `related:` for related or similar pages, for example  
`related:www.rba.co.uk`

**Limit by domain/site**              `site:` for results from a particular type of domain, for  
example `site:.ac.uk` for academic sites in the UK or to  
search one specific web site, for example  
`site:statistics.gov.uk`

**File type**                              `filetype:` to specify a non-html document, for example  
`filetype:pdf`

File types supported include PDF, Word, RTF, Excel,  
PowerPoint, Postscript, WordPerfect

**Cached copy available**              Yes. Can be viewed from the results list. To search for a  
particular cached page use `cache:` for example  
`cache:www.rba.co.uk`

**Boolean search**                      OR - must be in capital letters

**Specify language**                      Yes - in Advanced Search

**Limit by country**                      Country versions of Google.

**Limit by date**                         Yes - in Advanced Search

**Unique features**                      Numeric range search. Syntax is 1<sup>st</sup> number..2<sup>nd</sup> number units  
of measurement, for example `1 . . 5 kg`

Synonym search - precede your term with a tilde (~) to  
automatically search for synonyms

`define:` searches for definitions of terms and abbreviations  
in online dictionaries and glossaries

# MSN SEARCH

## URLs

<http://search.msn.com/>  
<http://search.msn.co.uk/>  
<http://www.msn.com/>  
<http://www.msn.co.uk/>

## Key features

- feed: command for locating RSS and Atom feeds on a web site
- url: command for checking whether a domain or page is in the MSN Search index
- prefer: command increases the weighting and importance of a term in a search
- contains: to limit a search to pages that have links to a specified file type
- Results Ranking slider bars in Search Builder change the order in which results are listed
- accurate and reliable link and linkdomain commands

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	Searches for all of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	No
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "building society"
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words such as "the", "of", "in" for example "accidents +in +the home".
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	inurl: for pages with the term in their URL, for example inurl:chocolate
<b>Word in title</b>	intitle: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example intitle:eiger
<b>Linked pages</b>	link: to search for pages that link to a specific page, for example link:www.rba.co.uk/sources/  or linkdomain for pages that link to anywhere on a site, for example linkdomain:www.rba.co.uk
<b>Similar pages</b>	No

<b>Domain/site search</b>	<code>site:</code> For results from a particular type of domain, for example <code>site:.ac.uk</code> for academic sites in the UK or to search one specific web site, for example <code>site:statistics.gov.uk</code>
<b>File type</b>	<code>filetype:</code> to specify a non-html document, for example <code>filetype:pdf</code>
<b>Cached copy available</b>	Yes. Can be viewed from the results list.
<b>Boolean search</b>	AND, OR, NOT must be in capital letters
<b>Specify language</b>	Language:
<b>Limit by country</b>	<code>loc:</code> or <code>location:</code> or use Search Builder
<b>Limit by date</b>	No
<b>Unique features</b>	<code>feed:</code> - locates RSS and Atom feeds on a web site  <code>url:</code> - checks whether a domain or page is in the MSN Search index  <code>prefer:</code> -increases the weighting and importance of a term in a search  <code>contains:</code> - to limit a search to pages that have links to a specified file type

# YAHOO SEARCH

## URLs

<http://www.yahoo.com/>  
<http://www.yahoo.co.uk/>  
<http://search.yahoo.com/>  
<http://search.yahoo.co.uk/>  
<http://mindset.research.yahoo.com/>

## Key features

- wide range of file formats included in its index
- advanced search option to limit your search to RSS/XML formats
- link and linkdomain commands
- full Boolean search support
- Yahoo Mindset project for changing the order of your results

## Search options

<b>Default search type</b>	Searches for all of your words
<b>Case sensitive?</b>	No
<b>Wildcard/Truncation</b>	No
<b>Phrases and proximity</b>	"....." For example "building society"
<b>Mandatory search terms</b>	Plus sign (+) before stop words such as "the", "of", "in" for example "accidents +in +the home".
<b>Exclude pages containing a term</b>	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
<b>Word in the URL</b>	inurl: for pages with the term in their URL, for example inurl:chocolate
<b>Word in title</b>	intitle: for pages that contain the adjacent word in the title, for example intitle:eiger
<b>Linked pages</b>	link: to search for pages that link to a specific page, for example link:http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/  or linkdomain for pages that link to anywhere on a site, for example linkdomain:www.rba.co.uk
<b>Similar pages</b>	No

<b>Domain or site search</b>	<code>site:</code> For results from a particular type of domain, for example <code>site:.ac.uk</code> for academic sites in the UK or to search one specific web site, for example <code>site:statistics.gov.uk</code>
<b>File type</b>	Only in Advanced Search screen
<b>Cached copy available</b>	Yes. Can be viewed from the results list.
<b>Boolean search</b>	AND, OR, NOT must be in capital letters
<b>Specify language</b>	Only in Advanced Search screen
<b>Limit by country</b>	Only in Advanced Search screen
<b>Limit by date</b>	Only in Advanced Search screen
<b>Unique features</b>	Yahoo Mindset can be used to change the order in which results are sorted, ranging from "shopping" to "researching".