

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

Default search type	Searches for all of your words
Case sensitive?	No
Wildcard/Truncation	Automatically stems and looks for variations of your search terms.
Phrases and proximity	"....." For example "building society" Asterisk * can be used to stand in for one or more words within a phrase.
Mandatory search terms	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.
Exclude pages containing a term	Minus sign (-) before the word, for example branson -balloon
Word in the URL	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
Word in title	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 1st number..2nd 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