

## General Business Portals & Search Tools

1. Alacrawiki [www.alacrawiki.com](http://www.alacrawiki.com)
2. Alacra Search [www.alacra.com/alacraresearch](http://www.alacra.com/alacraresearch)
3. Biznar [www.biznar.com](http://www.biznar.com)
4. Business Essentials on the Web <http://bl-business-essentials.wikispaces.com/>
5. FITA [www.fita.org](http://www.fita.org)
6. Intute Social Sciences- Business [www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/business/](http://www.intute.ac.uk/socialsciences/business/)
7. RBA Business Information Sources [www.rba.co.uk/sources/](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/)

## Country Specific

8. Phil Bradley's list of Regional Search Engines [www.philb.com/countrysse.htm](http://www.philb.com/countrysse.htm)
9. Search Engine Colossus [www.searchenginecolossus.com](http://www.searchenginecolossus.com)
10. European Search Engines [www.netmasters.co.uk/european\\_search\\_engines/](http://www.netmasters.co.uk/european_search_engines/)

## News Sources

### General and multi-source sites

11. BBC News [www.bbc.co.uk/news/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/)
12. Chipwrapper [www.chipwrapper.co.uk](http://www.chipwrapper.co.uk)
13. Factiva [www.factiva.com](http://www.factiva.com) (priced)
14. Google [news.google.co.uk](http://news.google.co.uk)
15. LexisNexis [www.lexisnexis.com](http://www.lexisnexis.com) (priced)
16. Silobreaker [www.silobreaker.com](http://www.silobreaker.com)

### Finding individual newspapers

17. Abyz News Links [www.abyznewslinks.com](http://www.abyznewslinks.com)
18. Kidon Media-Link [www.kidon.com/media-link/](http://www.kidon.com/media-link/)

## Telephone Directories

19. Telephone Directories on the Web [www.infobel.com/teldir/](http://www.infobel.com/teldir/)

## Company Directories

20. A Taste of Mint [mintportal.bvdep.com](http://mintportal.bvdep.com)
21. FITA Directories [fita.org/webindex/browse.cgi/Entering\\_International\\_Markets/Business\\_Directories\\_and\\_Trade\\_Information](http://fita.org/webindex/browse.cgi/Entering_International_Markets/Business_Directories_and_Trade_Information)
22. RBA Company Directories [www.rba.co.uk/sources/directs.htm](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/directs.htm)

## Official Company Registers

23. Official Company Register [www.rba.co.uk/sources/registers.htm](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/registers.htm)
24. Company Registration around the World [www.commercial-register.sg.ch/home/worldwide.html](http://www.commercial-register.sg.ch/home/worldwide.html)
25. Companies House [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk)

## Trade Associations

26. Trade Association Forum (TAF) [www.taforum.org](http://www.taforum.org)

## Chambers of Commerce

27. World Chambers [www.worldchambers.com](http://www.worldchambers.com)
28. British Chambers of Commerce [www.chamberonline.co.uk](http://www.chamberonline.co.uk)

## Market Research & Statistics

29. Market Research Portal [www.marketresearchworld.net](http://www.marketresearchworld.net)
30. Nation Master [www.nationmaster.com](http://www.nationmaster.com)
31. National Statistics Online [www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/default.asp)
32. Official Statistics on the Web [www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz/)
33. ResearchWikis [www.researchwikis.com](http://www.researchwikis.com) (priced)
34. RBA Statistics Sources [www.rba.co.uk/sources/stats.htm](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/stats.htm)

## Market Research Aggregators

35. MarketResearch.com [www.marketresearch.com](http://www.marketresearch.com) (priced)
36. MindBranch [www.mindbranch.com](http://www.mindbranch.com) (priced)
37. Report Buyer [www.reportbuyer.com](http://www.reportbuyer.com) (priced)
38. Research & Markets [www.researchandmarkets.com](http://www.researchandmarkets.com) (priced)

## Direct Marketing

39. RBA Direct Marketing Lists [www.rba.co.uk/sources/marketing.htm](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/marketing.htm)
40. MarketingFile [marketingfile.com](http://marketingfile.com)

## Stock Markets

41. Stock Markets & Share Price Information [www.rba.co.uk/sources/stocks.htm](http://www.rba.co.uk/sources/stocks.htm)
42. Google Finance [www.google.com/finance](http://www.google.com/finance)
43. Wikinvest Research about Companies, Investment, Concepts [www.wikinvest.com/](http://www.wikinvest.com/)
44. Yahoo Finance [www.yahoo.co.uk](http://www.yahoo.co.uk) (or any country version) and click on the Finance link

## Government

45. DirectionlessGov [www.directionlessgov.com](http://www.directionlessgov.com)
46. LGSearch [www.lgsearch.net](http://www.lgsearch.net)

## Biographies & People

47. 123people.com | people search [www.123people.com/](http://www.123people.com/)
48. Search for People, Businesses and Places - 192.com [www.192.com](http://www.192.com)
49. Internet Public Library: Biographies [www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ref15.00.00/](http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ref15.00.00/)
50. LinkedIn [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

## General Search Tools

Bing (formerly Live) [www.bing.com](http://www.bing.com)  
Exalead [www.exalead.com](http://www.exalead.com)  
Gigablast [www.gigablast.com](http://www.gigablast.com)  
Google [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)  
iSeek [www.iseek.com](http://www.iseek.com)  
MSE360 [www.mse360.com](http://www.mse360.com)  
Yahoo [search.yahoo.co.uk](http://search.yahoo.co.uk)

DocJax.com - The Document Search Engine  
[www.docjax.com](http://www.docjax.com)

## Multiple Search Engine Tools

AllPlus [www.allplus.com](http://www.allplus.com)  
Browsys Finder [www.browsys.com/finder](http://www.browsys.com/finder)  
Clusty [www.clusty.com](http://www.clusty.com)  
IxQuick [www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com)  
Zuula [www.zuula.com](http://www.zuula.com)

## Blogs

Blogpulse [www.blogpulse.com](http://www.blogpulse.com)  
Google Blogsearch [www.google.com/blogsearch](http://www.google.com/blogsearch)  
Technorati [www.technorati.com](http://www.technorati.com)

## Twitter

Twitter Search <http://search.twitter.com/>  
Twazzup <http://www.twazzup.com/>

## Discussion lists

JISC Mail [www.jiscmail.ac.uk](http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk)  
Buslib-L  
<http://list1.ucc.nau.edu/archives/buslib-l.html>

<http://www.rba.co.uk/search/list.pdf> December 2009

## Top 10 Search Tips

1. Think before you Google! Are evaluated subject listings and directories more appropriate? How about free and priced databases? Try specialist tools such as Scirus, TechXtra. Use a range of search tools for example Google, Yahoo, Bing, Exalead.
2. Try and imagine how your perfect page would look and search for terms you would like to appear in that page.
3. Use double quote marks around phrases to look for words immediately next to one another, for example "air quality"
4. Repeat the most important term or terms in your search one or more times.
5. Change the order of the words in your search strategy to see a different set of results. Search engines tend to 'think' in phrases.
6. Search for pages that have links to a known page. This gives you an idea of the authority of a page and is a way of finding similar pages.
7. Limit by type of file or format, for example PDF, Word, Excel, PPT.
8. Limit by type of site or domain to look for a specific type of organisation, for example .gov.uk for UK government, or to search within a site.
9. In Google, click on Show Options at the top of your results lists for additional ways of narrowing down your search
10. Have a look at Advanced Search in your favourite search tool for a greater range of options.

# Business Information & Key Starting Points & Search Tools

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