



## Best Search Tools Chart

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Selected Internet Search Engines				
Search Engine	Database	Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
<b>Google</b> <a href="http://google.com">google.com</a> <a href="#">Advanced Search</a> . <a href="#">Subject Directory</a> <i>(enhanced <a href="#">Open Directory</a>)</i> . Ranks based on popularity (#of pages linked from).	Full text of web pages, .pdf, .doc, .xls, .ps, .wpd, <a href="#">others</a> (about 8B, incl. 1B partially indexed URLs). <b>Plus:</b> <a href="#">News</a> updated continuously (4500 sources); <a href="#">Images</a> ; and <a href="#">Groups</a> : <i>Usenet posts 1981-</i> , <a href="#">Froogle</a> and <a href="#">Catalogs</a> (shopping), <a href="#">Google Scholar</a> and <a href="#">Google Print</a> .	AND ( <i>default</i> ) OR ( <i>capitalized</i> ) + to include <a href="#">stop (common) words</a> or to require specific domain in URL or on page (e.g., +edu). - to remove.	* wildcard in phrases to replace word(s) (e.g., " <b>to * or * * *</b> "). Stems some words (+ to turn off). Quotes for phrase. <b>Fields:</b> intitle:, inurl:, link:, site:, <a href="#">more</a> . <a href="#">Uncle Sam</a> (.gov & .mil) Can search within subject directory categories in Directory. <b>Similar pages</b> - <i>finds related sites</i> .	Spell checker. <b>Caches</b> indexed pages - <i>great for finding 404s</i> 50+ languages. <a href="#">Translates</a> 5 European and 3 Asian languages . <a href="#">International Searches</a> . ~ searches synonyms (~ <b>food</b> ) <b>Tools:</b> <a href="#">math/equivalents calculator</a> , <a href="#">define word</a> , <a href="#">phone book</a> , <a href="#">maps</a> , <a href="#">stocks</a> .
<b>Yahoo! search</b> <a href="http://search.yahoo.com">search.yahoo.com</a> <a href="#">Advanced Search</a> . <a href="#">Yahoo! Directory</a> . Ranks based on relevancy (occurrence of terms).	Full text of web pages (about 4+B), .pdf, .ps, flash, and others. <b>Plus:</b> <a href="#">News</a> (7000 sources) - <a href="#">Images</a> - <a href="#">Maps</a> - <a href="#">People</a> - <a href="#">Yellow Pages</a> - <a href="#">Travel</a> - <a href="#">Products</a>	AND ( <i>default</i> ). <i>Accepts:</i> AND, OR, AND NOT, NOT and ( ) <i>for nesting</i> . Operators must be capitalized. - to remove. + to include common words: " <b>+in touch</b> "	No truncation. Quotes for phrase. Limit by date, language, domain, file type, and country in Adv Srch. <b>Fields:</b> intitle:, inurl:, link, site, url, hostname.	Spell checker. <b>Caches</b> indexed pages - <i>great for finding 404s</i> <b>Related:</b> following search results suggests search terms. <b>Shortcuts</b> give quick access to dictionary, synonyms, ISBNs, patents, traffic, stocks, encyclopedia, & <a href="#">more</a> .
<b>Teoma</b> <a href="http://teoma.com">teoma.com</a> <a href="#">Advanced Search</a> . Ranks based on # of subject-specific pages linked from.	Full text of web pages (about 1.5B).	AND ( <i>default</i> ). OR ( <i>capitalized</i> ). + or quotes to include stop (common) words. - to remove.	No truncation. Quotes for phrase. <b>Fields:</b> intitle: inurl: site: geoloc: lang: last: afterdate: beforedate: betweendate:	Spell checker. Clusters results: <b>Refine</b> suggests ways to refine your search. <b>Resources</b> provides expert pages and links pages on topic searched.
<b>Ask Jeeves</b> <a href="http://www.ask.com">www.ask.com</a>	Results from Teoma database. <b>Plus:</b> Product search searches <a href="#">PriceGrabber.com</a> ; Pictures search uses <a href="#">Picsearch.com</a> ; News search uses <a href="#">Moreover.com</a> .	Same as Teoma. For some simple questions, an "ASK" window appears and offers " <a href="#">Smart Answers</a> " from a database of screened answers.	Same as Teoma. Once you've clicked on a search result, click on <i>Remove Frame</i> (on top right) to see the URL of the page.	Spell checker. <b>Tools:</b> <a href="#">weather</a> in city, <a href="#">stock quotes</a> , <a href="#">conversions calculator</a> .
<b>Ask Jeeves for Kids</b> . <a href="http://www.ajkids.com">www.ajkids.com</a>	Good answers for simple questions. Also safe, entertaining <a href="#">games</a> for kids; <a href="#">news</a> by age groups.	Natural language questions, not Boolean searches.	Click <i>No frames</i> above search result to see URL of answer page.	Links to Study Tools (Dictionary, Biography, Science, Atlas, Math Help, History, and more).
Selected Internet Meta-Search Engines				
Meta-Search Engine	Database	Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
<b>Vivisimo</b> <a href="http://vivisimo.com">vivisimo.com</a>	Searches Netscape, MSN, Lycos, LookSmart, & more. Selection varies. (Select in <a href="#">Adv Search</a> ).	AND ( <i>default</i> ), OR, - to exclude. "Translates" complex searches to what each search engine "understands."	Also searches subject engines on topics such as News, Business, Technology, & Sports.	Clusters results. Good for current events and multi-faceted topics.
<b>Dogpile</b> <a href="http://dogpile.com">dogpile.com</a>	Searches Google, Yahoo, AltaVista, Teoma/Ask Jeeves, About.com, FAST, FindWhat, LookSmart, and more. Selection varies.	In <a href="#">Adv Search</a> , accepts AND, OR, and ANDNOT.	Can display results by relevancy, with duplicates removed, or by individual search engine consulted.	Spell checker. In Preferences, can highlight search terms. Clusters results. Good for current events and multi-faceted topics.

### Selected Internet Subject Directories

Subject Directory	Database	Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
<p><b><a href="#">Librarians' Index to the Internet</a></b>  <a href="#">lii.org</a>  <a href="#">Advanced Search.</a></p>	Resources useful to public library users, evaluated & annotated by librarians. (about 14K).	AND ( <i>default</i> ), OR, NOT, Nesting ( ).	Quotes for phrase. Stems automatically ( <i>can turn off</i> ). * to truncate. <b>Searchable Fields (Advanced Search only):</b> subject; title; description; URL; author; publisher.	Browse topics <a href="#">hierarchically</a> (general to specific) or by <a href="#">subject headings</a> used. " <b>Top 20 subjects</b> " (upper right in results) allows browsing only the top headings relative to a search.
<p><b>Yahoo</b>  <a href="#">dir.yahoo.com</a>  <i>This searches the Yahoo Directory of subject-categorized sites.</i></p>	Submitted web pages ( <i>about 2M</i> ).	AND ( <i>default</i> ) OR ( <i>capitalize</i> ) - to remove.	Quotes for phrase. * to truncate. <b>Fields:</b> t:title; u:URL	Many services in Yahoo: <b>News:</b> hourly. <b>Sports:</b> scores, etc. <b>Maps, Weather, Shopping</b>
<p><b>INFOMINE</b>  <a href="#">infomine.ucr.edu</a>  <a href="#">Advanced Search.</a></p>	Scholarly Internet resources, selected and annotated by ( <i>mostly</i> ) UC librarians. ( <i>about 120K</i> ).	AND ( <i>default</i> ), OR, NEAR, Nesting ( ).	Quotes for phrase; pipes ( <i> term</i> ) for exact word or words; Stemming ( <i>can turn on or off in Advanced</i> ); * to truncate. <b>Fields:</b> subject; title; author; keyword; description.	Can search all databases or individually. Can browse by subjects in each database.
<p><b>Academic Info</b>  <a href="#">academicinfo.net</a></p>	College and research level ( <i>also useful for high school</i> ) Internet resources selected and annotated by librarian Michael Madin. ( <i>about 25K</i> ).	AND, OR ( <i>default</i> ), NOT, Nesting ( ).	None.	Can <a href="#">browse by subject</a> . Links to college degree programs, test prep. sites, reference resources, and other resources of value to students.

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