

Finding the Needle in the Haystack using the Internet

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Google

“Google Advanced Search” – use Google as an alternative to search across collection.

Operands and Symbols

OR	To search for one word or another
+	Force Google to Include Word
-	Exclude Word
Site:	Use to Specifically Search on a specific site or path
“ “	Exact Phrase
..	A Range, e.g. \$10..\$20

Google Books

<https://books.google.com/>

Use Search Tools to Only Include Free Books

Use Time to Search for Relevant Dates, e.g. 19th Century

Google Translate

<https://translate.google.com/>

You can translate words and use the translated word to search for what you are looking for. E.g. Munich Genealogy - München Genealogie one click away from

Website Disappear?

Use Wayback Machine <https://archive.org/web/>

California Vital Searches by Date www.sfgenealogy.com



Advanced Search

Find pages with...

all these words:

this exact word or phrase:

any of these words:

none of these words:

numbers ranging from: to

To do this in the search box

Type the important words: tricolor rat terrier

Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"

Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard

Put a minus sign just before words you don't want:
-rodent, -"Jack Russell"

Put 2 periods between the numbers and add a unit of measure:
10..35 lb, \$300..\$500, 2010..2011

Then narrow your results by...

language: Find pages in the language you select.

region: Find pages published in a particular region.

last update: Find pages updated within the time you specify.

site or domain: Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain like .edu, .org or .gov

terms appearing: Search for terms in the whole page, page title, or web address, or links to the page you're looking for.

SafeSearch: Tell SafeSearch whether to filter sexually explicit content.

file type: Find pages in the format you prefer.

usage rights: Find pages you are free to use yourself.

Advanced Search

You can also...

- [Find pages that are similar to, or link to, a URL](#)
- [Search pages you've visited](#)
- [Use operators in the search box](#)
- [Customize your search settings](#)

Above Advanced Search