

search language

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quick reference sheet

Default boolean operator: AND. Max search terms: 32. Truncation automatic. Use verbatim. Cancelled: operators + and ~
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boolean			
AND	[space]	Returns all sets or concepts	p q
OR	OR	Selects either or all sets or concepts	p OR q p q
NOT	not -	excludes a set or concept	p -q

word logic			
Adjacency	" * "	Terms next to each other in that order. Wildcard allowed, one asterisk one word	"chemical weapons" "chemical * weapons" "chemical * * weapons"
Proximity	AROUND (x)	Terms next to each other in any order. x=16	india AROUND pakistan india AROUND(9) pakistan

meta data			
Country	&cr=countryXX	Limit results to countries of origin where XX is a two letter country code abbreviation	google.nl/search?q=greece&cr=countryNL
Language	&lr=lang_XX	Limit results to languages, where XX is a two letter language code abbreviation in lower case	google.nl/search?q=greece&lr=lang_FR
Title	intitle:	Limits results to titlewords only	intitle:word intitle:(word word)
Title	allintitle:	All the terms should appear in the title	allintitle:pear apple banana
URL	inurl:	Limits results to terms in the URL only	inurl:domain.com inurl:domain.com/intro inurl:(.net .com) inurl:(.net OR .com)
URL	allinurl:	Searches for multiple terms in the URL	allinurl:intro google to find results like http://a.c/an-introduction-to-google
Format	filetype: ext:	Limits results by format ppt, pptx, pdf, doc, wav a.o.	filetype:pdf ext:pptx
Date	&as_qdr=XN	Limit results by date (filedate). X=y m d h, N is an integer.	&as_qdr=y2 limit to the last 2 years &as_qdr=m3 limit to the last 3 months &as_qdr=h12 limit to the last 12 hours
Domain	site:	Limits results to top level domain only	site:de
Anchor	inanchor:	Returns results with searchterms in the text of an anchor	inanchor:search returns search strategies
Anchor	allinanchor:	All terms to appear in the anchor text. Also see 'Link:'	allinanchor:search internet manual
Text	intext:	Limit results to words appearing in the body of the text	intext:osint
Text	allintext:	Limit results to all the search terms in the body of the text	allintext:osint sigint humint
Related to page	related:	Retrieves pages similar in content	related:www.afp.fr to return pages that are similar to AFP
Information about	info: id:	Returns information about a page	info:www.opensourceintelligence.eu

Link	link:	Returns pages that link to the site	link:www.cnn.com returns pages that link to CNN
Cache	cache:	Returns the cached version of a page	cache:www.reuser.biz
Number of results	&num=XX	Display XX number of results where 1<XX<100	google.com/search?q=greece&num=40
Relay	/ncr	No Country Relay. Go to Google.com instead of being referred to a local version	google.com/ncr
Filtering	&filter=0 1	Turn on or off, filtering of results to include or exclude similar results.	&filter=0
Personalise	&pws=0 1	Turn personalised results on or off.	&pwd=0
Safe search	&safe=0 1	Turn safe search on or off.	&safe=0

weighted term logic

Order		Change the order of terms to put the most significant one first to give that term more weight.	china sudan sudan china
Repeat		Repeat a term multiple times to put more weight on that term	china sudan sudan sudan

shortcuts

Dictionary	define:	Returns a definition of the term from a dictionary	define:tsunami
Translate	translate [phrase] [language]	Translate the phrase into the language given	translate "arbeidsvoorwaarden" english
Calculator	integer + * ^ - ()	online calculator for basic computations	(22.5*3)+4+56^2
Time	time [city]	Returns the time in any large city worldwide	time amsterdam
Range	#..#	Returns results falling within the range indicated	calibre 12..50mm 2002..2006 bicycle \$300..999
Weather [city]	weather amsterdam	Returns a weather report about city	weather amsterdam
Converter	integer unit to unit	Converts one unit to the other. Like weights, lengths, numbers, currencies etc.	convert 10 stone to kilo convert 10 miles to kilometres convert 10 lbs to kilo

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Author	author:	Limits results to author fields only	author:reuser
Title	insubject:	Limits results to terms in the subject field only	insubject:conflict

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Source	source:	Limit results to terms in the source field only	source:guardian
Location	location:	Limit results to terms in the location field only	location:quadronia