



Search Tools Chart

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Selected Internet Subject Directories				
Subject Directory	Database	Boolean	Other Search	Miscellaneous
Librarians' Index to the Internet lri.org	Resources useful to public library users, evaluated & annotated by librarians. (5,500+).	AND (default), OR, NOT	* to truncate. Fields: subject; title; or annotation.	Ranked: Best of... Directories Databases Specific Resources Browse list of all subjects assigned.
Yahoo www.yahoo.com Search defaults to Inktomi if nothing found in Yahoo. Advanced Search .	Submitted Web pages (2 million+) Topic & region specific Yahoos - Kids (Yahooligans), Japan, SF Bay, etc.	+ to require. - to remove. AND (default), OR (options only)	Quotes for phrase. * to truncate. Fields: t:title; u:URL	News: hourly Stocks: etc. Sports: scores, etc. Maps, Weather Ratings:  indicates best content.
INFOMINE infomine.ucr.edu	Scholarly Internet resources, selected and annotated by UC librarians. (15,000+).	AND (default), OR, Nesting ().	Automatic truncation. Fields: subject; title; or keyword.	Can search all Databases or by specific one.
Britannica.com britannica.com Advanced Search allows an Internet search of the Searchopolis search engine (100 million), filtered by N2H2 .	Full-text of Encyclopedia Britannica (72,000+ articles) Rated and annotated Web sites (125,000+). Full-text articles from 70+ magazines.	+ to require. - to remove. OR (default), AND, ADJ w/in 15 wds), Nesting ().	Quotes for phrase. * to truncate.	Can sort Web's Best Sites results by topic. Sites rated (1-5 stars). Related Books to Barnes & Noble. News from <i>Washington Post</i> .
Selected Internet Meta-Search Engines				
Subject Directory	Database	Boolean	Other Search	Miscellaneous
MetaCrawler www.metacrawler.com Power Search .	Searches AltaVista, Excite, Infoseek, Lycos, Thunderstone , WebCrawler, Yahoo, LookSmart, and About.com.	+ to require. - to remove. AND (all) - default, OR (any), PHRASE.	Quotes for phrase. Power Search: limit to region or domain	Also searches Newsgroups. MetaSpy shows most recent searches by others.
Dogpile www.dogpile.com Also has MetaFind . www.metafind.com	Searches 25 WWW, Usenet, and News search engines, 3 at a time.	AND - default, OR, NOT, NEAR, Nesting ().	Quotes for phrase.	Great feature: Can customize the order of databases searched.
Ask Jeeves www.aj.com Also has Ask Jeeves for Kids . www.ajkids.com	Answers to 2 million+ questions from evaluated sites and searches AltaVista, Infoseek, WebCrawler, Excite, and About.com.	No Boolean - use natural language.	Quotes for phrases is useful for metasearch results.	Good for simple questions. Use <i>Remove Frames</i> feature to see URL of search result.

Selected Internet Search Engines				
Search Engine	Database	Boolean	Other search options	Miscellaneous
Google www.google.com No Subject Directory	Full text of Web pages (90 million) <i>Caches indexed pages</i>	AND - <i>default</i> . + <i>only</i> to include stop words . - to remove.	Quotes for phrase. Fields: link: flink: related: (GoogleScout) Uncle Sam (.gov & .mil)	Ranks searches based on number of links to a page. Best for relevancy of results
Northern Light www.northernlight.com Power Search . No Subject Directory.	Full text of Web pages (180 million) Special Collection (5,400 print resources - fee-based).	+ to require. - to remove. AND - <i>default</i> , OR, NOT. Nesting (). Stems plurals.	Quotes for phrase. * truncates multiple. % truncates single. Can limit by date, language. Fields: title: text: URL:	Results sorted into folders <i>Current News</i> (15 minutes - 2 weeks) <i>Special Edition</i> (in-depth major news stories)
AltaVista www.altavista.com Advanced Search . Subject Directory (<i>Open Directory & LookSmart</i>).	Full text of Web pages (200 million) <i>Ask Jeeves</i> question answers (1-2 million) Usenet group postings (14,000) <i>RealNames</i> corporate, product finder.	+ to require. - to remove. Phrase (if detected) then Fuzzy OR - <i>default</i> . Advanced Search only: AND, OR, AND NOT, NEAR, Nesting ().	Quotes for phrase. * to truncate. Case-sensitive. Can use "natural" language. Limit by date, language. Fields: domain: host: image: title: url: link: text: anchor: applet:	Automatic phrase detection Spell checker Services: Image , Audio & Video Search , Translations (5 languages), Tools & Gadgets ready reference tools
HotBot hotbot.lycos.com Advanced Search . Subject Directory (<i>Open Directory</i>).	Full text of Web pages (110 million) Partner Databases: Cars (Autoweb), Jobs (CareerBuilder), Stocks (Stockpoint), News (30 days worth), E-mail & White Pages (BigYellow), Yellow Pges (At Hand)	+ to require. - to remove. AND - <i>default</i> (all of these words); OR (any of these words); NOT: and PHRASE (<i>can also use quotes</i>) Select Boolean and can nest ().	Quotes for phrase. * to truncate. Case-sensitive. From drop-down box: search by title, person, link, or Boolean. Can limit by language, date, location, page depth. Fields: title: domain: feature:, etc.	Can group results. <i>Direct Hit</i> gives most popular. <i>Media type</i> - can search for pages containing specific technologies like JavaScript or Shockwave or images, audio, etc. Owned by Lycos.
Go Network www.go.com <i>powered by Infoseek</i> Advanced Search . Subject Directory.	Full text of Web pages (75 million) News (Reuters), Companies (Hoover's Online), and Usenet groups (Deja.com).	+ to require. - to remove. Do not use AND or OR (<i>default</i>), it searches ALL words. Stems (<i>except "ing"</i>)	Quotes for phrase. No truncation. Case-sensitive. Can sort by date. Refine result set. Fields: title: alt: url: link: site: Similar searches.	From Advanced Search: usenet, people finder, companies, stocks, news, shareware, reference (maps, zip+4, dictionary, etc.) Go translator Goguardian - kid safe filter
Excite www.excite.com Advanced Search . Subject Directory.	Keywords of Web pages (60 million) - <i>including most archived mailing lists</i> , Great for conceptual searching.	AND, OR (<i>default</i>), AND NOT, Nesting (). <i>Using Boolean operators (CAPS) turns off concept searching feature.</i>	+ to require. - to remove. Quotes for phrase. No truncation, so use multiple forms of a keyword.	Can group results. <i>News Channel:</i> Search current news of over 300 magazines & newspapers. <i>Travel Channel:</i> 5,000 destinations <i>Reviews:</i> 25,000+
Lycos www.lycos.com Advanced Search . Subject Directory.	Full text of Web pages (50 million) Partner Databases: FTP Search (Fast ASA) (100 million+ files) Mp3 Search (Fast ASA) (500,000+ CD-quality music files)	+ to require. - to remove. Advanced Search: AND (<i>default</i>), OR, NOT, ADJ, NEAR, FAR, BEFORE.	Quotes for phrase. Can refine results. No truncation. Advanced Search: "natural" language; set relevancy. Also search by title, URL text, type of file, sounds, pictures.	Pictures & Sounds - Image Gallery of 80,000+, can also search for Web pictures, sounds, and MP3 files Top 5%: subject directory of reviewed sites Search Guard - kid safe filter