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Google Search Operators Cheat Sheet

A comprehensive cheat sheet for Google Search operators, providing quick references and examples to refine your search queries effectively.

Basic Search Operators

Keyword Matching & Boolean Operators

`""` (Exact Match)	Encloses a phrase to search for the exact words in that order. Prevents synonyms. **Example:** `"red apple"`
`OR`	Find pages containing either keyword. Must be in ALL CAPS. Use `|` as alternative. **Example:** `apples OR oranges` or `apples | oranges`
`AND`	Google defaults to AND between words. **Example:** `apples AND oranges`
`-` (Exclusion)	Excludes a specific word from the search results. **Example:** `apples -mac`
`*` (Wildcard)	Acts as a wildcard, matching any word or phrase in its place. **Example:** `best * pie recipe`
`#..#` (Number Range)	Searches for numbers within a range. **Example:** `camera $50..$100`

Currency & Unit Conversion

`$`	Searches specifically for USD. **Example:** `laptop $500`
`€`	Searches specifically for Euro. **Example:** `car €20000`
`in` (Conversion)	Allows for unit conversions (currency, unit, or measure). **Example:** `10 USD in EUR`

Prefix Modifiers

`~` (Synonyms)	Include synonyms of a word. (Potentially less effective now). **Example:** `~healthy food`
`+` (Force Exact)	Forces an exact match on a single phrase (might not always work). **Example:** `+red apple`

Advanced Search Operators

URL Specific Searches

`inurl:`

Returns results where the queried keyword is present in the URL.

Example: `inurl:apple`

`allinurl:`

Returns results containing all specified words in the URL.

Example: `allinurl:red apple pie`

`site:`

Limits results to those from a specific site.

Example: `site:wikipedia.org apple`

`related:`

Finds similar domains to the queried domain.

Example: `related:apple.com`

Date Range Searches

`daterange:`

Returns results in a specified date range (requires Julian dates).

Example: `daterange:2458860-2458870 apple`

`after:`

Returns results after a specified date.

Example: `apple after:2023-01-01`

`before:`

Returns results before a specified date.

Example: `apple before:2023-01-01`

Page Content Searches

`link:`

Finds pages that link to the target domain.

Example: `link:apple.com`

`inanchor:`

Finds pages linked to with the specified anchor text/phrase.

Example: `inanchor:apple products`

`intitle:`

Returns pages based on the searched query appearing in their title.

Example: `intitle:apple pie recipe`

`intext:`

Finds pages where the keyword(s) are mentioned within the page content.

Example: `intext:apple benefits`

File Specific Searches & Google Drive

File Type Searches

`filetype:`

Returns only files of a particular type associated with the keyword searched.

Example: `apple filetype:pdf`

`ext:`

Same as `filetype:`, based on extension.

Example: `apple ext:pdf`

Google Drive Search Operators

`type:`

Allows you to search Drive by file type.

Example: `type:document apple`

`owner:`

Allows you to search Drive by owner of file or folder.

Example: `owner:john.doe@example.com report`

`to:`

Allows you to search Drive for files shared with a specific person.

Example: `to:jane.doe@example.com proposal`

`title:`

Searches Drive for files with the keyword in their title alone.

Example: `title:budget budget`

`source:domain`

Allows you to search for files or folders shared with everyone in your business.

Example: `source:example.com policy`

`is:trashed`

Searches for the item in the Drive bin.

Example: `is:trashed invoice`

Email & Miscellaneous Operators

Gmail Search Operators

`from:`

Specify the sender in Gmail.

Example: `from:john.doe@example.com`

`to:`

Specify the recipient in Gmail.

Example: `to:jane.doe@example.com`

`subject:`

Search by keywords featured in the subject line.

Example: `subject:Meeting Agenda`

`has:attachment`

Search for messages that have an item attached.

Example: `has:attachment report`

`is:read`

Searches for read messages only.

Example: `is:read project update`

`is:unread`

Searches for unread messages.

Example: `is:unread promotion`

Miscellaneous Search Operators

`define:`

Pulls a card response from Google displaying the dictionary definition of the word or phrase.

Example: `define:serendipity`

`cache:`

Returns the most up-to-date cache of an indexed web page.

Example: `cache:example.com`

`weather:`

Brings up the featured snippet for weather for that location.

Example: `weather:London`

`stocks:`

Returns stock information for the specified ticker.

Example: `stocks:AAPL`

`movie:`

Find information for the specified movie (particularly useful when that movie has an ambiguous name). If the movie is still in theaters, it'll also return screen times.

Example: `movie:Oppenheimer`