

# ? GoogleGuide making searching even easier

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## Basic Examples

### This Search

[biking Italy](#)  
[recycle steel OR iron](#)  
["I have a dream"](#)  
[salsa -dance](#)  
[Louis "I" France](#)  
[castle ~glossary](#)  
[fortune-telling](#)  
[define:imbroglio](#)

### Finds Pages Containing...

the words **biking** and **Italy**  
information on recycling steel or recycling iron  
the exact phrase **I have a dream**  
the word **salsa** but NOT the word **dance**  
information about **Louis** the First (I), weeding out other kings of **France**  
**glossaries** about **castles**, as well as **dictionary**s, lists of **terms**, **terminology**, etc.  
all forms of the term, whether spelled as a single word, a phrase, or hyphenated  
definitions of the word **imbroglio** from the Web

## Calculator

### Operators

+ - \* /  
% of  
^ or \*\*  
old units in new units

### Meaning

basic arithmetic  
percentage of  
raise to a power  
convert units

### Type Into Search Box (& Results)

[12 + 34 - 56 \\* 7 / 8](#)  
[45% of 39](#)  
[2^5](#) or [2\\*\\*5](#)  
[300 Euros in USD](#), [130 lbs in kg](#), or [31 in hex](#)

## Restrict Search

### Operators

[city1](#)  
[city2](#)  
**site:**  
[#]..[#]  
**filetype:**  
(or **ext:**)  
**link:**

Book flights.  
Search only one website or domain.  
Search within a range of numbers.  
Find documents of the specified type.  
Find linked pages, i.e., show pages that point to the URL.

### Type Into Search Box (& Results)

[sfo bos](#)  
(Book flights from San Francisco (SFO) to Boston (BOS).)  
[Halloween site:www.census.gov](#)  
(Search for information on Halloween gathered by the US Census Bureau.)  
[Dave Barry pirate 2002..2006](#)  
(Search for Dave Barry articles mentioning pirates written in these years.)  
[Form 1098-T IRS filetype:pdf](#)  
(Find the US tax form 1098-T in PDF format.)  
[link:warrriorlibrarian.com](#)  
(Find pages that link to [Warrior Librarian](#)'s website.)

## Specialized Information Queries

### Operators

[book](#)  
(or [books](#))  
[define. what is. what are](#)

Meaning  
Search full-text of books.  
Show a definition for a word or phrase.

### Type Into Search Box (& Results)

[book Ender's Game](#)  
(Show book-related information.  
*Note:* No colon needed after **book**.)  
[define monopsony, what is podcast](#)  
(Show a definition for the words **monopsony** and **podcast**.  
*Note:* No colon after **define, what is, or what are**.)  
[define:kerning](#)  
(Find definitions for **kerning** from the Web.)  
[movie: traffic](#)  
(Search for information about this movie, including reviews, showtimes, etc.)  
[stocks: goog](#)  
(Find Google's current stock price.)  
[weather Seattle WA, weather 81612](#)  
(Show the current weather and forecast.  
*Note:* No colon after **weather**.)

**define:**

Provide definitions for words, phrases, and acronyms from the Web.

**movie:**

Find reviews and showtimes.

**stocks:**

Given ticker symbols, show stock information

**weather**

Given a location (US zip code or city), show the weather

## Alternative Query Types

### Operators

Meaning  
Type Into Search Box (& Results)

[cache:www.irs.gov](#)

<b>cache:</b>	Display Google's cached version of a web page.	(Show Google's cached version of the US <a href="#">Internal Revenue Service</a> home page.)
<b>info:</b> (or <b>id:</b> )	Find info about a page.	<b>info:www.theonion.com</b> (Find information about <a href="#">The Onion</a> website.)
<b>related:</b>	List web pages that are similar or related to the URL.	<b>related:www.healthfinder.gov</b> (Find websites related to the <a href="#">Healthfinder</a> website.)

## Restrict Search to Sites where Query Words Appear

Operators	Meaning	Type Into Search Box (& Results)
<b>allinanchor:</b>	All query words must appear in anchor text of links to the page.	<b>allinanchor:useful parenting sites</b> (Search for pages that are called <b>useful parenting sites</b> by others.)
<b>inanchor:</b>	Terms must appear in anchor text of links to the page.	<b>restaurants Portland inanchor:kid-friendly</b> (Search for pages on Portland restaurants for which links to the page say they are "kid friendly.")
<b>allintext:</b>	All query words must appear in the text of the page.	<b>allintext:ingredients cilantro chicken lime</b> (Search for recipes with these three ingredients.)
<b>intext:</b>	The terms must appear in the text of the page.	<b>Dan Shugar intext:Powerlight</b> (Find pages mentioning <b>Dan Shugar</b> where his company, <b>Powerlight</b> , is included in the text of the page, i.e., less likely to be from the corporate website.)
<b>allintitle:</b>	All query words must appear in the title of the page.	<b>allintitle: Google Advanced Operators</b> (Search for pages with titles containing "Google," "Advanced," and "Operators".)
<b>intitle:</b>	The terms must appear in the title of the page.	<b>movies comedy intitle:top ten</b> (Search for pages with the words <b>movie</b> and <b>comedy</b> that include <b>top ten</b> in the title of the page.)
<b>allinurl:</b>	All query words must appear in the URL.	<b>allinurl:pez faq</b> (Search for pages containing the words <b>pez</b> & <b>faq</b> in the URL.)
<b>inurl:</b>	The terms must appear in the URL of the page.	<b>pharmaceutical inurl:investor</b> (Search for pages in which the URL contains the word <b>investor</b> .)

## Restrict Search to [Google Groups](#)

Operators	Meaning	Type Into Search Box (& Results)
<b>author:</b>	Find Groups messages from the specified author.	<b>flying author:Hamish author:Reid</b> (Search for Hamish Reid's articles on flying.)
<b>group:</b>	Find Groups messages from the specified newsgroup.	<b>ivan doig group:rec.arts.books</b> (Search for postings about Ivan Doig in the group <b>rec.arts.books</b> .)
<b>insubject:</b>	Find Groups messages containing <b>crazy quilts</b> in the subject.	<b>insubject:"crazy quilts"</b> (Find articles containing <b>crazy quilts</b> in the subject line.)

## Restrict Search to [Google News](#)

Operators	Meaning	Type Into Search Box (& Results)
<b>location:</b>	Find News articles from sources located in the specified location.	<b>queen location:uk</b> (Find British news articles on the Queen.)
<b>source:</b>	Find News articles from specified sources.	<b>peace source:ha aretz</b> (Show articles on peace from the Israeli newspaper Ha'aretz.)

## About This Cheat Sheet



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