Search Tools Summary and Comparison

	Google www.google.com labs.google.com	Yahoo! uk.search.yahoo.com search.yahoo.com	Exalead www.exalead.com	MSN msn.com	Gigablast www.gigablast.com	Teoma www.teoma.com
Number of pages	8 billion	?	1 billion	5 billion	2 billion	1015 million
Default search	All of your words	All of your words	All of your words	All of your words	All of your words.	All of your words
Wild card or truncation	No. Sometimes automatically stems words and looks for variations	stem:word (not reliable and not the same as wild cards)	asterisk * Automatic stemming can be switched on.	No	No	No
Alternative terms or variations	~ for synonym search e.g. ~aspartame Use the Boolean OR	Use the Boolean OR	Phonetic or approximate spelling in Advanced Search. Pattern matching using full stops and asterisks to stand in for letters e.g. /psych.*ist/	Use the Boolean OR	Use the Boolean OR	Use the Boolean OR
Suggests other search strategies and related terms	Under Google Suggests	Yes	Yes	No	Yes - Giga Bits	Yes
Phrases	"……."	"......."	"……."	"……."	"….."	"……"
Proximity	Use the asterisk to stand in for a word in a phrase e.g. "phenol * extraction" "phenol * * extraction"	Use a stop word such as "a" to stand in for a word in a phrase e.g. "phenol a extraction" "phenol a a extraction"	NEAR command looks for words within 16 words of each other e.g. phenol NEAR extraction	No	No	No
Must include word	Precede stop words with +, also disables automatic stemming	Precede stop words with +	Precede stop words with +	".." around stop words to include them		Precede stop words with +
Exclude pages with a word	Precede words with a minus sign (-)	Precede words with a minus sign (-)	Precede words with a minus sign (-)	Precede words with a minus sign (-) or use NOT	Precede words with a minus sign (-)	Precede words with a minus sign (-)
Case sensitive?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Word in URL	inurl: allinurl:	inurl:	No	No	suburl:	inurl:

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Word in title	intitle:	intitle:	title:	title:	title:	intitle: Advanced Search
Links to specified URL	link:www.rba.co.uk	link:http://www.rba.co.uk linkdomain:rba.co.uk (looks for links to **any** page on the site)	No	link: or use Search Builder	link:	No
Similar pages	related:	No	No	No	No	No
Specify part of domain	site: Advanced Search	site: Advanced Search	site: Advanced Search	site: or use Search Builder	suburl:	site: or Advanced Search
Limit by web site	site: Advanced Search	site: Advanced Search	site: Advanced Search	site: or use Search Builder	site:	site: or Advanced Search
Filetype	Advanced Search or use filetype: PDF, DOC, RTF, XLS, PPT, PS WPD, RSS	Advanced Search or use filetype: PDF, PS, DOC, XLS, PPT, RSS/XML	Advanced Search or use filetype: PDF, XLS, DOC, PPT, TXT, RTF, WPD	No	type:pdf PDF, DOC, PPT, XLS, PS, TEXT	No
Search by date	Advanced Search	Advanced Search	Advanced Search	No	No	Advanced Search
Limit by language	Advanced Search	Advanced Search	language: or use Advanced Search	language: or use Search Builder	No	lang: or Advanced Search
Limit by geography	Country versions of Google	Advanced Search	Advanced Search	loc: or use Search Builder	No	Advanced Search
Boolean	OR	AND OR NOT	AND OR NOT NEAR (16 words)	OR NOT	AND OR AND NOT	OR
Unique features	Numeric range search e.g. DVD $100..200 Synonym search Google Suggests define: Google calculator	News alerts and search results available as RSS RSS/XML file type search linkdomain: command	Phonetic search Approximate spelling Support for wild cards and pattern matching NEAR command		Restrict search to a group of user specified sites (Advanced Search)	