

Cheat Sheet #2

Search Engine Limiter Commands Comparison Chart

Limiters Commands	Google	Yahoo! Search	Ask.com	MSN Search	Gigablast	Exalead
Title field Requires terms to occur in the <TITLE> field of the HTML code. Focuses on "aboutness."	intitle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intitle:diet OR intitle:food • intitle:"diet recipe" OR intitle:"diet food" 	intitle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intitle:diet OR intitle:food • intitle:(diet OR food) • Can use phrases in " " 	intitle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intitle:diet OR intitle:food • Can use phrases in " " 	intitle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intitle:diet OR intitle:food • intitle:(diet OR food) • Can use phrases in " " 	title: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • title:diet OR title:food • title:(diet OR food) • Can use phrases in " " 	intitle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intitle:diet OR intitle:food • intitle:(diet OR food) • Can use phrases in " "
Top-level domain (just before /)	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:org OR site:edu hurricane 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:org hurricane • (site:org OR site:edu) hurricane Other forms not reliable	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:org hurricane Only one site: per search	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:org hurricane • site:(org OR edu) hurricane 	suburl <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suburl:org hurricane • suburl:org OR suburl:edu hurricane • suburl:(org OR edu) hurricane 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:org hurricane • site:(org OR edu) hurricane
Host/server (up to first /) Searches for terms within a server or host	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:infopeople .org training 	hostname: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hostname:infopeople.org training 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:infopeople .org training 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:infopeople .org training 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:infopeople .org training 	site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site:infopeople .org training
Word in URL Searches for word anywhere in URLs. Focuses on "aboutness"	inurl:hurricane inurl:hurricane OR inurl:katrina	inurl:hurricane (inurl:hurricane OR inurl:katrina)	inurl:hurricane	inurl:hurricane inurl:(hurricane OR katrina) (inurl:hurricane OR inurl:katrina)	suburl:hurricane	inurl:hurricane (inurl:hurricane OR inurl:katrina)
In anchor text Finds text within HTML links	inanchor:links			inanchor:links		
RSS feeds, blog searches	blogsearch.google.com indexes blogs with RSS			feed:	Blog searchable database	
File formats	filetype: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filetype:pdf IRS Many formats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Search, no limiter command 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limiter or Adv. Srch option, but does contain some non-HTML formats 	filetype: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filetype:pdf IRS 	type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • type:pdf IRS 	filetype: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filetype:pdf IRS Buttons on left signal availability within results of non-HTML formats.
Date last crawled This has become less important with improved search engine crawler efficiency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 mos, 6 mos, yr, in Adv. Search 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 mos, 6 mos, yr, in Adv. Search 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Srch, many choices • Teoma also has hard-to-use date commands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Search Builder, use Updated Recently slider. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a limiter. Provides both date crawled and date updated for results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a limiter. In Adv. Srch, "only keep pages modified within..." box

Pages linking to a page	link: with or without http:// (inaccurate sampling)	link: with http://	No.	link: with or without http://	link: with or without http://	link: without http://
Language of results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in Adv. Srch. and in Preferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in Adv. Srch. and in Preferences 	lang: [name or code]	language: [code] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Search Builder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limiter 	language: [code] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Srch.
Country/region results from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Language Options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Srch. and Preferences region: [geographic region] such as northamerica	geoloc: [region name or code] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Srch., list of regions avail. 	loc: [country name or code] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • retrieves pages with tld and from servers in country • In Search Builder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limiter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Adv. Srch.
Multimedia searches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At video.google.com search TV & videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video search tab avail. in Edit searches • Music search (beta) at yahoo.com feature:audio feature:video <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page links to files with several file formats • List in Bookmarks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Search avail. as one of the "<u>More</u>" searches. 	contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For media types in pages - link to a file with the extension contains:swf contains:wav	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No option to limit • Search specifying file type: "take five" mp3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio, Video shown below results with them. • When results contain media, buttons at top retrieve these pages.