

Internet Search Engines

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	Boolean AND	+	Form based	AND	+	AND	Form based	Form based
	AND or &							
Boolean OR	OR or	Type terms	Form based	OR	Type terms	OR	Form based	Form based
Boolean NOT	AND NOT or !	-	Form based	NOT	-	AND NOT	Form based	Form based
Phrase	"..."	"..."	Form based	"..."	"..."	NA	NA	Form based
Proximity	NEAR/10	NA	Form based (no number)	ADJ NEAR/N	term-term (adjacent) [term term] (100 words)	NA	NA	NA
Truncation	*	NA	*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Field Search	and/or:terms applet:terms host:terms image:terms link:terms text:terms title:terms url:terms	link:terms site:terms url:terms title:terms	Form based: Summary Title 1st heading URL	NA	NA	NA	NA	Form based: Media type Location URL

See reverse side for key to terms

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Key to Table Entries

Form Based

The feature is present but only through menu picks on a form-based interface. For field searches that are form based, the searchable fields are listed below the words "Form based."

"..."

Type terms between double quotation marks.

ADJ

This is a proximity operator that requires search terms to appear next to each other.

NEAR/N

This is a proximity operator that specifies the maximum number of words one search term should be from another. NEAR/10 would mean within 10 words; NEAR/N indicates that the user specifies the number of words.

NA

Feature not available.

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For the complete story on Internet search engines, see the September 1996 "End User's Corner" column in INTERNIC News: <http://rs.internic.net/nic-support/nicnews/archive/september96/enduser.html>

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