

How Do I...

... use Google for research?



Google offers a variety of tools beyond basic search functions:

Google Trends



Google Trends returns data on search trends from 2004 to present. <https://trends.google.com/trends/>

Google Alerts monitors the web for new content related to your search at <https://www.google.com/alerts>



Google Dataset Search returns datasets hosted by online repositories. <https://datasetsearch.research.google.com/>



Upgrade your basic Google search with these search commands:

- Add **site:Domain** to limit your search results to a particular domain
 - Ex: Search **site:.gov** to return results from a government domain
 - Ex: Search **site:.edu** to return results from an education domain
 - Ex: Search **site:.uk** to return results from United Kingdom domain
- Add **filetype:FileExtension** to limit your search results to one file type
 - Ex: Search **filetype:pdf** to return only PDF results
 - Ex: Search **filetype:ppt** to return only PowerPoint results
- Use “**Multi-word Phrase**” to limit search results to an exact phrase
- Use **link:URL** to retrieve sites that link to a specific URL
 - Ex: Search **link:www.californialawreview.org** to return results with links to the California Law Review website
 - Ex: Search **link:https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/Code-of-Conduct-for-Justices_November_13_2023.pdf** to return results that link to the Supreme Court Code of Conduct PDF
- Use **info:URL** to retrieve information about a URL, such as cached versions, similar pages, and pages that link to that URL

Check it out! The Main Library has a comprehensive guide to other Google resources: [Google Research Made Easy](#).