

### WWW Search Engines Comparison Card

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	Alta Vista	Hotbot	InfoSeek Guide	Lycos	Magellan	Open Text Index	WebCrawler	Yahoo
URL	http://www.altavista.digital.com	http://www.hotbot.com	http://www.infoseek.com	http://www.lycos.com	http://www.mackdley.com	http://search.opentext.com	http://www.webcrawler.com	http://www.yahoo.com
Special instructions	Choose "Advanced Search" and enter your keywords again in the "Results Ranking Criteria" to improve relevancy. If you do not choose Advanced you must use + for AND, and - for NOT (see InfoSeek).	Choose "exact" so you can use special search options.		Choose "custom search" or "refine your search" so you can use special search options.	Magellan is a unique search engine. Many sites have been reviewed for content, and have been assigned ratings.	Choose "power search" so you can use special search options.		This engine only searches the Yahoo subject guide. Choose "options" to use special search options.
Default Operator	OR cat dog (finds cat or dog)	AND cat dog (finds cat and dog)	OR cat dog (finds cat or dog)	OR cat dog (finds cat or dog)	OR cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Please stupid pet tricks (finds the phrase "stupid pet tricks")	OR cat dog (finds cat or dog)	AND cat dog (finds cat and dog)
Truncation	* cat* (finds cat, cats, catdog...)	n/a	n/a	\$ Automatic To turn off put a (period) at the end of your keywords(\$)	! (! before) * (many letters) cat? (finds cat, cats, catdog...)	Searches for phrases automatically.	n/a	Automatic To turn off choose "whole words" from drop-down menu.
AND searching	AND cat and dog (finds cat and dog)	Default cat dog (finds cat and dog)	+ cat & dog (finds cat and dog)	Select from drop-down menu.	+ cat & dog (finds cat and dog)	Select from drop-down menu.	AND cat and dog (finds cat and dog)	Default cat dog (finds cat and dog)
OR searching	Default cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Select "any of the words" from drop-down menu.	Default cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Default cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Default cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Select from drop-down menu.	Default cat dog (finds cat or dog)	Select radio box for "or"
NOT searching	AND NOT cat and not dog (finds cat not dog)	n/a	cat -dog (finds cat not dog)	cat -dog (finds cat not dog)	cat -dog (finds cat not dog)	Select "not bot" from drop-down menu.	NOT cat not dog	n/a
Phrase searching	** "dog fight" (finds the phrase "dog fight")	Select "the phrase" from drop-down menu.	** or * "dog fight" (finds "dog fight") cats -dogs (finds "cats dogs" or "dogs cats")	Can choose stronger matches with drop-down menu.	ADD cat and fight (finds the phrase "cat fight")	Select "followed by" from drop-down menu.	ADD or * cat AND fight (finds "cat fight") "stupid pet tricks" (finds the phrase "stupid pet tricks")	n/a
Within x words	near cat near dog (finds cat within 10 words of dog)	n/a	 cat dog  (finds cat within 100 words of dog)	Can choose stronger matches with drop-down menu.	NEAR/n finds near/d dog (finds "dog fleas" or "my dog has fleas")	Select "near" from drop-down menu.	NEAR/n finds near/d dog (finds "dog fleas" or "my dog has fleas")	n/a
Nesting	Available (dogs in cats) and "pet care"	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Available (dogs or cats) and "pet care"	n/a
Limiting to specific field	Field: search term title: "pet dogs" (finds "pet dogs" in the title of a document) Also drop-down menu.	Select fields from drop-down menu. Choose middle-type with radio boxes.	Select from drop-down menu.	Select from drop-down menu.	Can restrict by settings or "green lights".	Select from drop-down menu.	Can choose along with search methods.	Select dropdown boxes.

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