

** MESA COLLEGE LIBRARY - SEARCH ENGINE GUIDE **

Search Engine	Google	Teoma	AltaVista	AllTheWeb	HotBot	MSN Search
Datebase	www.google.com	www.teoma.com	www.altavista.com	www.alltheweb.com	hotbot.lycos.com	excite.com/search
Operators						
To require	+ stop words & TLDs	+	+	+	+	+
To exclude	-	-	-	-	-	-
Phrase search	Quotes " "	Quotes " "	Quotes " "	Quotes " "	Quotes " "	Quotes " "
Truncation	No	No	Asterisk *	No	Asterisk * left and right; Can stem from form	Asterisk *
Wildcard	No	No	Asterisk *	No	Question mark "?"	No
Boolean	OR; Adv search only by template	and, not	and, or, and not, near, ()	and, or, not	and, or, not, ()	AND, OR, AND NOT, ()
Boolean default	And	And	And	And	And	And
Case sensitive	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Searches Plurals	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field searches	link: Advanced only : domain	No	title: domain: link: image: text: url: host: anchor: applet:	Advanced only : text, title, url, link, link name	title: domain: several feature: <i>format</i>	language, domain, region
Special features	Image searching; Synonyms searching (-); Limit by language, domain, date, & country; Saves Web page when indexed	"Resources" - related links compiled by topic experts and enthusiasts	Limit by date, location(s), & language; Auto phrase detect; Related searches; Image, video, & audio searching	Image, video, & audio searching; Advance Search only : Limit by domain, language	Image, video, & audio searching; Limit by date, location, media type, file type; Results grouped; Related searches	Image, video, & audio searching; Spelling correction; links to Encarta encyclopedia
Strengths						
Strengths	Best for ranking results, based on # of Web pages linked from	"Resources"	Best searching syntax, Image database, Translates	Fastest, good relevancy	File type search, Advanced search template, Current & special news	Good relevancy; fast searching
Search Engine	Google	Teoma	AltaVista	AllTheWeb	HotBot	MSN Search
	Use the Help screens for additional information about a search engine					

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