Toddington International: Quick Guide To Advanced Google Search Techniques

The following is a list of the most useful methods, techniques, and tips found from a variety of sources that are used by researchers and investigators to get the best results out of search engines, and can be used to enhance anyone's set of search skills. Many of these pointers work on a majority of search engines found in use today across the Internet.

SEARCH LANGUAGES	
www.google.com	searches for English-American language results
www.google.co.uk	searches for English-British language results
www.google.ca	searches for English-Canadian language results
www.google.com/ncr	searches for English-American language results and stops language or location detection redirects, such as when you are doing searches in a non-English speaking country
www.google.xx	searches for other language results by the addition of a country code, with other language options on each page; i.e. '.cn' for China '.de' for Germany; '.fr' for France;
encrypted.google.com	searches for English-American language results without language or nation redirects

BASIC SEARCHES	
money laundering	plain search; search for results containing both the words 'money' and 'laundering'
"money laundering"	quotes search; search for results containing the exact phrase 'money laundering'
money OR laundering	OR search; search for results containing either the word 'money' or 'laundering'
money -laundering	negative search; search for results containing the word 'money' but not 'laundering'
money-laundering	hyphen search; search for result containing variations as a single word, a phrase, or hyphenated words
"money" laundering	mixed search; search for result containing the exact word 'money' and word variations of 'laundering', including laundering, launders, launderers, or money-launderers
"money * laundering"	star search; search for result containing the exact words 'money' and 'laundering' with up to five other words between, i.e. 'money it by laundering', or 'money by laundering'
what is, what are, how do I, where can I	question search; search for results using a question format, usually for seeking answers to questions ; i.e. 'what is money laundering'; 'how do I identify money laundering'

SYMBOLS AND NUMBERS	
+ - * /	symbols for plus, minus, multiple, and divide; for basic arithmetic, i.e. 1 + 2 - 3 * 4 / 5
% of	symbols for determining the percentage of a number; i.e. 35% of 100
^ **	symbols for mathematic exponentiation; i.e. 2^4 = 16, or 2**4 = 16
#	symbol used for making hashtags; i.e. #hashtag, or #hashtagsareuseful
@	symbol used for messaging accounts and websites; i.e. @toddington.com, or @david
1234..5678	symbols used to search for results from specific date ranges; i.e. Toddington 2003..2008
12.34.567.89	symbols used to represent and search for an IP address; i.e.199.103.56.231
(123) 456-7890	symbols used to represent and search for a telephone number; of note this will also search for 123- 456-7890 formats; 123.456.7890 formats require a separate search
@49.2849956, -123.1112456	symbols used to represent exact and unique geographical locations on programs like Google Maps; the first set of numbers is latitude (N-S), the second set is longitude (E-W)

SEARCH RESTRICTORS	
allintext:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words in the text of a page; i.e. allintext:farmers.com pig cow horse*
intext:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words in the text of a page; i.e. Julie intext:toddington*
allintitle:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words in the title of a page; i.e. allintitle:farmers.com John Brown*
intitle:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words in the title of a page; i.e. Julie intitle:toddington*
cache:xxxxx	*searches for the cached file of a specific webpage; i.e. cache:toddington.com/home*
define:xxxxx	*searches for the definition of xxxxx; i.e. define:bolean*
filetype:xxxxx	*searches only for specific types of electronic file formats: i.e. filetype:ppt "presentation"*
doc:xxxxx	*searches for related text documents in Word format; i.e. doc:Toddington*
jpg:xxxxx	*searches for related image documents in JPG image format; i.e. jpg:Toddington*
pdf:xxxxx	*searches for related electronic documents in Adobe format; i.e. pdf:Toddington*
ppt:xxxxx	*searches for related electronic documents in Powerpoint format; i.e. ppt:Toddington*
link:xxxxx	*searches only for pages with links to a specific URL*
related:xxxxx	*searches for pages related to the provided URL; i.e. related:toddington.com*
site:xxxxx	*searches only within a specific website; i.e. site:toddington.com "free resources"*
stocks:xxxxx	*searches for information related to a specific stock; i.e. stocks:MSN*
time:xxxxx	*searches for the current time at a specified location; i.e. time:vancouver*
weather:xxxxx	*searches for the current weather at a specified location; i.e. time:vancouver*
url:xxxxx	*searches for URL addresses with a specific word in it; i.e. url:google*
inurl:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words that appear a URL; i.e. toddington inurl:contact page*
allinurl:xxxxx	*searches for multiple words that appear in a URL; i.e. allinurl:toddington julie*

SEARCH RESTRICTORS FOR GOOGLE GROUPS	
author:xxxxx	*searches for messages from a specific author; i.e. author:redherring*
group:xxxxx	*searches for messages within a specific newsgroup; i.e. redherring group:rec.arts.videos*
insubject:xxxxx	*searches for messages related to a specific subject; i.e. insubject:"crazy ivan"*

SEARCH RESTRICTORS FOR GOOGLE NEWS	
location:xxxxx	*searches for news articles from a specific location; i.e. location:Vancouver*
source:xxxxx	*searches for news articles from a specific source; i.e. source:Vancouver Sun*

ESSENTIAL HOTKEYS FOR YOUR KEYBOARD	
PRT SC or PRTSCR	*keyboard key that saves a copy of your computer screen*
CTRL+C	*keyboard key that copies a selected image or highlighted text*
CTRL+V	*keyboard key that repeats a copy of a copied image or highlighted text*
CTRL+X	*keyboard key that deletes a copy or original image or highlighted text*
CTRL+Z	*keyboard key that undoes an error you just made in copying, typing or formatting*
CTRL+Y	*keyboard key that undoes your deletion that you realized was actually correct*