

Google Cheat Sheet

- Use Advanced Search
 - Search for domain: .org or .edu
- Put most important words FIRST in your search query
- Use quotes to search for a phrase
 - Example: "Barry Bonds"
 - Note: this way, you will find only info on Barry Bonds and not on stocks and bonds!
- Use + to search for common words that Google would ignore
 - Example: Star Wars Episode + 1
- Use unique words and create detailed, specific searches
 - o Good example: wild turkeys aggressive behavior college campuses
 - Not so good example: wildlife
- To search just one site, type "site:" followed by the URL and your search terms

 Example: site:www.fairfield.edu library
- Find out how many times a site is mentioned by other web sites by searching for a site's title in quotes.
 - o Example: "Fairfield University"
- Find out how many sites link to a site to a site by typing "link:" followed by the URL
 - Example: link:www.fairfield.edu
- Find out about a site's author by searching for him or her in quotes

 Example: "Jimmy Wales"
 - Note: he's the creator of Wikipedia!
- Try searching Google Scholar for just academic articles http://scholar.google.com/
- Results look like this:

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