GMAIL

GOOGLE INBOX

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Sample searches you might find useful to find email messages in your Gmail and Google Inbox

What you can search by	Search operator & example
Specify the sender	from: Example: from:amy
Specify a recipient	to: Example: to:david
Words in the subject line	Subject: Example: subject:dinner
Messages that match multiple terms	OR or { } Example: from:amy OR from:david Example: {from:amy from:david}
Remove messages from your results	- Example: dinner -movie
Find messages with words near each other. Use the number to say how many words apart the words can be	AROUND Example: dinner AROUND 5 friday
Messages that have a certain label	label: Example: label:friends
Messages that have an attachment	has:attachment Example: has:attachment
Messages that have a Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, or Slides attachment or link	has:drive has:document has:spreadsheet has:presentation Example: has:drive has:document
Messages that have a YouTube video	has:youtube Example: has:youtube
Messages from a mailing list	list: Example: list:info@example.com
Attachments with a certain name or file type	filename: Example: filename:pdf Example: filename: homework.txt
Search for an exact word or phrase	" " Example: "dinner and movie tonight"
Group multiple search terms together	( ) Example: subject:(dinner movie)
Messages in any folder, including Spam and Trash	in:anywhere Example: in:anywhere movie
Search for messages that are marked as important	is:important label: important

	Example: is:important
Starred, unread, or read messages	is:starred is:unread is:read Example: is:read is:starred
Messages that include an icon of a certain color	has:yellow-star has:blue-info Example: has:purple-star
Recipients in the cc or bcc field	cc: bcc: Example: cc:david Note: You can't find messages that you received on bcc.
Search for messages sent during a certain time period	after: before: older: newer: Example: after:2004/04/16 Example: before:2004/04/18
Search for messages older or newer than a time period using d (day), m (month), and y (year)	older_than: newer_than: Example: newer_than:2d
Chat messages	is:chat Example: is:chat movie
Messages delivered to a certain email address	deliveredto: Example: deliveredto:username@gmail.com
Messages in a certain category	category: Example: category:updates
Messages larger than a certain size in bytes	size: Example: size:1000000
Messages larger or smaller than a certain size in bytes	larger: smaller: Example: larger:10M
Results that match a word exactly	=+ Example: +unicorn
Messages with a certain message-id header	Rfc822msgid: Example: rfc822msgid:200503292@example.com
Messages that have or don't have a label	has:userlabels has:nouserlabels Example: has:nouserlabels Note: Labels are only added to a message, and not an entire conversation.

Gmail Search

- Search for an exact phrase by enclosing the phrase inside double quotes. Capitalization is ignored.
- You can use logical operators like AND, NOT or OR to refine your search and they must always be typed in uppercase letters.
- Search for email messages by date using the before: and after: search operators. The date format is yyyy/mm/dd (e.g., 2017/07/15)
- You cannot use the bcc: operator to find emails in which you were blind carbon copied.