

Search Engine Cheat Sheet for Major Search Engines

<i>Search Engine/ Subject Guide</i>	<i>URL</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Specialized Queries Provided</i>
Yahoo	www.yahoo.com	A subject guide, good for browsing general topics.	
AltaVista	www.altavista.com	One of the largest and most comprehensive search engines available, it searches the entire HTML file ¹ .	images, video, MP3/audio, languages
Google	www.google.com	Perhaps the largest search engine on the Web ¹ .	languages, images
Hotbot	www.hotbot.com	Uses an automatic system (e.g., Web crawler) for indexing Web sites, which provides more updated sites than many search engines ¹ .	images, video, MP3/audio, languages
Webseek	www.ctr.columbia.edu/webseek	A content-based image and video search and catalog tool for the Web.	images, color photos, videos, gray images, graphics
Looksmart	www.looksmart.com	A searchable, category-based Web directory.	
Excite	www.excite.com	A search engine with extensive personalization capabilities.	MP3, photos
Lycos	www.lycos.com	Develops and provides online guides to locate and filter information on the Internet with personalization capabilities.	downloads/FTP, maps, MP3, multimedia
Search Engines Worldwide	www.twics.com/~takakuwa/search/search.html	A collection of search engines sorted by the country as well as the region.	
Introduction to Search Engines	www.kcpl.lib.mo.us/search/srchengines.htm	A reference librarian reviews the seven major search engines in terms of scope, interface, logic, and results. A handy chart compares the features. (<i>Updated January, 2001.</i>)	

¹ Kansas City Public Library, *Introduction to Search Engines* [Web site] (Kansas City Public Library, Jan. 2001, [Sept. 25, 2001]; available from <http://www.kcpl.lib.mo.us/search/srchengines.htm>).