

GMAIL SEARCH OPERATORS

In the Search Mail field, you can use the following operators:

subject: - Search the Subject line.
Example: "subject:bahamas" finds all messages with "bahamas" in the Subject.

to: - Search the To line for names and addresses.

Example:

"to:quertyuiop@gmail.com" finds all messages sent directly (not via Cc: or Bcc:) to quertyuiop@gmail.com.

cc: - Search recipients in the Cc field.

Example:

"cc:quertyuiop@gmail.com" finds all messages that were sent to quertyuiop@gmail.com as a carbon copy.

bcc: - Search Gmail for addresses and names in the Bcc field. Note this only works with emails you sent to Bcc recipients from Gmail.

Example: "bcc:heinz" finds all messages that you sent with, for example, "hein@example.com" in the Bcc field.

from: - Search Gmail for sender name and email address. Partial addresses are okay.

Examples: "from:heinz" finds all messages from

"heinz@example.com", but also all messages from

"your.heinz@example.com";

"from:me" finds all messages sent by yourself (using any address set up for use in Gmail).

label: - Search Gmail for messages assigned a label. (Replace whitespace characters in label names with hyphens.)

Example: "label:toodoo-doll" finds all messages labeled "toodoo doll".

has:userlabels - Search Gmail for emails that have any labels except those used by default (i.e. not including labels such as "inbox", "trash" and "spam" but including Smart Labels).

has:nouserlabels - Search for messages that have not been labeled with any labels except those that Gmail uses by default.

is:starred - Search Gmail for messages that are starred.
Further stars:

has:yellow-star - Search Gmail for messages with a yellow star.

has:red-star - Search Gmail for messages with a red star.

has:orange-star - Search Gmail for messages with an orange star.

has:green-star - Search Gmail for messages with a green star.

has:blue-star - Search Gmail for messages with a blue star.

has:purple-star - Search Gmail for messages with a purple star.

has:yellow-bang - Search Gmail for messages with a yellow exclamation mark.

has:red-bang - Search Gmail for messages with a red exclamation mark.

has:purple-question - Search Gmail for messages with a purple question mark.

has:orange-guillemet - Search Gmail for messages with two orange forward arrows.

has:blue-info - Search Gmail for messages with a blue *i*.

is:unread - Search Gmail for new and unread messages.

is:read - Search Gmail for messages that have already been opened.

is:important - Search Gmail for messages that are marked important for Priority Inbox.

is:buzz - Search Gmail for Google Buzz posts.

is:chat - Search Gmail for chat logs.

in: - Search in a standard "folder". You can search in *Drafts*, *Inbox*, *Chats*, *Sent*, *Spam*, *Trash* and *anywhere* (for everything, including *Spam* and *Trash*).
Example: "in:drafts" finds all messages in your *Drafts* folder.

has:attachment - Search Gmail for messages that have files attached to them.

filename: - Search within file names of attachments. You can also search for file name extensions to restrict your search to certain file types.

Example: "filename:.doc" finds all messages with word processing attachments.

has:circle - Search Gmail for messages from somebody in any of your Google+ circles.

circle: - Search mail sent to you from people in the given Google+ circle. (Use quotation marks to specify Google+ circles that include a whitespace in their name; escape quotation marks in the name with a backslash (\) immediately preceding each quotation mark.)

Example: 'circle:"my \"sailing\" circle" turns up all emails from people in your 'my "sailing" circle" Google+ circle.

after: - Search for messages sent on or after a date. The date must be given in YYYY/MM/DD format. Example: "after:2005/05/05" finds all messages sent or received on or after (i.e. including) May 5, 2005.

before: - Search Gmail for messages sent before a date. Example: "before:2005/05/05" finds all messages sent or received on May 4, 2005 and earlier.

deliveredto: - Search Gmail for email with a certain email address in a "Delivered-To:" header line.

Example:
"deliveredto:me@example.com" finds messages that have "me@example.com" in a "Delivered-To: header, because it has been forwarded from that address, for example.

rfc822msgid: - Search for the message with the — just about certainly unique — message ID. Gmail will not search for messages that refer to the message ID (replies, for example). Example:
"rfc822msgid:wW28fb6uf@mail.example.com" finds the message with "wW28fb6uf@mail.example.com" in the "Message-ID:" header field.

size: - Search for messages exceeding the given size in bytes. Example: "size:500000" finds emails bigger than 500,000 bytes or half a megabyte.

smaller: (or **smaller_than:**) - Search for messages smaller than the specified size. (Specify the size in bytes (no suffix) or using "k" for 1,000 bytes and "m" for 1,000,000 bytes.)

larger: (or **larger_than:**) - Search for emails exceeding the given size. (Specify the size in bytes without suffix or using "k" for kilobytes (as 1,000 bytes) and "m" for megabytes (as 1,000,000 bytes.) Example: "larger_than:200k" finds all messages that exceed 200,000 bytes in size.

How to Combine Operators and Search Terms

Operators and search terms can be combined with the following modifiers:

By default, Gmail combines terms with (an invisible) "AND".

Examples: "shepherd macaroni" finds all messages that contain both "shepherd" and "macaroni"; "before:2005/05/05 AND after:2005/05/04" finds all messages sent or received on May 4, 2005.

"" - Search for a phrase. Case does not matter.

Examples: "shepherd's macaroni" finds all messages containing the phrase "shepherd's macaroni"; 'subject:"shepherd's macaroni'" finds all messages that have "shepherd's macaroni" in the Subject field.

OR - Search Gmail for messages containing at least one of two terms or expressions.

+ - Search for a term exactly as typed. Example: "+shepherds" finds all emails that contain "shepherds",

Examples: "shepherd OR macaroni" finds messages that contain either "shepherd" or "macaroni" or both; "from:heinz or label:toodoo-doll" finds messages that either come from a sender that contains "email.guide" or appear under the label "toodoo doll".

but not those containing just "shepherd" or "shepherds" alone.

- - Search Gmail for messages that do not contain a term or expression.

Examples: "-macaroni" finds all messages that do not contain the word "macaroni"; "shepherd -macaroni" finds all messages that contain the word "shepherd" but not "macaroni"; 'subject:"shepherd's macaroni" -from:heinz' finds all messages with "shepherd's macaroni" in the subject that were not sent from an email address or name containing "heinz".

() - Group search terms or expressions.

Examples: "subject:(shepherd macaroni)" finds messages that have both "shepherd" and "macaroni" somewhere in the Subject line (but not necessarily as a phrase); "from:heinz (subject:(shepherd OR macaroni) OR label:toodoo-doll)" finds all messages from a sender who has "email.guide" in their name that either have "shepherd" or "macaroni" (or both) in the Subject line or appear under the label "toodoo doll".

Historical Gmail Search Operators

Gmail once included support for the following search operators that, sadly, no longer work:

lang: - Search Gmail for messages in a particular language. (Specify the language in English; "Chinese" worked, but "中文", "Putonghua" or "Mandarin" do not, for example.)

Example: "lang:French" returned all emails that contain at least un peu de Français.

Saved Searches

You can also bookmark Gmail searches easily for later repetition.

Put this filter in your search area to see only emails that are Primary, Unread, in inbox, to you and not from the team. Then, you can probably "mark as read" everything else once you've gone through them.

**to:me is:unread in:inbox [-category:{social promotions updates forums}]
-from:*@REDBRANCHMEDIA.COM**

I have a bunch I use to find attachments, etc.

For example, this one shows emails sent to the web team, with an attachment that is a pdf sent prior to October 4th, 2017

**to:(WEB@REDBRANCHMEDIA.COM) filename:pdf has:attachment
before:2017/10/4**

This example is looking for an email where someone mentioned AC or ACMECORP in the subject line (since we use the abbreviation and it searches everywhere (spam and trash included)

subject:(AC OR ACMECORP) in:anywhere