The Stack Method™ Gmail Search Operators

The following information will help you effectively search for content in Gmail. Use the Search operators by plugging the terms described below into the search field within Gmail.

What you can search by	Search Operator & Example
Specify the sender	**From:** Example: from:amy
Specify a recipient	**To:** Example: to:david
Specify a recipient who received a copy	**Cc:** **Bcc:** Example: cc:david
Words in the subject line	**Subject:** Example: cc:david
Messages that match multiple terms	**OR** or **{ }** Example: from:amy OR from:david Example: {from:amy from:avid}
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 Add quotes to find messages in which the word you put first stays first.	**AROUND** Example: holiday AROUND 10 vacation Example: "secret AROUND 25 birthday"
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
Messages that have a Youtube video	**Has:youtube** Example: has:youtube
Messages from a mailing list	**List:** Example: list:info@doublegemini.com

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What you can search by	Search Operator & Example
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	**In:important** **Label:important** Example: is:important
Starred, snoozed, unread, or read messages	**Is:starred** **Is:snoozed** **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: after:04/16/2004 Example: before:2004/04/18 Example: before:04/18/2004
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

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Classic Hangouts messages	Is:chat Example: is:chat movie
Search by email for delivered messages	Deliveredto: Example: deliveredto:prasanth@doublegemini.com
Messages in a certain category	Category:primary Category:social Category:promotions Category:updates Category:forums Category:reservations Category purchases Example: category:updates
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@doublegemini.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.