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How to Google like a Pro – 10 Tips for More Effective Googling



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Pretty much everything is available on the internet, and Google is one of the main ways people search for information.

And while you might think it's obvious, many internet users don't know how to use Google search **efficiently** and **effectively**.

In truth, Googling is an art.

To get the right answers, you need to ask the right questions. And to get the right answers quickly, you must know **how** to ask the right questions.

Everyone should learn the **how** part, and that's what this tutorial is all about. Below are some helpful tips and tricks you can use to find correct answers to your questions effectively and efficiently.

How to Search Google Effectively

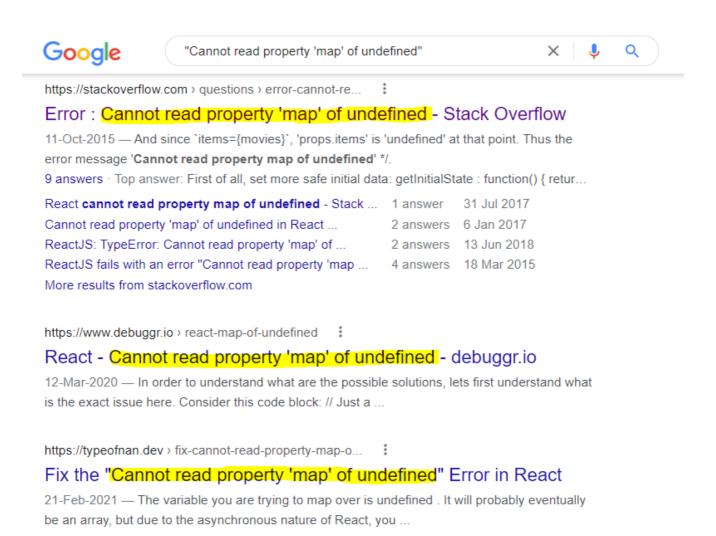
1. Use quotes to get an "EXACT" match



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But if you wrap your search query or question (either a term or a phrase) in quotes like this: "your question goes here" then Google will do a deep search. This means that all the results will include pages that **contain all the terms** in your question that you put within quotes.

This is helpful when you absolutely want a particular term or phrase to be there in your search results.

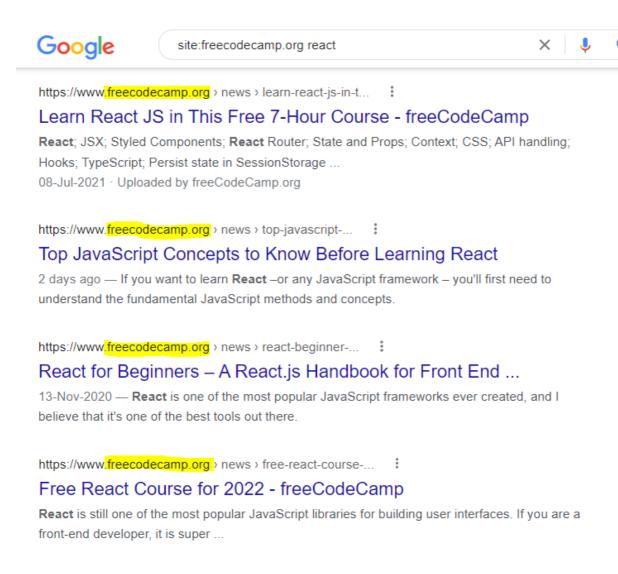


2. Search within a specific site with site:

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This is also helpful when you want to search for something within a website that doesn't have an internal search option or perhaps doesn't have a very effective one.

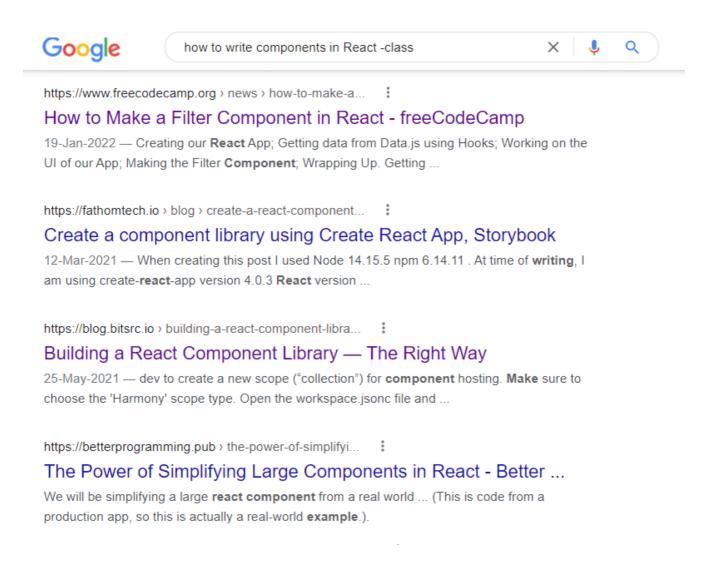
For example, searching for **site:freecodecamp.org react** will populate search results only from the <u>www.freecodecamp.org</u> website on the topic of React.



3. Exclude a term from search results with -

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For e.g. a search on => how to write components in React -class will return all the search results that don't have the term "class" in them. So, (if you know a bit of React) it'll give you only ways to write functional components in React.



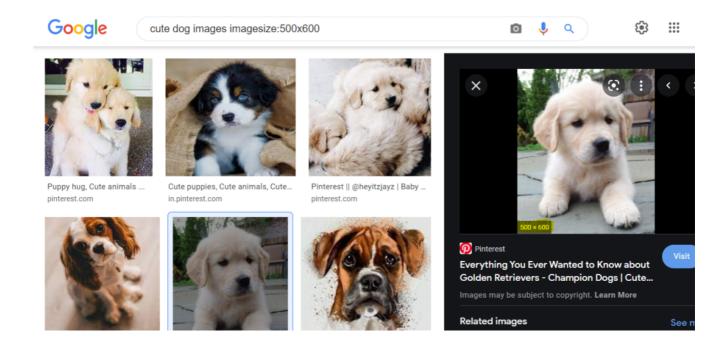
4. Search images of a particular size with

imagesize:

If you want to search images of a particular size, then use the tag imagesize: in your search query along with the width and height in

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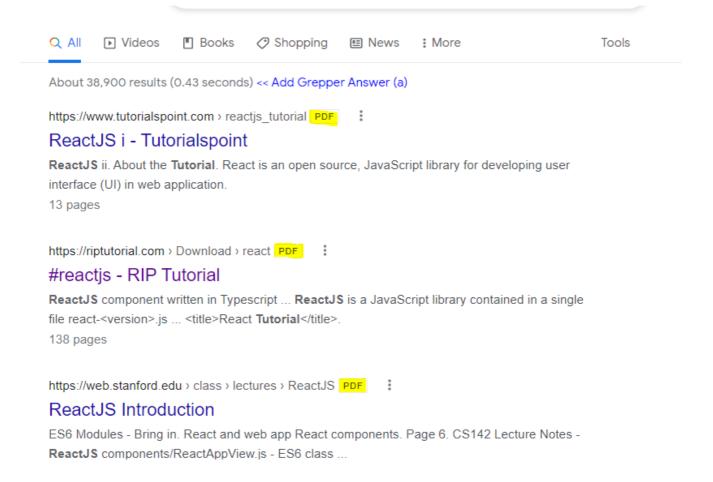
will populate image results which have a dimension of $500px \times 500px$. So a search on => "cute dog images imagesize:500x600" (coz why not) will result in pictures of cute dogs with an image size of $500px \times 600px$.



5. Search for a particular filetype with filetype:

If you want to get search results that contain a particular file type such as PDF or PPT, then add filetype:<extension> (without the angular brackets). For example, react tutorial filetype:pdf will generate results that contains PDF in them, as seen in the following image:

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6. Use wildcard * to make searches

If you are unsure about or have forgotten any term in your search query/ question, then use the wildcard * charachter. Google will replace it for you with relevant terms.

For example, a search on => the * of money will populate the following results. It will be a bunch of pages that include the phrase such as "the exchange of money", "the use of money", "the role of money", "the psychology of money", and so on.

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7. Combine searches with OR, AND logic

If you want your search results to contain two terms, then put the AND keyword in between them. For example, the search on => React AND Angular will fetch results that have both the terms react and angular in it.

Similarly, if you want either of the terms in your search results, then use the OR keyword in between them. For example, the search on => **React**OR Angular will fetch results that have either of the terms or even both.

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8. Filter out searches with AFTER:, BEFORE: or ... between two numbers

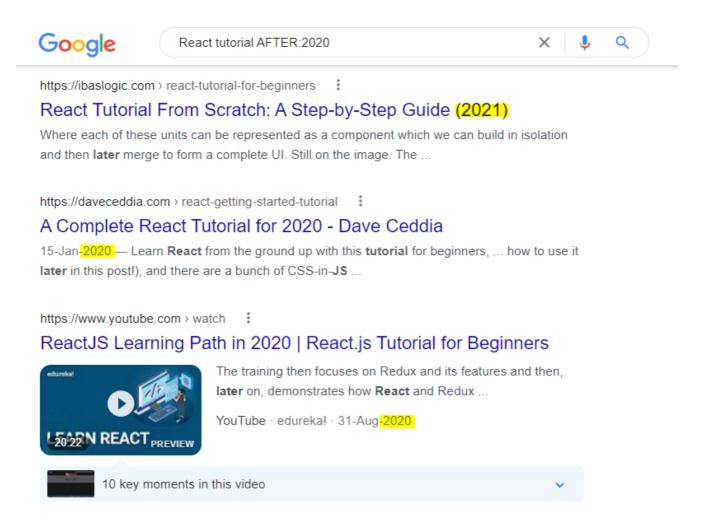
If you want Google to populate search results that were published after a particular year, then use the tag AFTER: . For example, the search on => **React tutorials AFTER:2020** will populate search results published after 2020.

Similarly adding the tag BEFORE: will return results published before a particular year.

You can also search for results published in a certain year range, or for that matter between any numbers. Just add . . between the two



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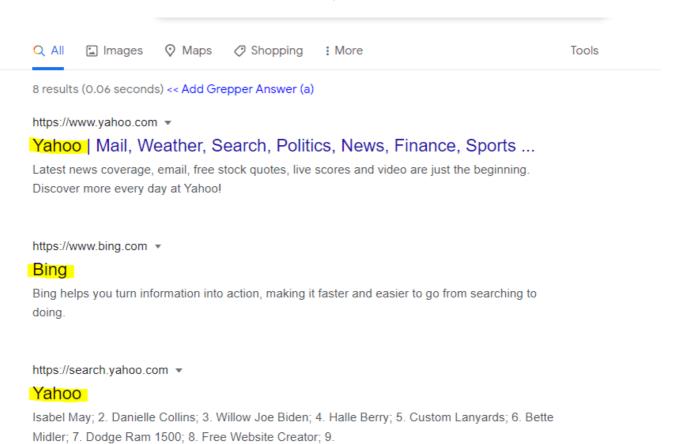
9. Check out related websites using related:

If you want to know what all other websites are available on the internet that are similar to a particular website, then use the related: tag.

For example, a search on **related:google.com** will fetch all the websites that are similar to Google like Bing, Yahoo, DuckDuckGo, and so on.



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10. Use cache: to see Google's cached version of a website

Google stores a cached version of websites to provide search results quickly. To see if Google has cached any site or not, just use the tag cache: in front of the website's URL.

This is especially helpful for **web developers** if they want to check if they are currently viewing a cached site or the latest version of a website after they have pushed some changes to the website. For example, a search for => **cache:www.sohamderoy.dev** on the day of writing this tutorial (that is, 4th Aug 2022) returns the following result:

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As you see, even though I am searching for the site on 4th August 2022, I still see a copy of the site from 3rd August 2022, as that is when Google has cached the website.

It is important to note that "Not all search operators return exhaustive results." as mentioned by <u>Google</u> itself.

Still, I believe that these are some really handy tips that help you make an effective and efficient Google search. I hope I've explained them properly and have encouraged you to use them in your regular Google search.

Wrapping Up

Thanks for reading! I really hope you enjoyed reading this short article about how to google efficeiently and effectively and found this tutorial useful.

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