

Introduction

OpenSearch is a collection of simple formats for the sharing of search results.

The [OpenSearch description document](#) format can be used to describe a search engine so that it can be used by [search client applications](#).

The [OpenSearch response elements](#) can be used to extend existing syndication formats, such as RSS and Atom, with the extra metadata needed to [return search results](#).

For everyone

- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Search clients that support OpenSearch](#)
- [Directories of search engines that support OpenSearch](#)

For developers

Specifications

- [OpenSearch 1.1 \(Draft 5\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch description document](#)
 - [OpenSearch URL template syntax](#)
 - [OpenSearch Query element](#)
 - [OpenSearch response elements](#)
- [OpenSearch extensions](#)
 - [OpenSearch Referrer extension](#)
 - [OpenSearch Relevance extension](#)
 - [OpenSearch Parameter extension](#)
 - [OpenSearch Suggestions extension](#)
 - [OpenSearch Geo extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch Time extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch Advertisement extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch Commerce extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch Mobile extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch Spelling extension \(Draft\)](#)
 - [OpenSearch SRU extension \(Draft\)](#)
- [Archived specifications](#)
- [License](#)
- [OpenSearch specification changelog](#)

Documentation

- [Developer "how to" guide](#)

- [Developer "best practices" guide](#)
- [OpenSearch and microformats](#)
- [OpenSearch response stylesheet](#)
- [OpenSearch 1.0 to 1.1 upgrade guide](#)

Community

- [Software libraries for reading and writing OpenSearch](#)
- [Editorial guidelines](#)
- [OpenSearch roadmap](#)
- [Mailing lists](#)
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- [Wishlist of ideas for OpenSearch 2](#)