Windows Search Cheat Sheet

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Search basics and examples

Core syntax & operators

contains a word, quote phrases	word1 "exact phrase"
exact value: :=	:=thisnameonly
keyword before a colon	datemodified:yesterday
implicit AND	word1 word2
explicit OR	word1 OR word2
explicit NOT	word1 NOT word2
group with ( )	word1 (word2 OR word3)
Comparison, range: > < ..	size:<50MB date:2024..2025
kind, extension	kind:folder ext:rtf
boolean	isflagged:true hasattachment:false
includes: *, ends "."*	*.png

OR and NOT must be uppercase and cannot be used together. Some properties are specific to particular kinds of files. keywords are disabled inside quotes.

All file kind:keywords

everything, communications, contacts, email, im, meetings, tasks, notes, docs, text, spreadsheets, presentations, music, pics, videos, folders, favorites, programs

Relative dates

date:today, date:tomorrow, date:yesterday

date:this week, date:last week, date:next month, date:past month, date:coming year

Calendar

isrecurring, recurring, by, organizer, location

Select keywords per type

General / All files (kind:everything)

title, status, date, datemodified, modified, importance, priority, size, deleted, isdeleted, isattachment, to, toname, cc, ccname, company, category, keywords, album, file, filename, genre, author, by, under, path, folder, fileext, ext, keyword, tag, type

Documents

comments, lastsavedby, documentmanager, revisionnumber, datelastprinted, slides

Boolean helpers

isattachment, isonline, iscompleted, isdeleted, isflagged, isrecurring, hasattachment, hasflag

Contacts

jobtitle, imaddress, assistantsphone, assistantname, profession, nickname, spouse, businesscity, businesspostalcode, businesshomepage, callbacknumber, carphone, children, firstname, lastname, homefax, manager, pager, businessphone, homephone, mobilephone, officelocation, anniversary, birthday

Pictures

cameramake, cameramodel, dimensions, orientation, taken, datetaken, width, height, flashmode

Videos / Recorded TV

name, subject, ext, filext

Recorded TV broadcastdate, channel, closedcaptioning, datereleased, episodename

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