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Search Content							
web pages	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
usenet	yes	yes, in cooperation with Deja News	yes	yes	yes		yes, in cooperation with Deja News
specific searches for media files			yes		yes		
news articles		yes	yes	yes	yes	part of the Special Collection	News is a WebCrawler Channel option
e-mail addresses		yes, in cooperation with WhoWhere?	yes, in cooperation with BigYellow	yes, in cooperation with BigYellow	yes		yes, in cooperation with WhoWhere?
company information		yes, in cooperation with GTE Superpages	yes, in cooperation with BigYellow	yes, in cooperation with BigYellow	yes, in cooperation with Dun & Bradstreet	industry based searching; built into search restrictors	yes, in cooperation with WhoWhere?
Search Language							
inclusion of words	simple search: plus sign (+) advanced search: AND or ampersand (&)	AND or plus sign (+)	choose "all the words" on the search form, the "must contain" option on the super search form, or use AND, the plus sign (+) or the ampersand (&) with the Boolean expression option	plus sign (+)	AND, plus sign (+) or ampersand (&), or choose "all the words" from the Lycos Pro advanced search form	AND or plus sign (+)	AND
alternative words	OR or the pipe symbol () in an advanced search	OR	choose "any of the words" on the search form or use OR or the pipe symbol () with the Boolean expression option	all words are searched alternatively unless otherwise specified	OR, pipe symbol (), or choose "any of the words" from the Lycos Pro advanced search form	OR	OR
proximity	NEAR or tilde (~) finds terms occurring within 10 words of each other in an advanced search				Lycos Pro: NEAR: terms within 25 words of each other NEAR/#: terms within specified number of words of each other ONEAR: same as NEAR, but with words in specified order ONEAR/#: same as		NEAR/#: replace the number sign with the desired proximity (number of words) desired

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					ONEAR, but with words in specified order FAR: terms appear at least 25 words apart FAR/#: terms appear at least specified number of words apart OFAR: same as FAR, but with words in specified order OFAR/#: same as OFAR, but with words in specified order BEFORE: finds pages where the first term appears before the second		
exclusion of words	simple search: minus sign (-) advanced search: NOT or exclamation point (!)	AND NOT or minus sign (-)	Choose "must not contain" on the super search form; NOT or the exclamation point (!) with the Boolean expression option	minus sign (-)	NOT, minus sign (-), or exclamation point (!)	NOT or minus sign (-)	NOT
phrases	quotation marks ("")	quotation marks ("")	quotation marks (""), or choose "exact phrase" on the search form	quotation marks ("") or hyphens (-) between words without spaces	quotation marks ("") ADJ: words must appear next to each other ADJ/#: terms must appear exactly specified number of words apart OADJ: same as ADJ, but words must be in specified order OADJ/#: same as ADJ/#: but words must be in specified order	quotation marks ("")	quotation marks ("") or ADJ between words
case sensitivity	lower case search searches are case insensitive; upper case searches force case sensitivity		lower case searches are case insensitive; mixed upper/lower case searches are case sensitive	lower case searches are case insensitive; initial capitals forces case sensitivity and phrase searching			
truncation	asterisk (*)	not necessary with concept searching					
nesting	parentheses ()	parentheses ()	parentheses () with the Boolean expression option		parentheses (), brackets [], braces { }, or angle brackets < >	parentheses ()	parentheses ()
Search Restrictors							
date	form based date		restrict by date on the			available with industry	

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	restriction available with advanced search		search form; or by using after:, before: or within:			focused search	
location			restrict by location on the search form				
media type			restrict by media type on the search form; or by using feature:				
title (searches specific word or phrase in a page's title field)	title:		title:	title:		TITLE:	
url (searches specific word or phrase in a page's url)	url:			url:		URL:	
other search restrictors	<p>anchor: specified word in the text of a hyperlink</p> <p>applet: specified Java applet</p> <p>domain: pages within the specified domain</p> <p>host: pages on a specified computer</p> <p>image: pages with images having a specified file name</p> <p>link: pages with a link to another specified url</p> <p>text: specified text in any part of the page other than an image tag, link or url</p>		<p>domain: pages within the specified domain</p> <p>depth: designates exactly how many subdirectories should appear in the url</p> <p>feature: pages with a specified feature</p> <p>linkdomain: pages containing a link to a specified domain</p> <p>linkext: pages containing embedded files with the specified extension</p> <p>newsgroup: restricts to a specified newsgroup</p> <p>scriptlanguage: pages containing a specified script language</p>	<p>link:</p> <p>site:</p>		<p>PUB: searches for Special Collection documents by journal title</p> <p>COMPANY: searches for information about a particular company</p> <p>TICKER: searches for information about a company based upon the company's stock ticker</p> <p>TEXT: searches within the text of the document or website</p> <p>There are also special search forms to limit searches to a specific industry or publication.</p>	
Other Search Features	<p>search can be limited to a particular language</p> <p>refine feature lists topics and related</p>	<p>default searching is inclusive/alternative using concept searching. Concept searching will search</p>	<p>sophisticated form based interface makes advanced searching easy and eliminates the need to investigate</p>	<p>allows searching within previous set of results by using the pipe symbol (), or choosing "search these results"</p>	<p>searches can be restricted to the Point Top 5% on the search form</p>	<p>searches both the world wide web and a special collection of premium documents. Retrieval of the text of the</p>	<p>allows a secondary search to find similar pages from an initial result</p>

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	<p>words which may be specifically included or excluded from the search</p> <p>advanced search's ranking field gives search terms added weight</p>	<p>for other word forms, synonyms, and related terms in addition to the keyword typed into the search statement</p> <p>use of Boolean operators (AND, OR, AND NOT) forces keyword (exact term) searching</p> <p>the "More Like This" feature from the results display allows researchers to let Excite construct a new search to retrieve relevant sites. Find a relevant site on the results display and click on "More Like This." Excite uses that page as an example on which to base a new search</p> <p>power search provides a form based interface from which to perform an advanced search</p>	<p>appropriate search language</p>	<p>from the bottom of the results page</p> <p>adjacent capitalized words will be searched as a phrase. For separate searching, insert commas between capitalized words</p>		<p>premium documents is fee based.</p>	
Results Display	<p>display reveals short summary, url, file size, page date and language</p> <p>results can be opened in a separate browser window</p> <p>word count reveals the number of times each search term appears</p>	<p>display reveals url, relevancy score, and summary</p> <p>user can sort results by site or relevancy</p> <p>"More Like This" feature allows a related search</p>	<p>full descriptions include relevancy score, summary, url, file size and page date</p> <p>search form allows users to set results to full descriptions, brief descriptions, or urls only</p> <p>results can be opened in a separate browser window</p>	<p>display reveals relevancy score, url, summary and file size</p> <p>users can choose to hide summaries</p> <p>users can choose to reveal only those results from a specific site</p>	<p>detailed results include relevancy score, abstract, url, file size, page date & time, and number of links on the page to other online resources</p> <p>users can set standard descriptions, detailed descriptions, or just the links</p>	<p>results include relevancy score, abstract, url, & page date</p> <p>two separate results lists put results in order by relevancy rank, and also arrange results into customized folders of similar types of results</p>	<p>display reveals relevancy score, url and summary</p> <p>users can hide or display summaries, and adjust the number of results per page</p>
Subject Directory	<p>no</p> <p>(Yahoo links to Alta Vista)</p>	<p>yes</p> <p>Channels by Excite</p>	<p>yes</p> <p>Wired Cybrarian</p>	<p>yes</p> <p>Infoseek Channels</p>	<p>yes</p> <p>Lycos Web Guides</p>	<p>no</p>	<p>yes</p> <p>WebCrawler Channels</p>

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Other Special Features	one click from the results page locates related books at amazon.com	<p>City.net provides information about over 4000 cities (includes maps)</p> <p>search stocks through Charles Schwab</p> <p>free e-mail accounts</p> <p>personalized weather reports</p> <p>travel reservations through Preview Travel</p>	also searches classified ads, stocks, non-usenet electronic discussion forums, and shareware	<p>also searches stocks, maps and reference sources</p> <p>includes a UPS Service Center to track packages</p>	also searches stocks, UPS tracking numbers, recipes, books, classified ads, maps and a city guide		also searches stocks, classified ads, weather, maps, and horoscopes