

Specialized Search Engines

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People Search

Spock (<http://www.spock.com>): Search for people by name, email, tags. Retrieved results will display a picture of the person, if available. For the more exciting features, like searching by email, you must create a free user account.

Pipl (<http://pipl.com>): Claim that it is better than Google because it searches the “deep” or “invisible”.

Facesearch (<http://www.facesaerch.com>): Is an image search engine for faces only and it is powered by Google. Note how the results are displayed, as a catalog of images, only, absolutely no text.

Yoname (<http://yoname.com>): Searches for people across a number of social networking sites including: MySpace, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Flickr. You can search for people by name, username, or an email address. The results are clustered in tabs according to the social network where the name was found.

Wink (<http://wink.com>): Provides **free people search** across over 400 Million profiles from across the Internet - including Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, and all the other big social networks. You can search for people by name, location, work, school or interests.

Videos

Blinkx (<http://www.blinkx.com>): video search for news, TV shows, and other video clips—your results will include videos from news agencies, YouTube; TV channels.

Wonder How To (<http://www.wonderhowto.com>): is a community-fueled, search engine and directory for Free How-To Video.

Yo visto (<http://yovisto.com>): academic video search for lectures from universities across the world.

Showroom 411 (<http://www.showroom411.com>): How to videos for do-it-yourself home projects-

Web 2.0

Blogdigger (<http://www.blogdigger.com/index.html>): Blog search

Keotag (<http://keotag.com>): for tags, also has a tag generator—searches across a number search engines for tags—annoying because you have to click on the icon of the search engine that you want it to search—Does not do this automatically.

Icerocket (<http://www.icerocket.com>): Blog search

Addict-o-matic (<http://addictomatic.com>): Searches videos, pictures, tags and blogs—creates a customized page for your topic rounding up information from video searches, tags, blogs, news sites..

Technorati (<http://technorati.com>): Blog search

Sphere (<http://www.sphere.com>): Used to be a search engine where you could search for blogs, videos, and other media—but recently it was changed, do now you cannot search on their website, but they will aggregate content and with the use of a widget they can feed it to your blog/website.

Rssmicro (<http://rssmicro.com>): Searches RSS Feeds

Omgili (<http://www.omgili.com>): Find out what people are saying about everything searches blogs, forums, discussion boards and more.

Twingly (<http://www.twingly.com>): Blog search

Travel

Wego (<http://www.wego.com>): Searches over 100 travel sites—agents, airlines, hotels, it's looking for the best deal for you. Also will give you listings of what airlines fly to what airports

My Travel DB (<http://mytraveldb.com>): community you can write a blog, share photos and videos from your mobile device or pc... Select your destination and enjoy your trip! You will not find airfare information on this site.

Mobissimo (<http://www.mobissimo.com>): The Mobissimo search engine performs real-time queries of the multiple websites that travelers traditionally check manually.

Unusual Hotels of the World (<http://www.unusualhotelsoftheworld.com>): An online guide for travelers looking for truly different hotels to stay in around the world.

Uptake (<http://www.uptake.com>): A travel search and discovery site. Helps users make informed decisions about what best fits their travel preferences. We scoured more than 1,000 sites to collect 400,000 places to go, things to do and places to stay in the U.S. Only contains travel information about destinations in the United States.

Trip Advisor (<http://www.tripadvisor.com>): Look for flight information, where to stay, and what to do once. See other Traveler Reviews for the location where you are going to.

Images

Pixsy (<http://www.pixsy.com>): Allows you to search for video and images in one interface and will also return news articles.

Rerievr (<http://labs.systemone.at/retrievr>): An experimental service which lets you search and explore in a selection of [Flickr](#) images by drawing a rough sketch.

Picsearch (<http://www.picsearch.com>): Click on the thumbnail and you will be taken to the original page where the image was found, URL for the image is provided, if available.

FlickrCC (<http://flickrcc.bluemountains.net>): Creative commons images that are available on Flickr.

Music

Songza (<http://songza.com>): Search, stream, and share songs for free. Create an account to keep track of your playlists.

Seeqpod (<http://www.seeqpod.com>): Search, stream songs and create playlists for free. You can also embed the code of the song/video on your website.

Musicgama (<http://musicgama.com>): Search for music and music videos.

Wine & Food

Wine Searcher (<http://www.wine-searcher.com>): Search for recommended wines, local wines by appellation, or read reviews.

Snooth (<http://www.snooth.com>): A “social shopping” experience for wine. You can read reviews, create an account so that you can find merchants that carry the wine you are looking for in your area.

BooRah (<http://www.boorah.com>): Community generated restaurant reviews; you will be in the know on the hottest restaurant in town.

Movie Reviews

Movie Review Query Search Engine (<http://www.mrqe.com>): Rounds up reviews for movies from sources such as the NYTimes; variety, Wall Street Journal, local national newspapers and more

Make your own

Google Custom Search Engine (<http://www.google.com/coop/cse/>): Fast and easy way to create a personalized search engine for your business, organization, or topic that you are interested in.

Rollyo (<http://rollyo.com>): Fast and easy way to create a personalized search engine for your business, organization, or topic that you are interested in.