

Search Syntax	
author:patrick	Finds items with patrick in the author property.
author:(patrick hines)	Finds items with patrick in the Author property.
author:(patrick OR bob)	Finds items with patrick or bob in the Author property.
author:patrick bob	Finds items with patrick in the Author property and bob anywhere in the document.
from:patrick	Finds items with patrick in either fromName OR fromAddress, since "from" is a property name for both fromName and fromAddress.
before:10/9/2007	Finds items whose PrimaryDate field contains a date before 10/9/2007.
after:10/9/2007	Finds items whose PrimaryDate field contains a date after 10/9/2007.
report has:attachment	Finds items containing the word report that have attachments. Same as hasattachment:true
report is:attachment	Finds items that have attachments containing the word report. Same as isattachment:true

Numbers and ranges	
Date range	Property followed by two dates, e.g., from:david sent:11/05/06..11/05/07
Relative dates	Today, tomorrow, yesterday
Multiword relative dates	This week, next month, last week, past month, or coming year. Can also be entered contracted, as follows: thisweek, nextmonth, lastweek, pastmonth, comingyear
Days	Sunday, Monday ... Saturday
Months	January, February ... December

Size and Date Ranges	
Searches for files with a value in the Size between50 KB and 70 KB, excluding the end values.	
size:>=50KB <=70KB	Searches for files with a value in the Size property between 50 KB and 70 KB, including the end values.
size:50KB..70KB	Same as size:>=50KB <=70KB
date:>2/7/05<2/10/05	Searches for a date in the Date property between the values 2/7/05 and 2/10/05, excluding the end dates.
date:>=2/7/05<=2/10/05	Searches for a date in the Date property between the values 2/7/05 and 2/10/05, including the end dates.
date:2/7/05 .. 2/10/05	Same as date:>=2/7/05<=2/10/05

Search for objects of a given type	
Query objects of a given type by using kind property	
Communications	kind:communications
Contacts	kind:person, kind:contacts
E-mail	kind:email
IM conversations	kind:im
Meetings	kind:meetings
Tasks	kind:tasks
Notes	kind:notes
Documents	kind:docs
Music	kind:music, kind:song
Pictures	kind:pics, kind:pictures
Videos	kind:videos
Folders	kind:folders
Folder name	foldername:mydocs
Programs	kind:programs
Recorded TV	kind:tv
Link	kind:link
Journal entry	kind:journal

Booleans
Boolean operators (NOT, OR, AND) must be in all UPPERCASE letters.

Properties for all object types	
title, subject, about	title:manager
status	status:active
date	date:lastweek
datemodified, modified	modified:lastweek
importance, priority	importance:high
size	size:>50MB
deleted,isdeleted	isdeleted:true
isattachment	isattachment:false
to, toname	to:johnsmith
cc, ccname	cc:david
company	company:adventure-works
category	category:business
keywords	keywords:sports
album	album:greatest
filename, file	filename:2006hits
genre	genre:jazz
author, by	author:david
folder, under, path	folder:adminstration
ext, fileext	ext:.rtf
tag, keyword	tag:personal
type	type:image

More: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/winfamily/desktopsearch/default.mspx>

Properties for kind=Communications	
from, organizer	from:simon
received, sent	sent:yesterday
subject, title	subject:budget
hasattachment, hasattachments	hasattachment:true
attachments, attachment	attachment:presentation.ppt
bcc, bccname	bcc:michael
bccaddress, bcc	bccaddress:mike@contoso.com
ccaddress, cc	ccaddress:mike@contoso.com
flagstatus, flagstatus:followup	flagstatus:unflagged, flagstatus:completed
toaddress, to	toaddress:mike@contoso.com
duedate, due	due:10/15/2008
read, isread	isread:false
iscompleted	iscompleted:true
incomplete	incomplete:true
hasflag, isflagged	hasflag:false
duration	duration:>120

Properties for kind=Contacts	
jobtitle	jobtitle:manager
imaddress	imaddress:luis@xyz.com
assistantsphone	assistantsphone:555-1212
assistantname	assistantname:roberto
profession	profession:accountant
nickname	nickname:louis
spouse	spouse:susana
businesscity	businesscity:redmond
businesspostalcode	businesspostalcode:98052
businesshomepage	businesshomepage:www.xyz.com
callbacknumber	callbacknumber:882-8080
carphone	carphone:555-1212
children	children:anna
firstname	firstname:maria
lastname	lastname
homefax	homefax:555-1212
manager	manager:carlos
pager	pager:882-8080
businessphone	businessphone:555-1212
homephone	homephone:555-1212
mobilephone	mobilephone:882-8080
officelocation	officelocation:red/101
anniversary	anniversary:yesterday
birthday	birthday:tomorrow

Properties for Calendar items	
isrecurring, recurring	isrecurring:true, recurring:true
organizer, by, from	organizer:jonas
location	location:calgary

Restrict by file store	
Files	store:file
Offline Files	store:csc
Outlook	store:mapi
Outlook Express	store:outlookexpress

Properties for kind=Docs	
comments	comments:excellent
lastsavedby	lastsavedby:josh
documentmanager	documentmanager:jonas
revisionnumber	revisionnumber:4a
datelastprinted	datelastprinted:yesterday
slides	slides:>20

Properties for kind=Music	
bitrate	bitrate:>150kbps
artist, by	artist:U2
year	year:1977..1987
album	album:"greatest hits"
genre	genre:rock
lyrics	lyrics:"happy birthday to you"
#, track	track:12
year	year:>1980<1990

Properties for kind=Pictures	
cameramake	cameramake:nikon
cameramodel	cameramodel:eclipse
dimensions	dimensions:8x10
orientation	orientation:landscape
taken, datetaken	taken:last, datetaken:today
width	width:33
height	height:66
flashmode	flashmode:no flash

Properties for kind=TV	
broadcastdate	broadcastdate:2005
channel	channel:7
closedcaptioning	closedcaptioning:true
datereleased	datereleased:2007
episodename	episodename:zeppo

Properties for kind=Videos	
name, subject	name:vacation, subject:hawaii
Ext, filext	ext:wma filext:wma

Wildcards
Adding the asterisk (*) in your search term uses a wildcard for a string of letters or numbers, whereas the question mark (?) is a single character wildcard.

File types
Full contents: folder, bat, c, cmd, cpp, cxx, Dif, disco, doc, dot, eml, h, hpp, html, html, hxx, idl, inc, inf, inx, js, mht, msg, nws, one, pl, pot, ppa, pps, ppt, pwz, rc, reg, resx, rtf, silk, txt, url, vbs, vcf, xla, xld, xls, xls, xlt, xlv, xlw, xml, xsl
Name+Metadata: 3ds, a11, aac, acf, ade, adp, ai, aif, aifc, aiff, amf, ani, anm, art, ascx, asf, asm, asp, aspx, asx, au, avi, avm, b&w, bin, b8, bga, bit, bld, bm, bmp, b_w, cab, cda, cdf, cdr, cmp, cmv, Com, cpl, cps, cs, css, cur, cvs, dcx, def, dfs, dib, dic, dip, dkb, dss, dvi, dw2, dwg, emf, eps, far, fh3, fh4, fit, flc, fli, gcd, gif, gl, gsd, gz, hhc, hrf, hsz, hsi, iax, ica, ich, ico, ics, idq, ivf, ivf, jas, jff, jfif, jnt, jpc, jpe, jpeg, jpg, jtf, latex, lbm, lnk, miv, m3u, mapiipm.Note, mda, mde, mid, midi, mmmn, mov, mp2, mp2v, mp3, mpa, mpc, mpd, mpe, mpeg, mpg, mpp, mpt, mpv, mpv2, mpvx, msp, mus, mwf, nc, neo, odc, okt, p16, pct, pcx, pda, pdd, pdf, pgm, plx, pl, pm, pms, png, ppm, ppz, ps, psd, pse, psn, pts, qdv, qt, ra, ram, rgb, rif, rip, rix, r14, r18, rle, mml, rtx, s3m, scd, sch, sgi, snd, sng, stm, tar, tex, tgz, tif, tiff, tsp, tsv, ult, uw, van, vcard, vcs, vda, vdr, vdx, voc, vsi, vst, vsw, vsx, vtx, vue, wav, wax, wbk, wiz, wks, wm, wma, wmf, wmp, wmv, wmx, wml, wri, ws2, wtx, wvx, xif, xib, xlc, xlk, xll, xlm, xml, xmi, xpm, z, zip