Searching by site and domain

# Uses of the site: feature in most popular search engines.

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# Search by website *type*

Perhaps most useful for study are:

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| Site:edu | Searches US educational sites |
| Site:ac.uk | Searches UK educational sites |
| Site:gov | Searches government websites |

# Search by Individual website

To search a particular website, enter its *domain name* after site: in the search box. The domain name is the part after www but before the first forward slash.

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| Site:bbc.co.uk | Searches the BBC website |
| Site: worldbank.org | Searches the World Bank website. |
| Site:Sheffield.ac.uk | Searches the University of Sheffield website |
| Site:bma.org | Searches the British Medical Association website |

# Search by *sections* of a website

This can be useful if you’ve heard that there’s an interesting article on a site, or you remember seeing it but forgot to bookmark it. This can also be a way of browsing an interesting section of a site if it doesn’t have its own search facility.

Here’s a step by step of how to do it:

1. Go to the home page of the site section you’re interested in, either using a search engine or by navigating to it from the site home page.
2. Look at the URL in your browser address bar:

3. Copy the URL *from* the dot after www *to* the last forward slash:

4. Go to your search engine and type in **site:**
5. Paste the URL fragment you just copied **directly after the colon** – without a space
6. Add your search terms


# Search by country

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| Site:in | Indian websites |
| Site:cn | Chinese websites |
| Site:de | German websites |
| Site:jp | Japanese websites |
| Site:uk | UK websites |

These are known as ‘country code top level domains’. [There is a more complete list of them on Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Country_code_top-level_domain#List_of_ccTLDs).