8 Tips to Smartly Search Your Google Drive

Quotes

You can search for a document that contains a specific phrase Example: "match this phrase exactly"

Or

Search for files that contain at least one of the words Example: discourse Or text

Minus sign

Find documents that do not contain a particular word. Example: you search for pets but exclude cats: pet -cats

Owner

Find documents owned or shared by or with a particular person. Examples:

Owner: bla@gmail.com From: bla@gmail.com; To: bla@gmail.com

Type

Search your Drive by document type :folder, document, spreadsheet, presentation, PDF, image, video, drawing, form, script, or table. Example: type:presentation

Before and after

Search for documents edited before or after a specific period of time. Format the date as Year-Month-Day.

Example: before:2015-03-02

Title

Find documents by title Example: title: ESL conference

App

Find items that can be opened by only certain apps Example: app:"Google Docs"

Source

https://support.google.com/drive/answer/2375114?hl=en&authuser=0