

How to Google like a Pro – 10 Tips for More Effective Googling

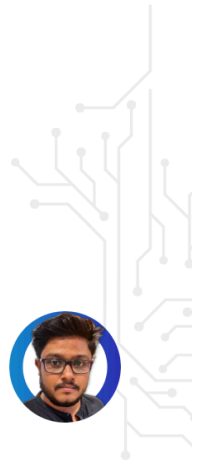
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10 ways to Google like a pro



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Pretty much everything is available on the internet, and Google is one of the main ways people search for information.

And while you might think it's obvious, many internet users don't know how to use Google search **efficiently** and **effectively**.

In truth, Googling is an art.

To get the right answers, you need to ask the right questions. And to get the right answers quickly, you must know **how** to ask the right questions.

Everyone should learn the **how** part, and that's what this tutorial is all about. Below are some helpful tips and tricks you can use to find correct answers to your questions effectively and efficiently.

How to Search Google Effectively

1. Use quotes to get an "EXACT" match

Generally, when we do a regular search on Google, it makes a **shallow** search. This may result in pages that may or may not contain all the words you mentioned in your search query.

But if you wrap your search query or question (either a term or a phrase) in quotes like this: "your question goes here" then Google will do a deep search. This means that all the results will include pages that **contain all the terms** in your question that you put within quotes.

This is helpful when you absolutely want a particular term or phrase to be there in your search results.

The screenshot shows a Google search interface with the query "Cannot read property 'map' of undefined" in the search bar. The results are as follows:

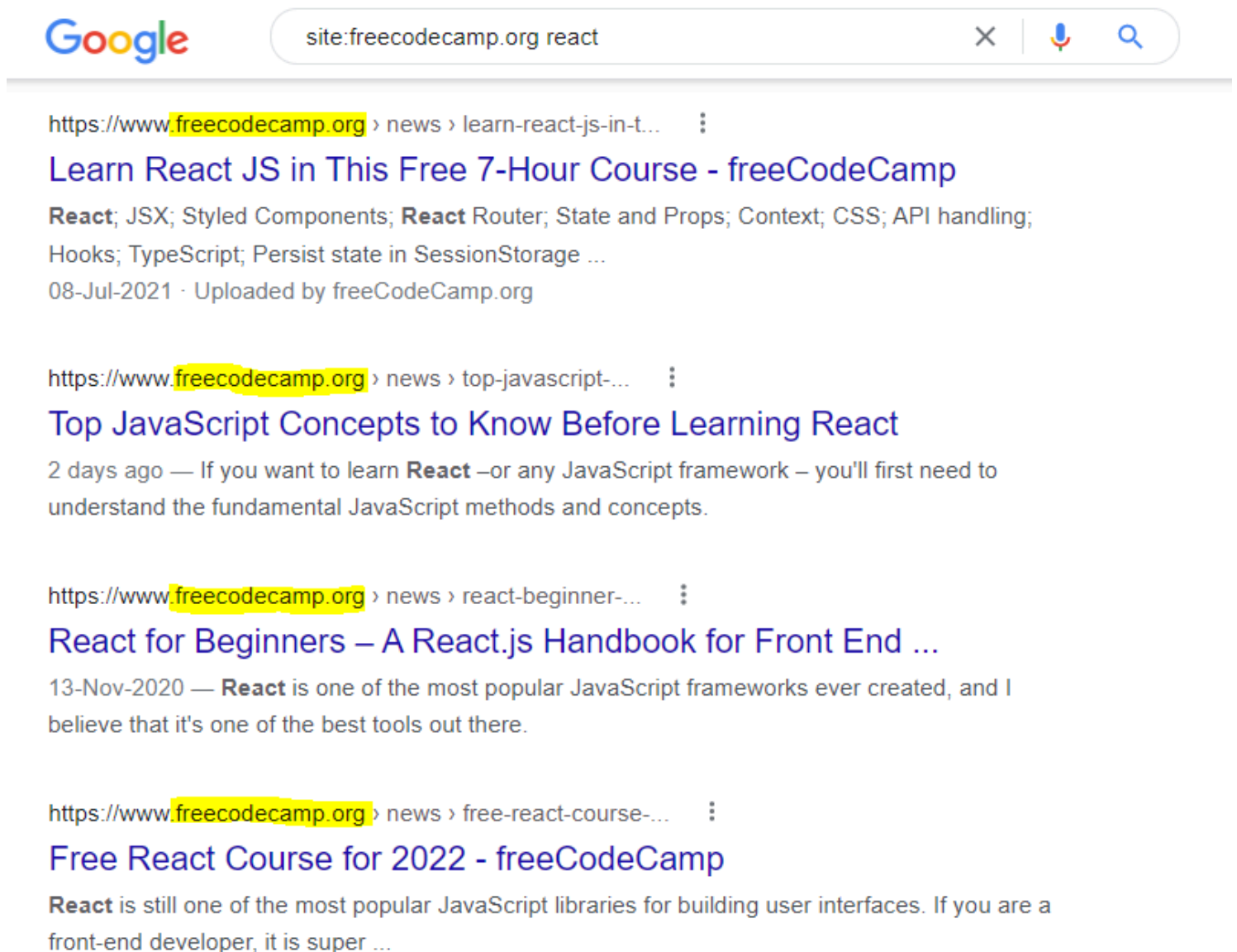
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 - URL: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/error-cannot-re...>
 - Title: **Error : Cannot read property 'map' of undefined - Stack Overflow**
 - Date: 11-Oct-2015
 - Content: And since `items={movies}`, `props.items` is `'undefined'` at that point. Thus the error message `'Cannot read property map of undefined' */`.
 - Answers: 9 answers
 - Top answer: First of all, set more safe initial data: `getInitialState : function() { retur...`
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- debuggr.io**
 - URL: <https://www.debuggr.io/react-map-of-undefined>
 - Title: **React - Cannot read property 'map' of undefined - debuggr.io**
 - Date: 12-Mar-2020
 - Content: In order to understand what are the possible solutions, lets first understand what is the exact issue here. Consider this code block: `// Just a ...`
- typeofnan.dev**
 - URL: <https://typeofnan.dev/fix-cannot-read-property-map-o...>
 - Title: **Fix the "Cannot read property 'map' of undefined" Error in React**
 - Date: 21-Feb-2021
 - Content: The variable you are trying to map over is `undefined` . It will probably eventually be an array, but due to the asynchronous nature of React, you ...

2. Search within a specific site with site:

If you want Google to return results from within a particular website, just add `site:` before the question you are searching.

This is also helpful when you want to search for something within a website that doesn't have an internal search option or perhaps doesn't have a very effective one.

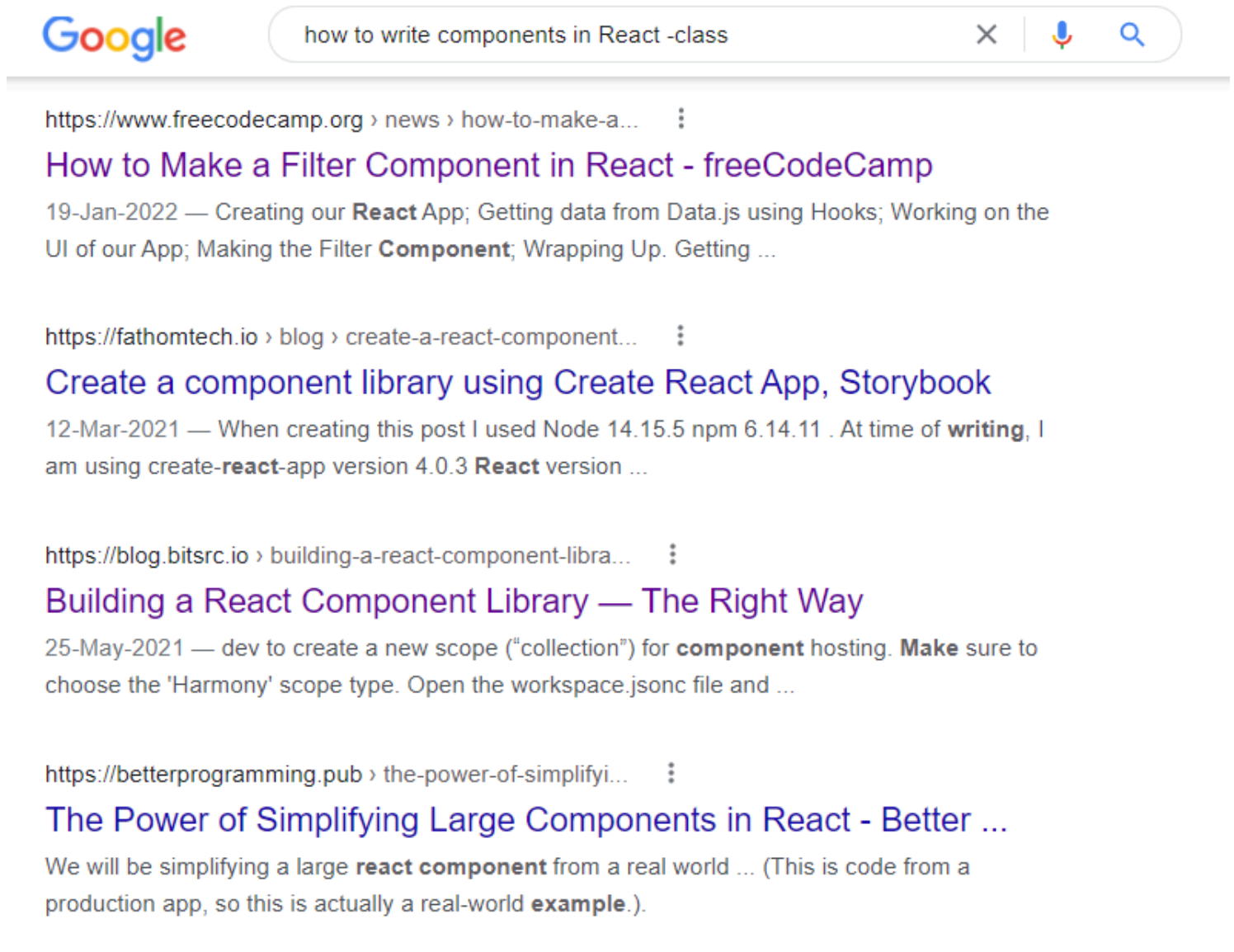
For example, searching for **site:freecodecamp.org react** will populate search results only from the www.freecodecamp.org website on the topic of React.



3. Exclude a term from search results with -

If you don't want a term or phrase to appear in your search results, then just add `-` in front of that word.

For e.g. a search on => **how to write components in React -class** will return all the search results that don't have the term "class" in them. So, (if you know a bit of React) it'll give you only ways to write functional components in React.



4. Search images of a particular size with **imagesize**:

If you want to search images of a particular size, then use the tag **imagesize**: in your search query along with the width and height in **pixels**.

Dimension should be in **pixels** only – for example, **imagesize:500x500** will populate image results which have a dimension of 500px x 500px. So a search on => "cute dog images **imagesize:500x600**" (coz why not) will result in pictures of cute dogs with an image size of 500px x 600px.



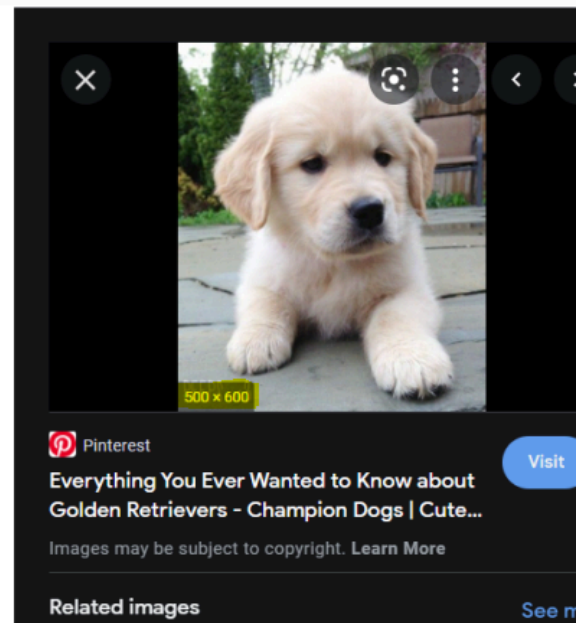
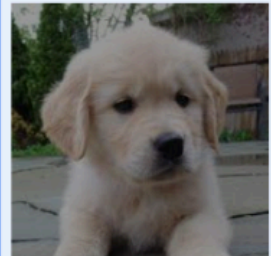
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5. Search for a particular filetype with filetype:

If you want to get search results that contain a particular file type such as PDF or PPT, then add `filetype:<extension>` (without the angular brackets). For example, **react tutorial filetype:pdf** will generate results that contains PDF in them, as seen in the following image:



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6. Use wildcard * to make searches

If you are unsure about or have forgotten any term in your search query/ question, then use the wildcard * character. Google will replace it for you with relevant terms.

For example, a search on => the * of money will populate the following results. It will be a bunch of pages that include the phrase such as "the *exchange* of money", "the *use* of money", "the *role* of money", "the *psychology* of money", and so on.



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7. Combine searches with OR, AND logic

If you want your search results to contain two terms, then put the AND keyword in between them. For example, the search on => **React AND Angular** will fetch results that have both the terms react and angular in it.

Similarly, if you want either of the terms in your search results, then use the OR keyword in between them. For example, the search on => **React OR Angular** will fetch results that have either of the terms or even both.

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8. Filter out searches with AFTER:, BEFORE: or .. between two numbers

If you want Google to populate search results that were published after a particular year, then use the tag AFTER:. For example, the search on => **React tutorials AFTER:2020** will populate search results published after 2020.

Similarly adding the tag BEFORE: will return results published before a particular year.

You can also search for results published in a certain year range, or for that matter between any numbers. Just add .. between the two numbers you want to search between along with the units, if any.

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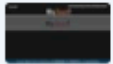
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If you want to know what all other websites are available on the internet that are similar to a particular website, then use the `related:` tag.

For example, a search on **related:google.com** will fetch all the websites that are similar to Google like Bing, Yahoo, DuckDuckGo, and so on.



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10. Use cache: to see Google's cached version of a website

Google stores a cached version of websites to provide search results quickly. To see if Google has cached any site or not, just use the tag `cache:` in front of the website's URL.

This is especially helpful for **web developers** if they want to check if they are currently viewing a cached site or the latest version of a website after they have pushed some changes to the website. For example, a search for => **cache:www.sohamderoy.dev** on the day of writing this tutorial (that is, 4th Aug 2022) returns the following result:

This is Google's cache of <https://www.sohamderoy.dev/>. It is a snapshot of the page as it appeared on 3 Aug 2022 22:59:02 GMT. The [current page](#) could have changed in the meantime. [Learn more.](#)

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Tip: To quickly find your search term on this page, press **Ctrl+F** or **⌘-F** (Mac) and use the find bar.

As you see, even though I am searching for the site on 4th August 2022, I still see a copy of the site from 3rd August 2022, as that is when Google has cached the website.

It is important to note that "Not all search operators return exhaustive results." as mentioned by [Google](#) itself.

Still, I believe that these are some really handy tips that help you make an effective and efficient Google search. I hope I've explained them properly and have encouraged you to use them in your regular Google search.

Wrapping Up

Thanks for reading! I really hope you enjoyed reading this short article about how to google efficeiently and effectively and found this tutorial useful.

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