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8 SEARCHING SYSTEMS THAT ARE BETTER THAN GOOGLE

1. DuckDuckGo is a fairly well-known open source searching system. Servers are located in the USA. In addition to its own robot, the searching system uses the results of other sources: Yahoo, Bing, "Wikipedia".

DuckDuckGo positions itself as a search for maximum privacy and confidentiality. The system does not collect any data about the user, does not store logs (no search history), the use of cookies is as limited as possible.

All major search engines try to personalize search results based on data about a person in front of the monitor. This phenomenon is called the "filter bubble": the user sees only those results that are consistent with his preferences or that the system considers as such. DuckDuckGo creates an objective picture that does not depend on your past behavior on the Web, and eliminates Google-themed advertising and Yandex based on your requests. Using DuckDuckGo, it is easy to search for information in foreign languages: Google and Yandex by default, prefer Russian-language sites, even if the query is entered in another language.

2. Not Evil is a system that searches by the Tor anonymous network. To use it, you need to enter this network, for example, by launching a specialized browser with the same name.

Evil is not the only search engine of its kind. There are LOOK (search by default in the Tor-browser, available from the usual Internet) or TORCH (one of the oldest search engines in the Tor-network) and others. We stopped at not Evil because of an unambiguous hint at Google (just look at the start page).

Searches where Google, Yandex and other search engines are closed in principle.

There are many resources on the Tor network that cannot be found on the law-abiding Internet. And their number will grow as the control of the authorities over the content of the Network is tightened. Tor is a kind of network within the Network with its social networks, torrent trackers, media, trading platforms, blogs, libraries, and so on.

3. YaCy is a decentralized searching system that works on the principle of P2P networks. Each computer on which the main program module is installed scans the Internet itself. The results are collected in a common database that is used by all YaCy members.

It's hard to say whether this is better or worse, since YaCy uses a completely different approach to search organization. The lack of a single server and company-owner makes the results completely independent of anyone's preferences. The autonomy of each node excludes censorship. YaCy is able to search the deep web and non-indexable public networks.

If you are a supporter of open source software and free Internet, which is not subject to the influence of state bodies and large corporations, then YaCy is your choice. It can also be used to organize search within a corporate or other autonomous network. And while YaCy is not very useful in everyday life, it is a worthy alternative to Google in terms of the search process.

4. Pipl is a system designed to search for information about a particular person.

The authors of Pipl claim that their specialized algorithms are searched more efficiently than “ordinary” search engines. In particular, the priority sources of information are social network profiles, comments, lists of participants and various databases where information about people is published, for example, court decision bases. Pipl's leadership in this area is confirmed by Lifehacker.com, TechCrunch and other publications.

If you need to find information about a person living in the United States, then Pipl will be much more efficient than Google. The databases of Russian courts, apparently, are not accessible to the search engine. Therefore, it is not doing so well with the citizens of Russia.

5. FindSounds is another specialized search engine. Searches for various sounds (house, nature, cars, people, and etc.) in open sources.

In the issuance there are only sounds and nothing more. In the search settings, you can set the desired format and sound quality. All found sounds are available for download. There is a search for sounds on the model.

If you need to quickly find the sound of a musket shot, the blows of a woodpecker, or the cry of Homer Simpson, then this service is for you. And we have chosen this only from the available Russian-language queries. In English, the spectrum is even wider.

A specialized service involves a specialized audience.

6. Wolfram | Alpha is a computational search engine. Instead of links to articles that contain keywords, it gives a ready answer to the user's request. For example, if you type “compare the population of New York and San Francisco” in the search form in English, then Wolfram | Alpha will immediately display tables and graphs with a comparison.

This service is best suited for finding facts and calculating data. Wolfram | Alpha accumulates and organizes knowledge available on the Web from various fields, including science, culture and entertainment. If this database contains a ready response to a search query, the system displays it; if not, it calculates and displays the result. In this case, the user sees only the necessary information and nothing superfluous.

If you are, for example, a student, an analyst, a journalist or a researcher, you can use Wolfram | Alpha to find and calculate data related to your activity. The service does not understand all requests, but is constantly evolving and getting smarter.

7. Dogpile is a meta-search engine that displays a combined list of search results from Google, Yahoo and other popular systems.

First, Dogpile displays less advertising. Second, the service uses a special algorithm to find and show the best results from different search engines. According to the developers of Dogpile, their systems form the most complete issue in the entire Internet.

If you cannot find the information in Google or another standard search engine, search for it in several search engines at once using Dogpile.

8. BoardReader is a text search system for forums, Q & A and other communities.

The service allows you to narrow the search field to social sites. Thanks to special filters, you can quickly find posts and user comments that match your criteria: language, publication date and site name.

BoardReader can be useful for PR and other media professionals who are interested in the opinion of a mass audience on certain issues.