

Getting started with Code Search



Page Summary



Introduction

You can search for specific files or code snippets by using the search box located at the top of the Code Search UI:



Search for code or files



To get started, open the Code Search UI for your project:

- [Android](https://cs.android.com) (<https://cs.android.com>)
- [Chromium](https://source.chromium.org) (<https://source.chromium.org>)
- Other Google Projects: [Google Open Source](https://cs.opensource.google) (<https://cs.opensource.google>)

Text search

All searches use [RE2 regular expressions](https://github.com/google/re2/wiki/Syntax) (<https://github.com/google/re2/wiki/Syntax>) by default. If you don't want to use regular expressions, enclose your search in double quotation marks ("). For example:

`"foo()"` # Treats the parentheses as literals. Doesn't match 'food'.

`foo()` # Parentheses are treated as part of a regular expression. Matches 'food'.

Note: If you use a [search filter](https://developers.google.com/code-search/reference/#filters) (<https://developers.google.com/code-search/reference/#filters>), such as **file**, don't enclose the filter in quotes. For example, use **file:abd.xyz** not **file:"abc.xyz"**.

Cross references

Cross references (/code-search/user/cross-references) are available for some repositories. Where cross references are enabled, symbols are links to their definition. Clicking a symbol definition shows a list of usages.

What's next

- Search for files (<https://developers.google.com/code-search/user/search-files>) or file contents (<https://developers.google.com/code-search/user/search-file-contents>).
- Learn about supported operators, filters, and keyboard shortcuts in the Code Search reference (<https://developers.google.com/code-search/reference>) documentation.

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