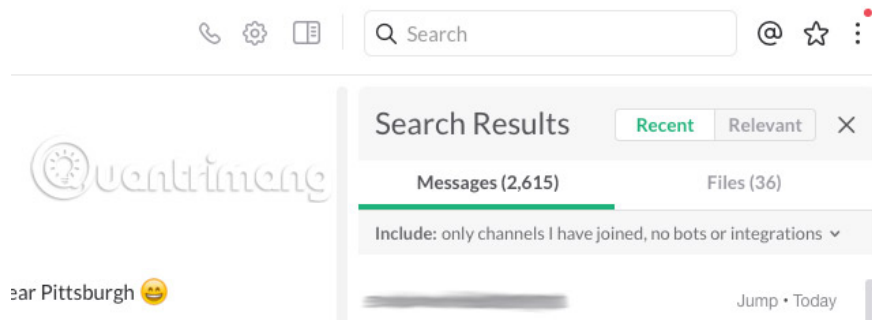


11 advanced search tips with Slack

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Slack is one of the best communication applications in the last decade. It is extremely useful for managing remote groups and projects, mainly because it facilitates easy conversation in real time in a central location. In many ways, Slack defeated email.

But email has an advantage: It is easier to search through previous messages, to find out what someone has said weeks, months or even years ago. Slack also has a search function, but it's not tweaked - at least until you learn all the secrets about it.



By default, when you search for something in Slack, the results will display messages that contain any words in the search query. A bit confusing, so you should use the following tips to increase your search efficiency:

1. Use quotes to search for the exact phrase.
2. Use an asterisk as a wildcard for the phrase.

You can also use modified filters:

3. **in: [channel]** filters the result by a certain channel.
4. **in: [name]** filters results by conversation with a certain user.
5. **from: [name]** filters the results by conversation with a certain user, but ignores your messages in the spoken conversations.
6. **before: [date]** filter the results before a certain date.
7. **after: [date]** filter results after a certain date.

8. **on: [date]** only filters results for a certain date.
9. **during: [month / year]** filter results by given month or year.
10. **has: link** filter results with messages containing links.
11. **has: star** filter results containing messages you starred.

The next time you need to find an old message in Slack, use one of these search engines and you'll save a lot of time. Seriously, these things will be much more useful than you think. Do not underestimate them!

Improve your Slack use skills with great tips and tricks above. If there are any other useful tips with Slack, let us know in the comment section below!

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