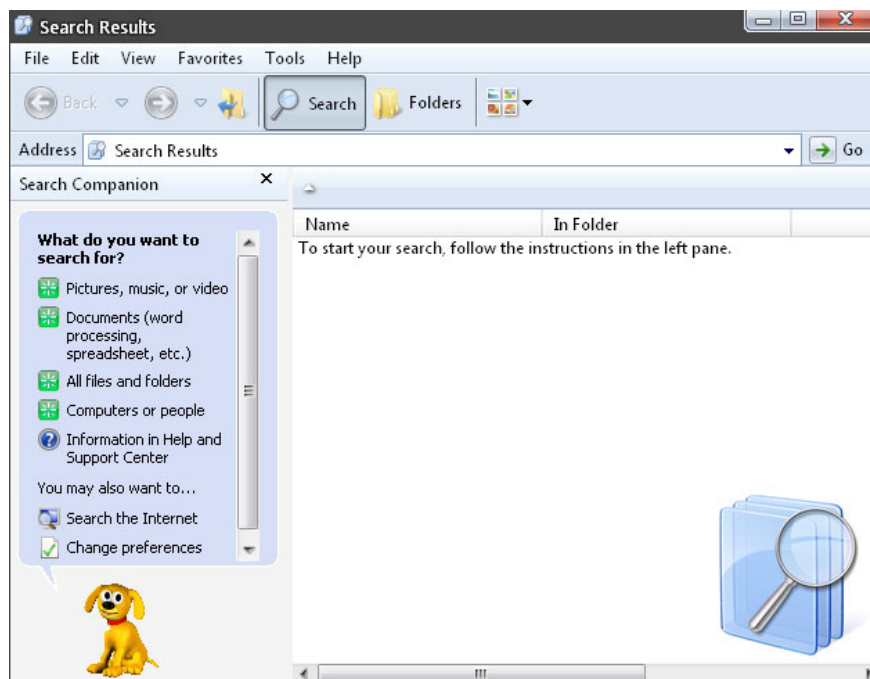


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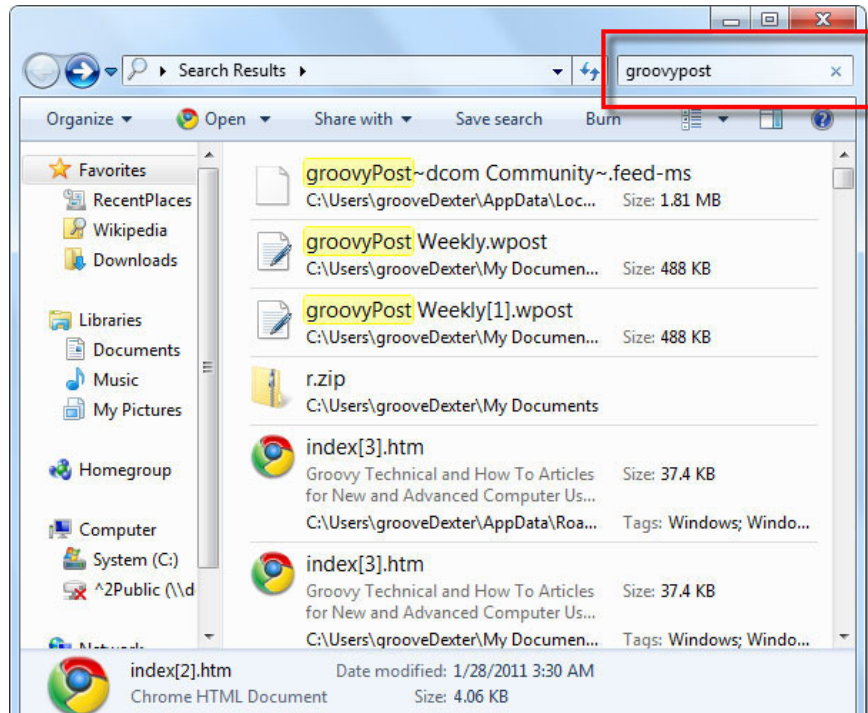
When you need a file on your computer, finding them varies a lot between Windows 7 and Windows XP. Today, everyone should familiarize themselves with the new Start menu with a much improved search box compared to the Windows XP interface. There is a difference that is easy to see for the search interface in Windows XP that the puppy icon every time you use Windows Search to search for files or folders that are no longer on Windows 7. However, such search features are still available and only slightly different. In this article we will discuss what has been changed and give you some advice when searching in Windows 7.

In Windows XP the search becomes more specific and simple, even finding search engines is easier because it is located on the Start menu and labeled *Search files and folders*.



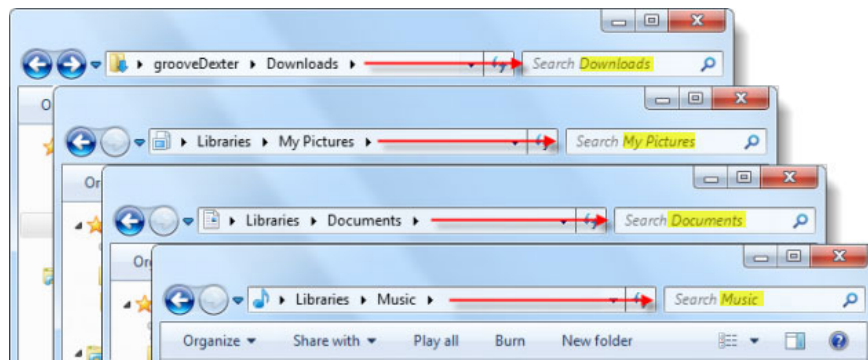
In Windows 7, the search is generally improved a lot, just click the *Start Orb* button. However, if you want to search specifically, you need to know the exact directory you are looking for.

The search box is usually a Windows Explorer window and all options are placed in a small box.

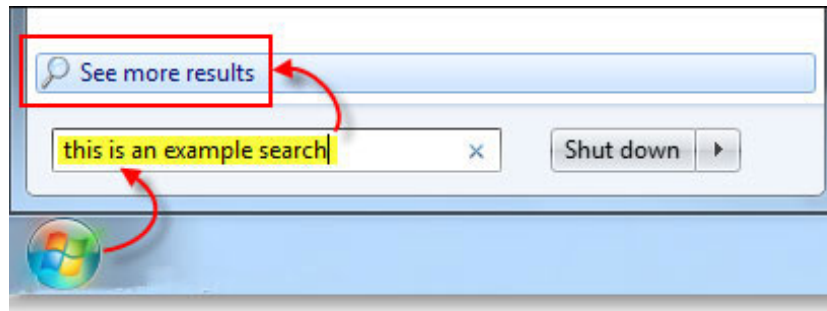


## Advanced search in Windows 7

Searching in Windows 7 can be done at every Explorer window, the search box is located in the top right corner and you can also put it in the position you like. The address bar will show the path of the parent folder and the subdirectory you are using.



To perform an advanced search throughout the computer, click on the **Start** menu, enter any keyword in the **Search programs and files** box and then click **See more results** .

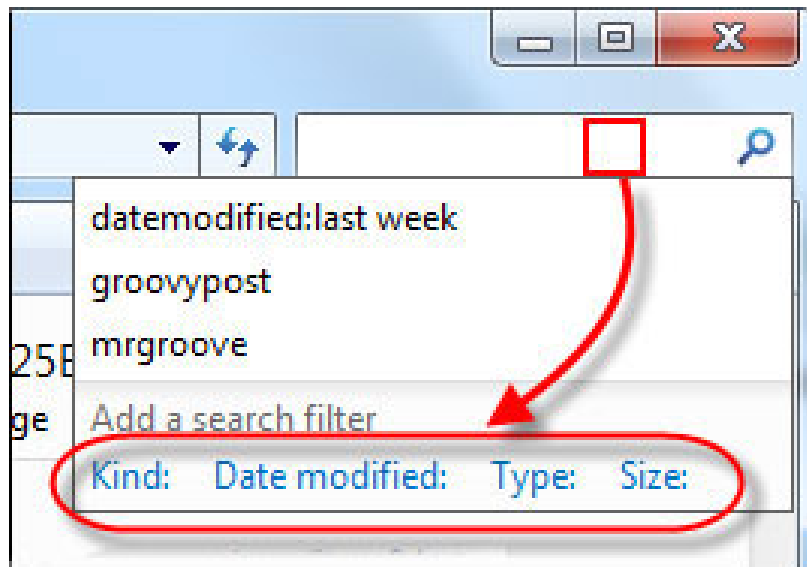


In addition to calling the search window you can enter the command line ' **search-ms:** ' into the address bar of other Windows windows or in the **Run** dialog box.

In the address bar list the specific location of the directory you are using to search, but in Windows XP we also have search options for *dates* , *file type* , *size* , *song* , *photo* , or *type. document* . With Windows 7 you can also do this completely in the following way:

### Use filters

When you click your mouse on the search box at the top right of the *Explorer* window, it will display a list of the most recently used keywords and the search filter will appear right below those keywords. Here you can click on a filter option to give more accurate results. You can also type these keywords in the search box if you don't want to click on the list listed.

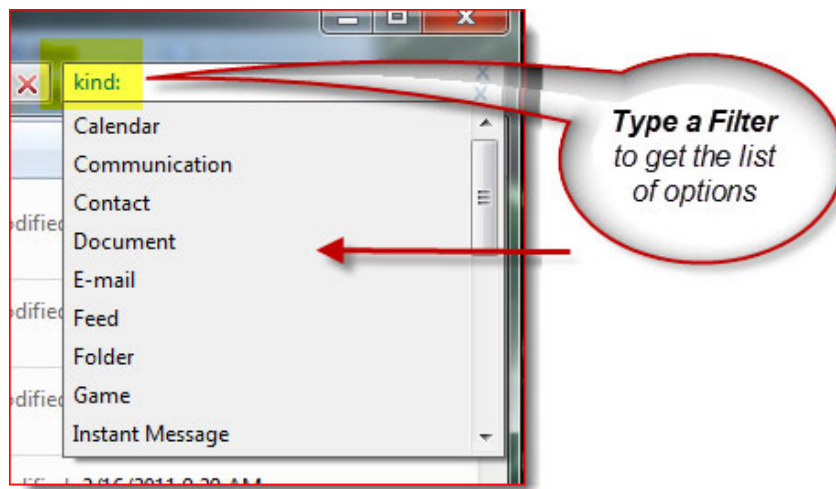


*List of commonly used search types:*

- **Kind:** Search only specified files (in documents, folders, images, calendars).
- **Datemodified:** Search by selected date. You can select the time period "from" to "date" by holding down the **Shift** key and selecting the desired time.

- **Datetaken:** Find image files by selected date.
- **Datecreated:** Find anything created in the selected time period.
- **Name:** Search only by file name.
- **Type:** Search for specified extension files such as .bmp, .pdf, .doc, and .mp3. This option is similar when using a *kind:* but is more specifically filtered.
- **Tags:** Search for files by the accompanying metadata tags.
- **Size:** Search by specific size. You can also customize the scope of the same size - *Datemodified* . eg: **size: = 10mb.50mb** .
- **Length:** Find the length of music or video files.
- **Authors:** Search by author name of the file.

For simplicity, Microsoft has supported the attributes of each keyword directly below the search box. You just need to type 1 syntax like **kind:** then wait a bit to list its properties appear, you just need to click to select if it matches your criteria. This will help you become familiar with the features of the filters and make it easier to use.



In addition, you can see a full list of filters that microsoft supports [here](#) or [here](#) to use in case you want to search more advanced and more accurate. However, you do not always need these filters, so we do not list them all within the article.

## Wildcards

When you don't remember the name of the file you want to search for or want to expand your search range, applying wildcards is a very useful solution. In Windows, the wildcard used is an asterisk (\*). For example, if you want to search for files with the extension **.pst**, you proceed to enter the keyword **\*.pst** into the search box. Similarly you can do this to find the names of files that you don't remember correctly.

## Conclude

Windows 7's search window has changed a lot compared to Windows XP. This new interface may not be a beginner-friendly user but you will feel like it because of the significant improvements. The search process becomes easier, but if you want to search more advanced, the filters of Windows 7 will help you offset the lack of puppy images in Win XP. Good luck!

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