

Lesson 6

Google News Archive:

Access the past.

Discover historical digital publications
and scanned newspapers.



Course 1: Training Center Fundamentals

This course teaches skills every journalist needs for reporting in the digital age. You will learn a broad range of practical tools that you can use immediately.

Lesson Overview

Searching historical articles.

When you search for news in Google, you'll get the most recent articles relevant to your query. But sometimes, you may need to see a topic's coverage over time or find the most significant article rather than the most recent.

Let's say you're doing a retrospective on NASA's ambitions for putting a man on Mars. You can trace how the story is unfolding using the news archives.

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Card 1

Articles from 2003 to the present.

Go to news.google.com and enter your query in the search box.



The screenshot shows a Google News search for "NASA putting man on mars". The search bar is at the top with the Google logo. Below it are tabs for "All", "News", "Videos", "Images", "Shopping", "More", and "Settings". A dropdown menu is open under "All news", showing options: "Recent" (checked), "Past hour", "Past 24 hours", "Past week", "Past month", "Past year", "Archives", and "Custom range...". Below the menu, there are several news snippets with images and titles, such as "Nasa scientist proposes man-made MAGNETIC SHIELD on Mars" and "Mars colonists who alter their bodies to survive on the red planet".

From the menu that appears, click Recent. On the dropdown list, click Archive.

The screenshot shows search results for "NASA's Human Mission To Mars". It features a main article snippet with a photo of a person in a space suit and the title "NASA's Human Mission To Mars May Be On Horizon". Below this are several smaller article snippets with images and titles, such as "Big Plans And Big Budgets At NASA", "NASA Mars Mission Get Support From Congress", "Group Claims They Will Beat NASA To Mars", "NASA Project Gets Warm Reception", "Human Mission To Mars: A One-Way Trip?", "Mars Is The Next Big Thing At NASA", and "NASA Mission Includes A Walk On Mars".

Your results will be ranked by significance and may include stories as far back as 2003.

Or, if you'd like to specify a date range, click Custom range.

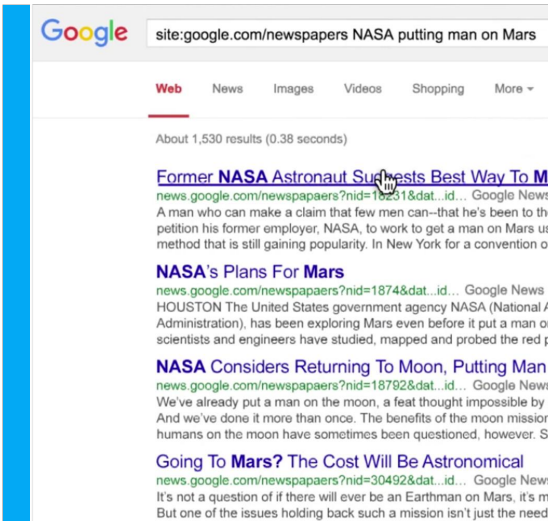
The screenshot shows a Google News search results page. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'All', 'News', 'Images', 'Videos', 'Shopping', 'More', and 'Settings'. Below these, there are filters for 'All news', 'Recent', and 'Sorted by relevance'. A 'Custom date range' dialog box is open in the center, showing a calendar for March 2017. The 'From' field is set to 2009 and the 'To' field is set to 2017. The calendar grid shows the days of the week (S, M, T, W, T, F, S) and the dates. A 'Go' button is located below the calendar. In the background, several news articles are visible, including one from the Daily Mail dated Mar 13, 2017, and another from the Washington Post dated Aug 17, 2013.

Card 2

Find stories before 2003.

You've surveyed stories as far back as 2003, but how do you get to 1995? There are two ways to perform your research. The first is your regular Google Web Search. Just note that it doesn't support custom date ranges earlier than 1970 or link to content behind a paywall.

To find stories from 1995 or before, you can search for scanned newspaper articles.



Go to google.com and type in site:google.com/newspapers, followed by the search terms you'd like to use. For example, site:google.com/newspapers "NASA putting man on Mars".

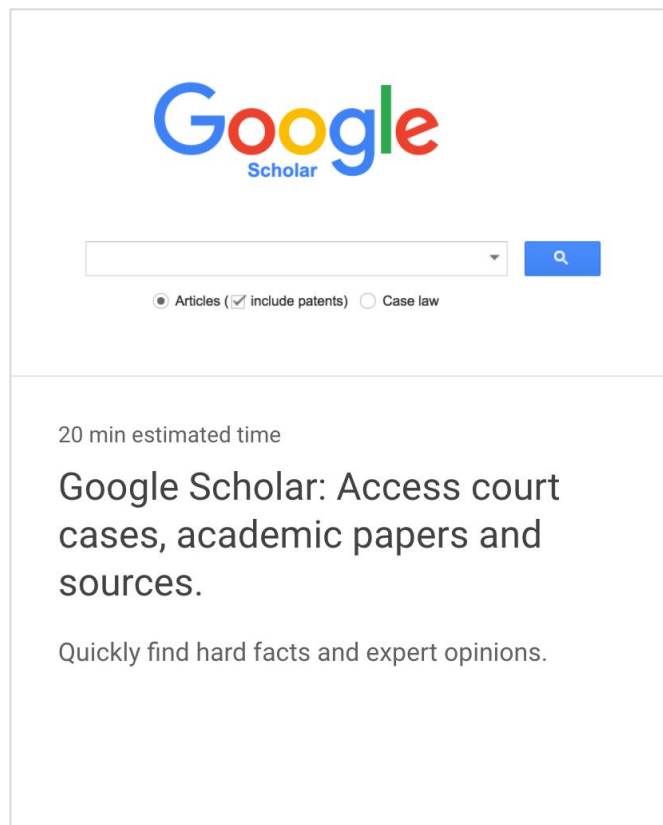


This should yield any scanned articles on your topic.

Congratulations!

You completed “Google News Archive: Access the past.”

If you want to learn more tools that will help you research, report and distribute your stories, go to the Training Center website for the next lesson in the Fundamentals Course:



20 min estimated time

Google Scholar: Access court cases, academic papers and sources.

Quickly find hard facts and expert opinions.