

Help:Searching

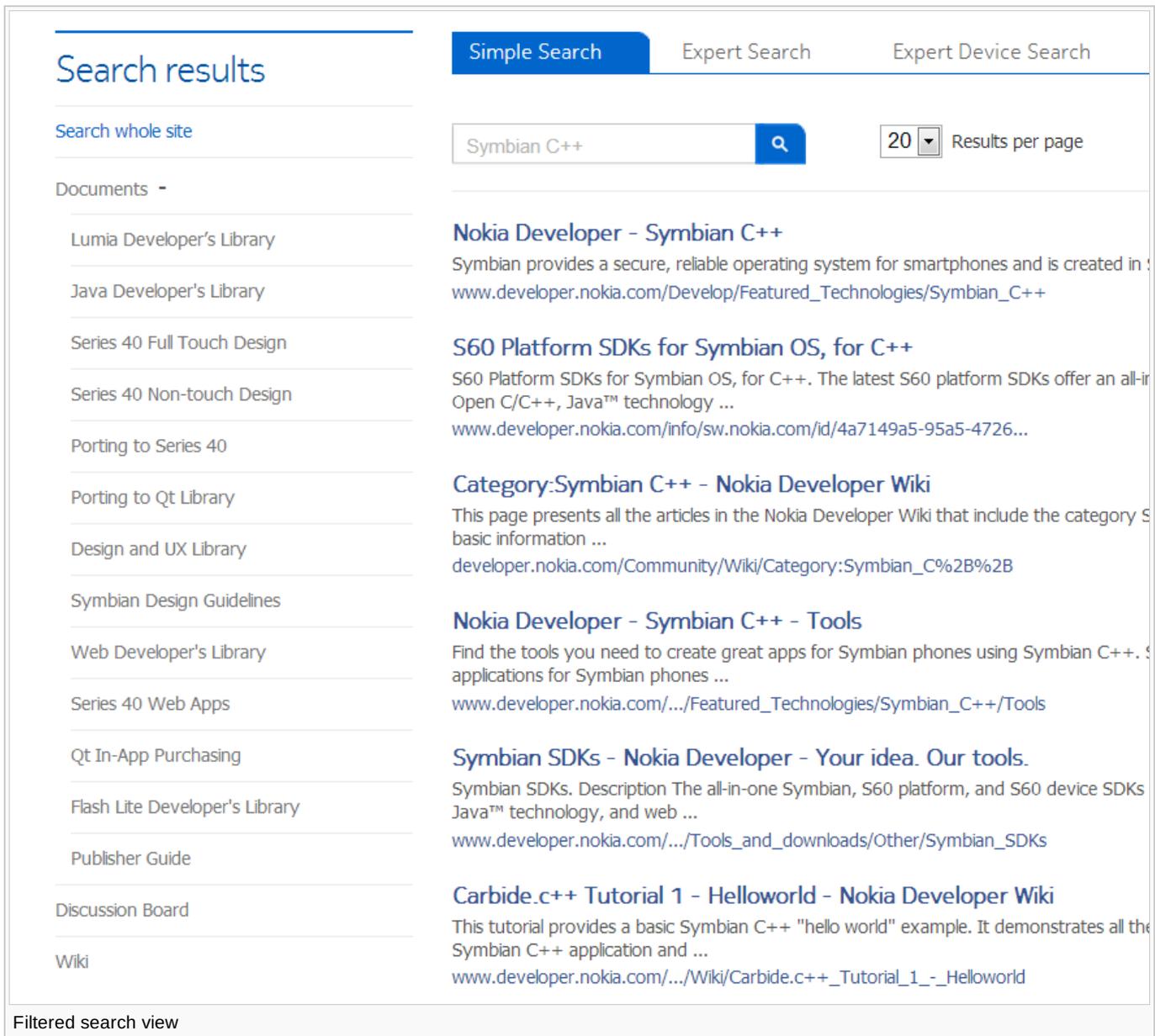
 This [Help](#) topic explains how to search the wiki using both the native mediawiki search and site-wide search.

Site-wide search

Site wide search, powered by [Bing](#), is accessible from the top right of every page on the site. Searching is simply a matter of entering search terms and then enter. The search engine is intuitive, but if you need them [Bing Help](#) has instructions on how to [Search effectively](#), [Advanced search options](#) and [Advanced search keywords](#).



Once you've made your first search you're also given the option to filter based "site section", including wiki, discussion boards and individual libraries. At time of writing "Search whole site" is powered by Bing, while the other sections use a custom search engine.


 A screenshot of the search results page. At the top, there are three tabs: "Simple Search" (selected), "Expert Search", and "Expert Device Search". Below the tabs is a search input field containing "Symbian C++" and a magnifying glass icon. To the right of the input field is a dropdown menu showing "20" and the text "Results per page". On the left side, there is a sidebar titled "Search results" with a link "Search whole site" and a list of categories: Documents, Lumia Developer's Library, Java Developer's Library, Series 40 Full Touch Design, Series 40 Non-touch Design, Porting to Series 40, Porting to Qt Library, Design and UX Library, Symbian Design Guidelines, Web Developer's Library, Series 40 Web Apps, Qt In-App Purchasing, Flash Lite Developer's Library, Publisher Guide, Discussion Board, and Wiki. The main content area shows search results for "Symbian C++". The first result is "Nokia Developer - Symbian C++" with a description and a URL. The second result is "S60 Platform SDKs for Symbian OS, for C++" with a description and a URL. The third result is "Category:Symbian C++ - Nokia Developer Wiki" with a description and a URL. The fourth result is "Nokia Developer - Symbian C++ - Tools" with a description and a URL. The fifth result is "Symbian SDKs - Nokia Developer - Your idea. Our tools." with a description and a URL. The sixth result is "Carbide.c++ Tutorial 1 - Helloworld - Nokia Developer Wiki" with a description and a URL. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a link "Filtered search view".

There is also an [Expert Search](#) tab which you can use to define more controlled searches. Note however that not every category in the wiki can be searched in this way.

Wiki search

The native wiki search functionality is available from the special page: [Special:Search](#).

Here's how the search works:

- By default the search covers the namespaces set in your [preferences](#). You can specify the namespaces you want at point of searching.
- Both articles and titles are searched for matches
- The article content is searched in its raw (wikitext) form - i.e. it searches the text that appears in the edit box when you click 'edit', not the rendered page. This means that content coming from an included template will not be picked up, but the target of piped links will be.
- Even if you enclose a phrase in quotes, the search looks for each word individually. e.g. if you enter "world war 2" it will return pages that contain "world" and "war" and "2".
- The search is not case-sensitive, so "MediaWiki", "mediawiki" and "MEDIAWIKI" all give the same result.

For more information see the generic mediawiki help: [Help:Searching](#) 