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Google Web Search Features

In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has special features to help you to find exactly what you're looking for. Click a specific feature to learn more about it.

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- [Travel Information](#) Check the status of an airline flight in the U.S., including airport delays and weather conditions.
- [Weather](#) Check the current weather conditions and forecasts for any location in the U.S.
- [Web Page Translation](#) Provides you access to web pages in other languages.
- [Who Links To You?](#) Find pages that point to a specific URL.

Book Search



Google is helping to get the world's information online by bringing books themselves online. Whenever books in our Google Book Search index contain content that matches your search terms, you'll see links to books under Book Results at the top of your search results page. Click on any book title and you'll see the page in that book which contains the search terms, as well as other information about the title. Click on links under "Buy this Book" and you'll go straight to a bookstore or library book online.

example:

Cached Links

Google takes a snapshot of each page examined as it crawls the web and saves these as a back-up in case the original page is unavailable. If you click on a "Cached" link, you will see the web page as it looked when we indexed it. The cached content is the content Google uses to judge whether this page is a relevant match for your query.

When the cached page is displayed, it will have a header at the top which serves as a reminder that this is not necessarily the most recent version of the page. Terms that match your query are highlighted on the cached version to make it easier for you to see why your page is relevant.

The "Cached" link will be missing for sites that have not been indexed, and for sites whose owners have requested we not cache their content.

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Calculator



To use Google's built-in calculator function, simply enter the calculation you'd like done into the search box and hit the Enter key or click the Google Search button. The calculator can solve math problems in basic arithmetic, more complicated math, units of measure and conversions, and physical constants. Try one of the sample expressions below, or refer to our [complete instructions](#) for help in building your own queries.

These sample queries demonstrate the utility and power of this new feature:

- [5+2*2](#)
- [2^20](#)
- [sqrt\(-4\)](#)
- [half a cup in teaspoons](#)
- [160 pounds * 4000 feet in Calories](#)

example:

Currency Conversion

To use our built-in currency converter, simply enter the conversion you'd like into the Google search box and hit "Enter" or click the Google Search button.

Here are some sample queries:

- [3.5 USD in GBP](#)
- [currency of Brazil in Malaysian money](#)
- [5 British pounds in South Korean money](#)
- [2.2 USD per gallon in INR per litre](#)

example:

Definitions

To see a definition for a word or phrase, simply type the word "define," followed by a space, and then the word(s) you want defined. If Google has seen a definition for the word or phrase on the Web, it will retrieve that information and display it.

top of your search results.

example:

You can also get a list of definitions by including the special operator "define" with no space between it and the term you want defined. For example, the search [\[define:World Wide Web\]](#) will show you a list of definitions for "World Wide Web" gathered from various online sources.

File Types

Google has expanded the number of non-HTML file types searched to 15 different formats. In addition to PDF documents, Google now searches Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, Microsoft Project, Microsoft Visio, Corel WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and others. The new file types simply appear in Google search results whenever they are relevant to the query.

Google also offers the user the ability to "View as HTML", allowing users to examine the contents of these file formats even if the corresponding application is not installed. The "View as HTML" option also allows users to avoid viruses, which are sometimes carried in certain file formats.

Overall, the additional file types provide Google users a wider view of the content available on the World Wide Web. And Google has plans to keep expanding the range of file types available over time.

For more information about this feature, please read [the file type FAQ](#).

» [PDF] « [The Anatomy of a Search Engine](#)

File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat - » [View as HTML](#) «

... Second, **Google** keeps track of some visual presentation details such as font size, font color, and font style (bold, italic, underline, etc.). ... phone numbers, product numbers), type or format (text, HTML, **PDF**, images, sounds ...

www-db.stanford.edu/pub/papers/google.pdf - [Similar pages](#)

If you prefer to see a particular set of results with a specific file type (for example, PDF links), simply type **filetype:[extension]** (for example, **filetype:pdf**) in the search box along with your search term(s).

example:

Froogle




If you search for products using Google, you may see relevant product information and links displayed at the top of your search results.

These product search results are linked to the sites of merchants participate in Froogle, Google's product search service. These are not advertisements, as participation in Froogle is completely free for merchants.

example:

Groups

 When you search on Google, sometimes you'll see results from Google Groups at the bottom of your search results page. These are messages that users have posted to a discussion group about a topic related to your search. Clicking on one of these results will bring you to the full text message on the Google Groups site.

example:

'I'm Feeling Lucky

The "I'm Feeling Lucky™" button takes you directly to the first web page returned for your query. You will not see the other search results at all. An "I'm Feeling Lucky" search means you spend less time searching for web pages and more time looking at them.

For example, to find the homepage for Stanford University, simply enter "Stanford" into the search field and click on the "I'm Feeling Lucky" button. Google will take you directly to "www.stanford.edu", the official homepage of Stanford University.

example:
Are you feeling lucky?

Images

You may occasionally see small images at the top of your Google search results. These are images that we think are relevant to your search terms.

You can also find relevant images by doing a Google Image Search, or by adding words like 'pics' or 'pictures' to your search terms when you do a regular search.

example:

Local Search



Google Local enables you to search the entire web for just those and businesses in a specific neighborhood. Include a city or zip code in your search and Google displays relevant results from that region at the top of your search results.

example:

Movies



To find reviews and showtimes for movies playing near you, type "showtimes" or the name of a current film into the Google search box. If you've already saved your location by using Google Local, the top result will display showtimes for nearby theaters for the movie you chosen.

example:

To find theatres and showtimes near you for a currently playing movie, search for the movie's name.

example:

Can't remember a movie title, or just looking for something new to see? Use the "movie:" operator to search for films related to a specific actor, director, or plot detail.

example:

Want to read about the movies you find? Your search results for any film include an average rating out of 5 stars and several snippets from online reviews along with links to the reviews themselves. Click the "reviews" link near the top of each result for a complete list of online reviews of this film.

Music Search

Find information about artists, songs, albums and places to buy the music you're looking for. If you enter the name of an artist popular in the U.S. into the search box, we will display user reviews, song titles, stores to purchase the music and other useful information related to that artist at the top of your search results.

example:

[Pixies](#)

Albums: Doolittle, Surfer Rosa, **Pixies**, and more...

Songs: Debaser, Wave of Mutilation, Silver, and more...



[More music results for pixies](#)

Click on the link to see more music information about that artist such as albums, songs, and more.

News Headlines



When searching on Google you may see links at the top of your results marked "News". These links connect you to reports culled from numerous news services Google continuously monitors. The links appear if you enter words currently in the news and clicking on them will take you directly to the service supplying them.

example:

Google Search

PhoneBook



Google has added the convenience of US street address and phone number lookup to the information we provide through our search results. You can see publicly listed phone numbers and addresses at the top of result pages for searches that contain specific kinds of keywords.

To find listings for a **US residence**, type any of the following combinations in the Google search box:

- first name (or first initial), last name, city (state is optional)
- first name (or first initial), last name, state
- first name (or first initial), last name, area code
- first name (or first initial), last name, zip code
- phone number, including area code
- last name, city, state
- last name, zip code

To have your residential phone and address information removed from the PhoneBook, [click here](#).

Q&A

Want to know the population of Japan? What currency is used in Algeria? What is the birthplace of Bono? Hit us with a fact-based question or query (like "popu

Japan") by typing it into the Google search box. We'll search the web and the answer at the top of your search results page. We also link to our so this information so that you can learn even more.

example:

Refine Your Search

For searches within certain topics, you'll notice links at the top of the search results page that help you quickly narrow your search.

Refine results for **back pain**:

[Treatment](#) [Tests & diagnosis](#) [From medical establishment](#) [For health professionals](#)
[Symptoms](#) [Risk factors](#) [Alternative medicine](#) [For patients](#)

These links are labels that have been assigned to certain webpages. Organizations, businesses, and individuals can label websites in the topic they know best. You can subscribe to more of these providers by visiting the [Co-op directory](#).

example:

example:

The [Google Co-op directory](#) also includes subscribed links, which provide information in your search results - things like restaurant reservations, flight info, or even celebrity gossip. Add these services to your Google search by subscribing to the providers of your choice.

[Gapminder.org : Economic growth](#) Subscribe
 Gapminder animated bubblechart with all countries showing Economic growth, %
tools.google.com/gapminder/index.html#mode=shortmode;i=NY.GDP.MKTP.KD.ZG

Results Prefetching

On some searches, Google automatically instructs your browser to start downloading the top search result before you click on it. If you click on the top result, the destination page will load faster than before.

Google uses a [special prefetching feature](#) in Firefox and Mozilla web browsers. Other browsers provide this functionality, so results prefetching is not available in Internet Explorer or other web browsers. You can disable prefetching in your web browser preferences, as described in the [Mozilla Prefetching FAQ](#). In Firefox, you can disable prefetching by doing the following:

1. Type "about:config" the address bar.
2. Scroll down to the setting "network.prefetch-next" and set the value "False".

With prefetching enabled, you may end up with cookies and web pages web browser's cache from web sites that you did not click on since prefetching happens automatically when you view Google search results pages. You delete these files by clearing your browser's cache and cookies.

If you run a web server, you can find webmaster-specific information about this feature in our [Webmaster FAQ](#).

Search By Number

Parcel tracking IDs, patents and other specialized numbers can be entered into Google's search box for quick access to information about them. For example, typing a FedEx tracking number will return the latest information on your parcel. Other special search by number types include :

- **UPS tracking numbers** example search: "1Z9999W99999999999"
- **FedEx tracking numbers** example search: "999999999999"
- **USPS tracking numbers** example search: "9999 9999 9999 9999 9999"
- **Vehicle ID (VIN) numbers** example search: "AAAAA999A9AA99999"
- **UPC codes** example search: "073333531084"
- **Telephone area codes** example search: "650"
- **Patent numbers** example search: "patent 5123123"
Remember to put the word "patent" before your patent number.
- **FAA airplane registration numbers** example search: "n199ua"
An airplane's FAA registration number is typically printed on its tail.
- **FCC equipment IDs** example search: "fcc B4Z-34009-PIR"
Remember to put the word "fcc" before the equipment ID.

example:

Are there other types of numbers you'd like Google to search? Please [click here](#)

Similar Pages

When you click on the "Similar Pages" link for a search result, Google automatically scouts the web for pages that are related to this result.

The Similar Pages feature can be used for many purposes. If you like a site's content, but wish it had more to say, Similar Pages can find sites with content with which you may be unfamiliar. If you are looking for product information, Similar Pages can find competitive information so you can make direct comparisons. If you are interested in researching a particular field, Similar Pages can help you find a large number of resources very quickly, without having to worry about selecting the right keywords.

The more specialized a page is, the fewer results Google will be able to find for you. For example, Similar Pages may not be able to find related pages for a personal home page if it does not have enough information to automatically associate other pages with yours. Also, if companies use multiple URLs for their pages (such as company.com and www.company.com), Similar Pages may not have as much information on one URL, but lots on the other. In general, however, Similar Pages works well for the majority of web pages.

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Site Search

The word "site" followed by a colon enables you to restrict your search to a specific site. To do this, use the **site:sampledomain.com** syntax in the search box. For example, to find admission information on Stanford's site:

example:

Spell Checker

Google's spell checking software automatically looks at your query and checks to see if you are using the most common version of a word's spelling. If it finds a spelling that you're likely to generate more relevant search results with an alternate spelling, it will ask "Did you mean: (more common spelling)?". Clicking on a suggested spelling will launch a Google search for that term. Because Google's spell check is based on occurrences of all words on the Internet, it is able to suggest common spellings for proper nouns (names and places) that might not appear in a standard spell check program or dictionary.

Stock and Fund Quotes

To use Google to get stock and mutual fund quotes, just enter the symbol in the search box.

example:

[CSCO](#) (CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.)

[Google Finance](#) [Yahoo Finance](#) [MSN Money](#) [MarketWatch](#) [CNN Money](#) [Reuters](#)



23.24 +0.01 (0.04%) 26 Sep at 12:51PM ET

Open: 23.13 Volume: 29,660,688

High: 23.33 Avg Vol: 57,710,000

Low: 23.00 Mkt Cap: 141.07B

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Street Maps



To use Google to find street maps, enter a U.S. street address, its zip code or city/ state (e.g. 165 University Ave Palo Alto CA), in the search box. Often, the street address and city name will be enough.

example:

When Google recognizes your query as a map request, we'll return links to [Google Maps](#) and other high quality map providers that will lead you to the most relevant map.

Travel Information

To see delays and weather conditions at a particular airport, type the airport's three letter code followed by the word "airport." For example, San Francisco International Airport updates can be found by searching for "sfo airport."

example:

To check the status of a U.S. flight, type the name of the airline followed by the flight number. For example, to see the status for United Airlines flight 13,

for "United 134."

example:

Weather



To see weather conditions and a four-day forecast for a particular location, type "weather," followed by the location. Usually a city name is enough, but you may also want to include a state or zip code. For example, to see Palo Alto weather, you could search for "weather palo alto, ca" or "weather palo alto 94301."

example:

All weather conditions and forecasts are provided by .

Web Page Translation

Google breaks the language barrier with this translation feature. Using machine translation technology, Google now gives you the ability to access web pages in languages other than your own. Currently, Google offers the following translation pairs: English to and from Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Korean, Japanese, Spanish, and Portuguese; and German to and from French.

If your search results contain a page in one of these languages, and you select your translation pair, you can translate that page into your language with a single click.

For more information about this feature, please read [the translation FAQ](#)

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Who Links To You?

Some words, when followed by a colon, have special meanings to Google. One such word for Google is the **link:** operator. The query **link:siteURL** shows pages that point to that URL. For example, **link:www.google.com** will show pages that point to Google's home page. You cannot combine a link: search with a regular keyword search.



example:

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