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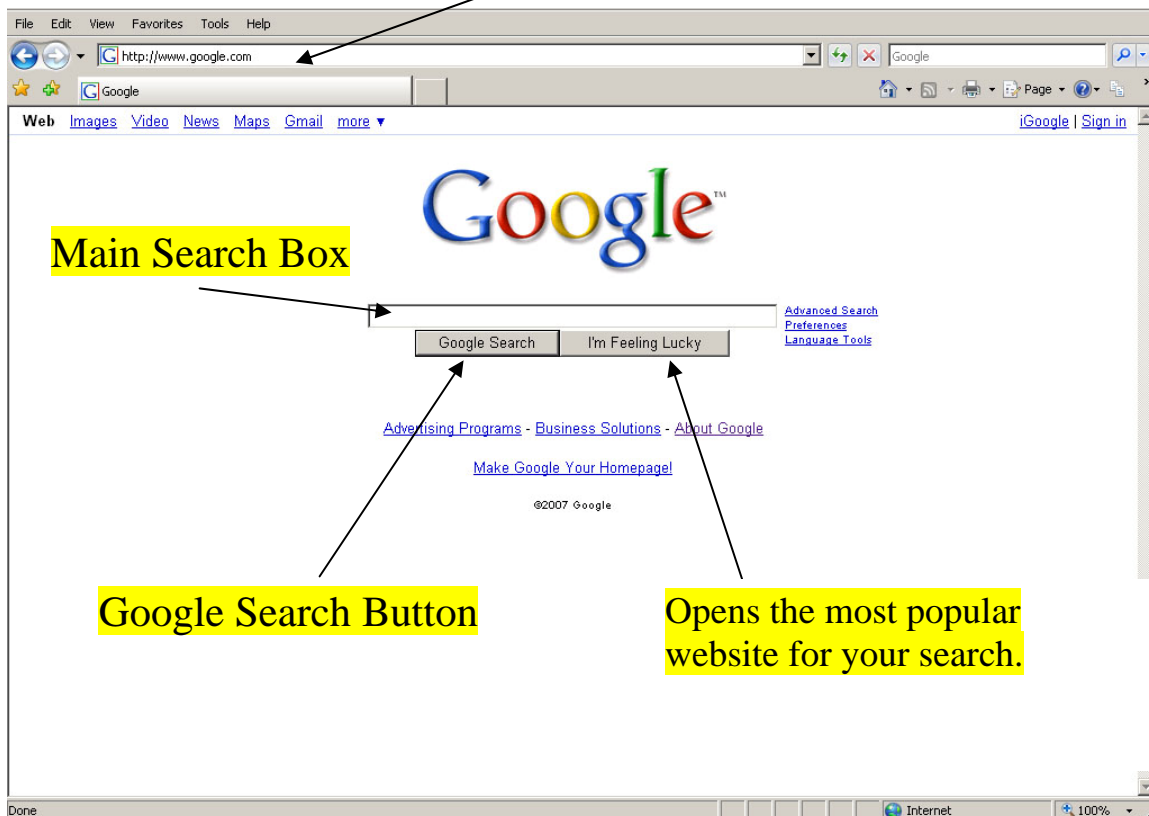


Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
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What is Google?

- Google is a very popular website that specializes in internet search.
- Google was co-founded in 1998 by two Stanford students operating out of a friend's garage.
- Over 10 years, Google has grown into a multi-billion dollar company.
- 2.7 billion Searches each month = 1,000 Searches every second.
- Google's mission statement is, "to organize the world's information and make it universally accessible and useful."

Open Internet Explorer. In the **Address Bar** type: **www.google.com**



Searching on Google:

Finding information you want:

- Books
- Tires
- Weather

Finding the companies and sites you want:

- Wal-Mart
- Best Buy
- Deaconess Hospital

More precise searching yields more precise results:

- *Example* of a vague search: Library
- *Example* of a more defined search: Evansville Library

Spelling Feature:

If you spell a word wrong, Google will automatically suggest the correct spelling.

Examples:



Dictionary Feature:

In the Main Search Box type **Define: (word to be defined)**

Examples:

- Define: vegetable
- Define: time

Calculator Feature:

In the Main Search Box, enter the math problem you want solved.

+ (add)

- (subtract)

* (multiply)

/ (divide)



[More about calculator.](#)

Google Translator:

In the Main Search Box, type Google Translate; choose the first link that appears. You can use this tool to translate text into several different languages.

Image and Video Search:

Google will search through billions of online images and videos pertaining to your topic. On the Google homepage, click on the link [Images](#) or [Video](#) in the upper left-hand corner. Same search techniques apply.

Google Maps:

Need travel directions? Need to view a street map of the neighborhood? Want to see an aerial view of the entire world? On the Google homepage, click on the link [Maps](#) in the upper left-hand corner.



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Additional Features:

Look for the links on the Google homepage.

Google Mail: [Gmail](#) is free web-based email. (*Account required*)

Google Calendar: [Calendar](#) is a free online organizational program to help you track your events and manage your schedules. (*Account required*)

Google Documents: [Documents](#) is Google's free word processing program.

Google News: Keep up-to-date with all the national and global [News](#).

Better searches. Better results.

Here are some nifty modifiers to type in your Google search box to refine your searches and get the best results.



Exact Phrase

What it does: searches for an exact phrase
What to type: "one small step for man"
What you'll get: results that include the exact phrase "one small step for man"



Excluded Words

What it does: excludes search results with a particular word or phrase
What to type: bass -fishing
What you'll get: results about bass that are not related to fishing



Similar Words

What it does: searches for a word and all its synonyms
What to type: ~mobile phone
What you'll get: results with the word "phone," as well as "cell," "cellular," "wireless," etc.



Multiple Words

What it does: searches for webpages that include either word
What to type: "vacation" "London" OR "Paris"
What you'll get: results with the word vacation and either London or Paris



Numerical Ranges

What it does: searches for a range of numbers
What to type: Willie Mays 1950...1960
What you'll get: results about Willie Mays during this time period

define:

Find Meanings

What it does: defines a word or phrase
What to type: define:plethora
What you'll get: links to definitions of the word "plethora"

site:

Site Specific

What it does: searches only particular web
What to type: global warming site:edu
What you'll get: references to "global warr found on .edu websites"

link:

Linked Pages

What it does: searches for webpages that link to a particular website
What to type: link:www.umich.edu
What you'll get: websites that link to the University of Michigan website

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Math Answers

What it does: basic calculator functions
What to type: 4+7, 30% of 55, 20^2, sq
What you'll get: the answer

cm in foot

Conversions

What it does: converts units of measure
What to type: cm in foot, 28C in F, \$ in p fortnight, miles in league, mph in speed c
What you'll get: the converted answer