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How to Find Street Addresses Online



It's never been easier to find people. This is good news if you are looking for someone. It's bad news if you value your privacy.

Online search engine leader Google, Inc. <http://www.google.com> has a feature that will enable you to zoom in on homes and businesses <http://maps.google.com> using satellite images.

Yahoo People Search <http://people.yahoo.com> Offers white pages with email and phone number search options to help users find friends, colleagues, classmates, and more.

Lycos People Search <http://www.whowhere.com> Find addresses and numbers by name and location.

AnyWho Directory Services <http://www.anywho.com> Featuring residential, business, and government white and yellow pages listings.

WhitePages <http://www.whitepages.com> Directory email addresses, phone numbers, and area and zip codes.

PhoneSpell <http://phonespell.org> Enter a 6 to 10 digit phone number and they'll show you what words and phrases your phone number spells.

Ultimate White Pages <http://www.theultimates.com/white> Search white pages directories without having to load graphics-heavy search pages. Combine this information with an online map and you will not only know where someone lives, you will know how to get there.

MapQuest <http://www.mapquest.com> Interactive maps for cities and towns worldwide. Provides driving directions and a road trip planner.

Yahoo! Maps <http://www.maps.yahoo.com> Interactive city maps with point-to-point driving directions, city guides, and SmartView, which displays restaurants, parks, ATMs, and other local features.

Expedia Maps <http://maps.expedia.com> Find addresses, businesses, and places, and get driving directions. Features detailed maps of North America and Europe.

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How to Find Email Addresses Online



Email (Electronic Mail) is the most frequently used application of the Internet. Many people who have access to the Internet at school, home, and work, use the Internet for no other purpose than to send and receive email.

Of course email only works if you know the other persons email address. Here's a list of websites you can use to locate hard to get email addresses:

411 Locate <http://www.411locate.com/index1.htm>

Offers a free database to list your email and web site addresses.

Yahoo! People Search <http://people.yahoo.com/>

Offers white pages with email and phone number search options to help users find friends, colleagues, classmates, and more.

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Internet Goodies

There is so much more to the Internet than just sending [email](#), reading web pages and [online chatting](#). Some of the software we have listed below will allow you to view streaming video and listen to streaming audio.

Yahoo! Widget Engine <http://widgets.yahoo.com/> The Yahoo! Widget Engine (formerly known as Konfabulator) is a JavaScript runtime engine for Windows and Mac OS X that lets you run little files called Widgets that can do pretty much whatever you want them to. Widgets can be alarm clocks, calculators, can tell you your WiFi signal strength, will fetch the latest stock quotes for your preferred symbols, and even give your current local weather.

iTunes Music Store <http://www.apple.com/itunes/> In its first year, iTunes sold more than 70 million songs, providing music fans with the best digital experience on Mac or PC. Now iTunes 4.6 offers even more ways to discover and enjoy music. iTunes features the largest legal download catalog. Select from over 1 million tracks from all five major and more than 600 leading independent labels. Enjoy free 30-second previews of all songs. Find hundreds of exclusive and pre-release tracks and many rare, out-of-print albums.

RealPlayer <http://www.realn networks.com/> This allows you to enjoy streaming audio and video on networks and the Internet. Features include destination buttons for one-click access to news and entertainment; near CD-quality audio (28.8-kbps and faster connections only); and full-screen video capability (high-bandwidth connections only). RealPlayer 8.0 now includes over 2,500 radio stations, the Take 5 entertainment programming showcase, and more.

Shockwave Player <http://sdc.shockwave.com/shockwave/download/> With Macromedia Shockwave Player, you can enjoy multimedia games, learning applications, and product demonstrations on the Web,

CNET Catch Up

http://www.freedownloadcenter.com/Utilities/System_Analysis_Uutilities/CNET_CatchUp.html

From software upgrades and driver updates to security patches and adware detection, CNET CatchUp is designed to help you quickly and easily find what you need to keep your PC healthy and up-to-date. Download and install the CatchUp software, and with the click of a button, CatchUp will generate your custom results.

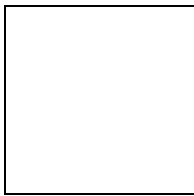
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Windows XP tips

Stretching the taskbar

Sometimes your taskbar gets a little tight and cramped for room. When this happens, give it a stretch.

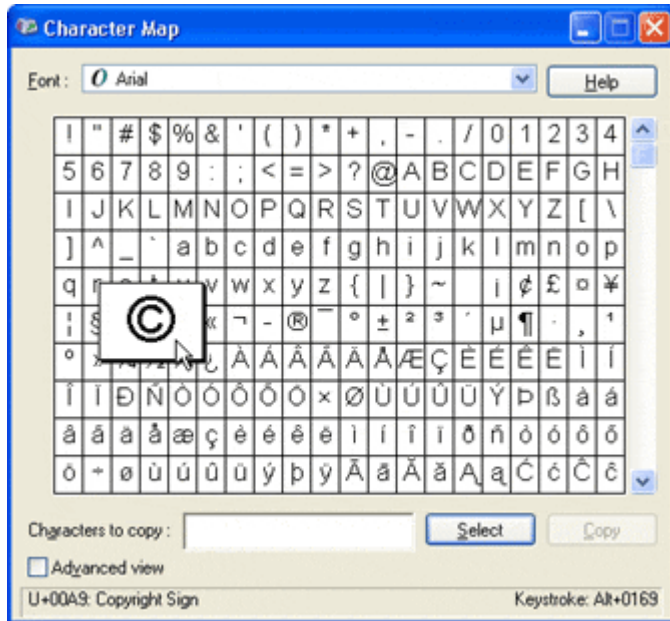
First, unlock your taskbar by right-clicking the taskbar, and then clicking **Lock the Taskbar** if it is selected (this will un-select it). Scroll your mouse over the top edge of the taskbar until you see the vertical resize cursor (arrow pointing up and down). Click, hold and drag the top of the taskbar up. Isn't that better? Once you find a place where you like it, you should re-select **Lock the Taskbar**.



Adding a special character

There are probably one or two special characters that you use regularly (for example, ® and ©). It can be a real time-waster to open your Character Map every time you want to insert one of these symbols. So don't! Open the Character Map by clicking Start, clicking **All Programs**, and then clicking **Accessories**. Click **System Tools**, and then click **Character Map**. Click the © symbol. Notice that the bottom-right corner of the Character Map shows the keyboard shortcut used to insert the special character. Write it down for later use. When you want to insert that character, here's the trick: Position the cursor where you want to insert the special character, then with NUM LOCK key on, hold down the ALT key and use the number pad keys to type the character value.

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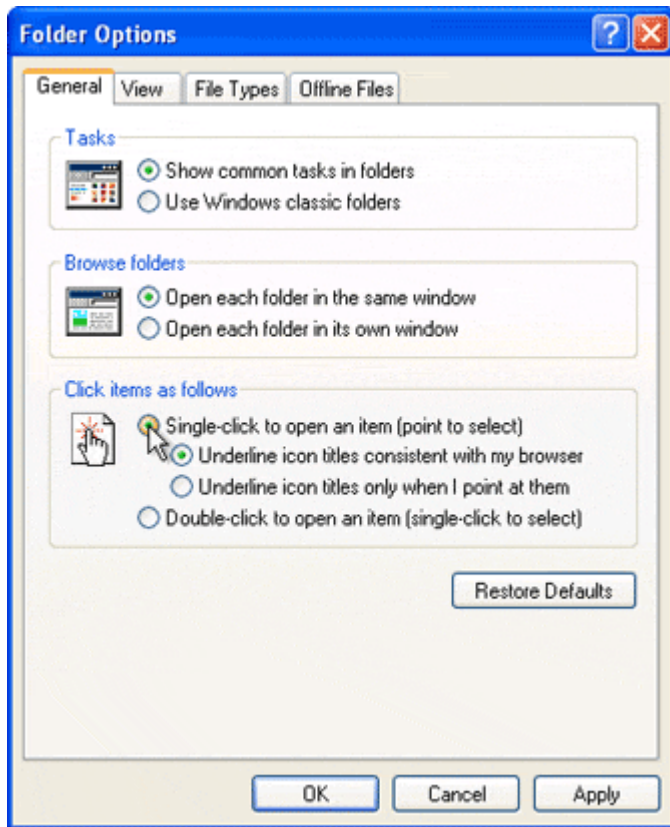


Open files with one click

It just makes sense that if you can do the same thing in Windows with a single click of the mouse that you can do with two clicks, you'd take the shorter route, right?

If you want to change your two clicks to one, click **Start**, click **My Computer**. Under the **Tools** menu, click **Folder Options**. Now click the **General** tab in the dialog box, click **Single-click to open an item** (point to select), and then click **OK**. This makes everything in Windows exactly one click faster.

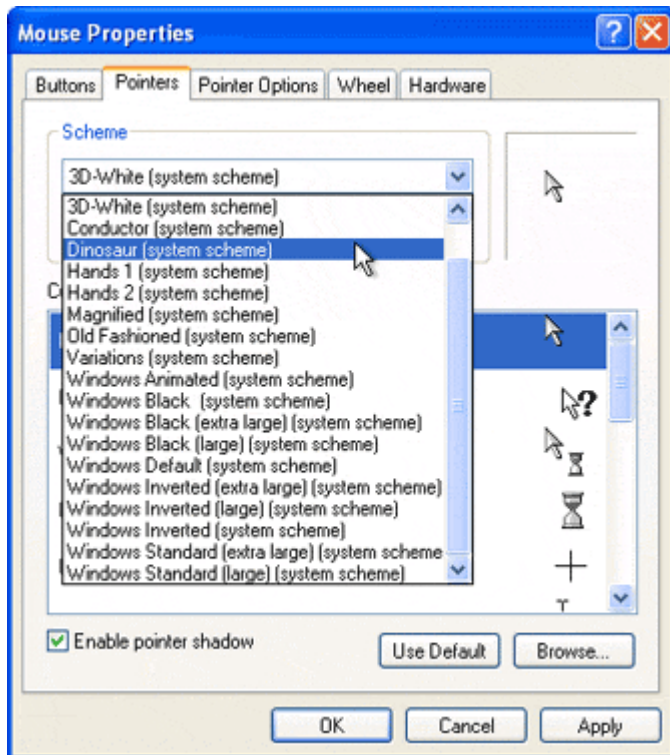
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Change your pointer scheme

The first thing I do when I get a new computer is head straight for the cursors and change them. It's not that the default ones are bad; I've just been using the same ones forever and I'm not comfortable using anything else. If you want to change your pointer scheme, click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**. In Category View (vs. Classic View) click on **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click on **Mouse**. Click the **Pointers** tab and browse the available themes. Select the one that suits you best, and then click **OK**.

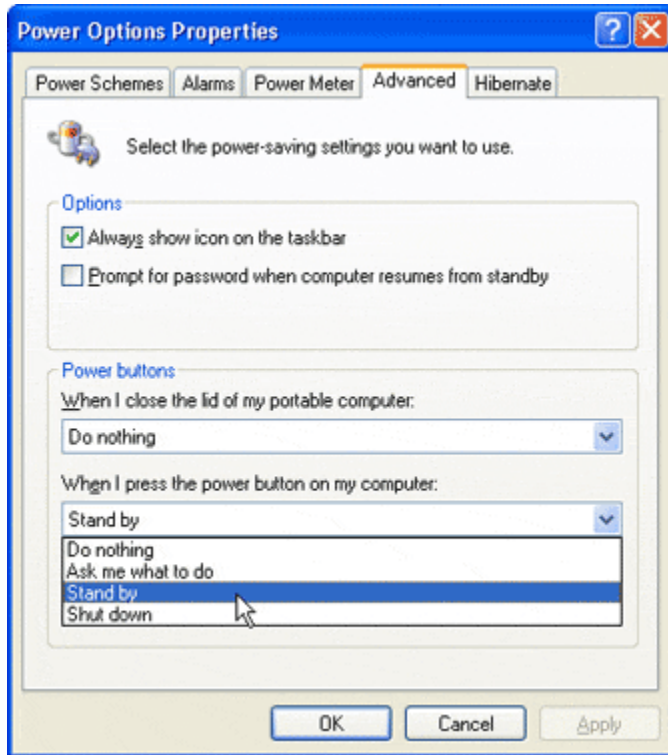
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Change the power button

I rarely ever shut down my computer; instead, I tend to put my system into stand by mode. Here's a clever way to speed up this task and make your computer's power button put your computer into stand by for you. Click **Start** and open the **Control Panel**. In Category View, click **Performance and Maintenance**, and then click **Power Options**. In the Power Options Properties dialog box, click the **Advanced** tab. Under **Power Buttons**, select **Stand by in the When I press the power button on my computer** area, and then click **OK**. Now, when you push your computer's power button, your system will immediately go to stand by.

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Turn Caps Lock Text back to Normal in MS Word

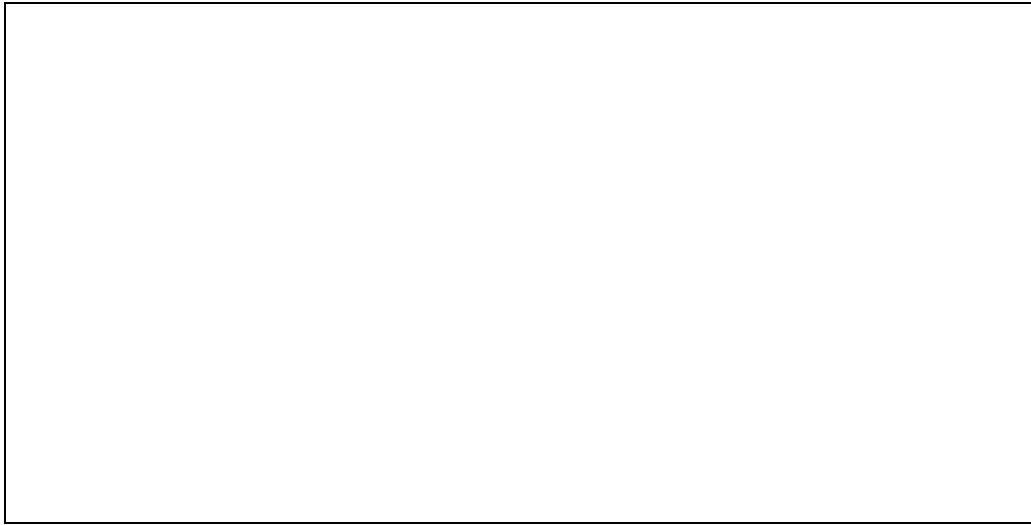
At one time or another, we all accidentally click the **Caps Lock** button while typing. If we are multi-tasking and watching television or Hulu while typing, it is completely possible we will type long strings of text before we realize our mistake.

Rather than retyping the all-caps text, Word has a built-in option to fix the problem. This is so simple you will wonder why you have never used it before now!

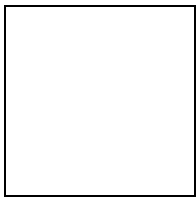
Here is what you do:

First, highlight the text you typed in all caps.

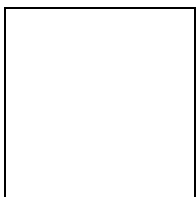
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Now all you need to do is click **Shift + F3**. Seriously, that is it! Your text will magically transform to lowercase.



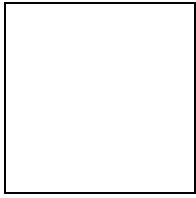
So now you have text that is all lowercase. Would it not be nice to change that lowercase text into nice, sentence case text? Click **Shift + F3** a second time and the sentence magically turns to sentence case.



If you click **Shift + F3** a third time, the text reverts back to all uppercase. If you ever need to use text in all uppercase, this will work as well. Highlight the text, then click **Shift + F3** until the text appears in all uppercase.

Here is an added tip: If you click **Ctrl + Shift + K**, your text will revert to small caps. Small caps make great headings in [documents](#).

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The amount of shortcuts built into Word can be overwhelming, but some of them are very useful. These can certainly save us all a few wasted hours spent re-typing documents.

How to Restore Deleted Files

Everybody has come across one of the most dreaded situations when using your computer, accidentally deleting files. For many out there, the battle was lost, files can no longer be seen by Windows when deleted from the Recycle Bin, do not loose hope!

There are a slew of programs on the web that allow you to retrieve deleted files from your desktop. Below are a couple of the programs available :

>Restoration <http://www.snapfiles.com/get/restoration.html> great thing about Restoration is that it does not require to be installed, so it would make a great addition to your collection of programs on your memory key

>FreeUndelete 2.0 <http://www.officerecovery.com/freeundelete/>

>PC Inspector File Recovery http://www.pcinspector.de/Sites/file_recovery/info.htm?language=1

>VirtualLab Data Recovery Software v4.8.8 <http://www.binarybiz.com/vlab/windows.html>

For the sake of simplicity we will cover the steps necessary to restore your files using Restoration.

1. Download and install Restoration
2. Open the program, when loaded select the drive you'd like to restore from the drop-down menu on the top right.
- 3 Click on the **Search Deleted Files** button.
4. When the search is complete it will list all of the deleted files it could find, select the files you would like to restore and click on Restore by Copy, select a destination that is not the one you're currently restoring from.

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5. Now go check that directory [where you stored the restored files] to see how much of file was recovered.
6. Cross your fingers and good luck!

How to Adjust the Speed of Your Mouse Pointer

Follow the steps below, play with the speed setting and find the configuration that works for you.

- Click **Start**, click **Control Panel**, click **Printers and Other Hardware**, and then click **Mouse**
- When the **Mouse Properties** window opens, click on the **Pointer Options** tab.
- Under **Motion** you will see a speed slider that ranges from **Slow** to **Fast**, slide it back and forth, trying it out at each interval.
- Select the **Enhance pointer precision** check box to provide finer control of your pointer at short distances without losing the ability to move the pointer quickly across the screen. Clear the check box to turn off this feature.
- You can have the mouse snap to default buttons (such as **OK** or **Apply**) in dialog boxes by selecting **Automatically move pointer to the default button in a dialog box** under **Snap To**.
- When you're done, click **OK**.

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How to Speed Up Internet Browsing using Google Web Accelerator

Google Web Accelerator is available from Google: <http://webaccelerator.google.com/>

1. What is Google Web Accelerator?

Google Web Accelerator is an application that uses the power of Google's global computer network to make web pages load faster. Google Web Accelerator is easy to use; all you have to do is download and install it, and from then on many web pages will automatically load faster than before.

2. How does Google Web Accelerator work?

Google Web Accelerator uses various strategies to make your web pages load faster, including:

- Sending your page requests through Google machines dedicated to handling Google Web Accelerator traffic.
- Storing copies of frequently looked at pages to make them quickly accessible.
- Downloading only the updates if a web page has changed slightly since you last viewed it.
- Prefetching certain pages onto your computer in advance.
- Managing your Internet connection to reduce delays.
- Compressing data before sending it to your computer.

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How to Rename Multiple Files Simultaneously

You can rename multiple files without having to go through the trouble of renaming one by one.

This is a great way of renaming pictures for a particular event. Instead of sticking to the names that the camera designates you can have your pictures renamed to something more familiar and search friendly.

An example would be; your camera takes pictures with names like DCS-0001, DCS-0002, DCS-0003, etc. These names have no value to you or your computers search. Now if you grabbed that same group of pictures and renamed them as group for an event, *Rome Trip*, then all the pictures that you selected would be renamed to Rome Trip (1), Rome Trip (2), Rome Trip (3).

This in turn would make it easier for you to find pictures when you're doing a search on your computer as well organizing your collection for future use.

1. Select all the files you wish to rename – if all the pictures you wish to rename are within the same folder then you can hit **Ctrl + A** (with out the + of course) that should select all the pictures within that folder.
2. Right click any of the pictures and select **Rename** from the menu – alternately you can hit **F2** and that will allow you to rename the pictures as well.
3. Go ahead and input the name you would like to apply to all of the pictures and hit **Enter**, you're done.

All of the pictures should have been named the name you assigned them followed by (number).

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Email Etiquette

Here are some basic guidelines for good email communication.

The need to know basis for email: Avoid sending a message to a group unless every member of that group actually needs the information you are presenting. Also, when replying to a large group email only use the "Reply to All" button if everyone on the group list needs to know your reply (HINT: they usually don't).

No surprises please: Use the Subject line to let people know what your email is about. Using a good subject line also helps people organize and find your email later.

DON'T SHOUT AT ME: Using all capital letters in an email is understood to be the same as shouting.

Never email when angry or emotional: Once you send an email message you can't take it back. Before you send a fiery response to that parent who just insulted your mother, take a breath, relax and think it through. Here's a rule of thumb: *Never email anything to someone that you wouldn't be willing to tell them in person, in a public place, while being scrutinized by 50 newspaper reporters who routinely criticize people in your profession.*

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What are Email Attachments?

When you send an e-mail it is possible to send other files along with it, such as images or documents. You 'attach' the file by selecting the file on your PC and then using your e-mail program to upload the file into your e-mail account, so it can be sent along with your message.

Sending Attachments

This example shows how to send a file to a friend along with a message describing it. The instructions are for **Hotmail** but it should be a similar process with most other e-mail programs or web services.

Log in to your e-mail account and click on **New Message**. Fill out the **To:** and **Subject** boxes and write your message. Now click on **Attach** and select **File**.

You now need to tell the computer where to find the file you want to attach.

- Click on the **Browse** button.
- When you find the file you want, click to select it then **Open**.
- Now either click **OK** to confirm, or click **OK and Attach Another** if you want to add more than one file.

Your file will now be uploaded (transferred) to the Hotmail server and should appear listed between the Subject and Message boxes under the list of **Attachments**. It also tells you how large the file is in MB (megabytes). With a free Hotmail account you can send up to 10MB in one message, though the larger the file the longer it will take for the recipient to download your attachment at their end.

You can now send the message as normal and the attachment file will be sent with it.

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Making Large Files Smaller

Large files will take longer to send and receive.

To check how large a file is before you send it:

- right-click the file on your computer
- click **Properties**

If the total of all the files you want to send is over 10 MB you will not be able to send them all at once in Hotmail.

There are several ways to reduce the size of pictures and other files.

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Picture Files

Probably the most common type of file attachment is picture files. Normal image files are called **Bitmap** files with the filename extension **.bmp**. These can take up a lot of file space, so to reduce this they are often compressed into smaller-sized filetypes which may lose a little quality, but are usually still good enough for most purposes. Most picture files on the Web or sent by e-mail are **.jpeg** or **.gif** files.

To convert an image to one of these compressed filetypes, right-click a picture file and choose to **Open With..** and select **Paint**. Alternatively right-click the file and choose **Edit** to use your default graphics editing program.

In Paint, click **File** and **Save As..** and in the **Save As Type** drop-down menu, select a filetype such as **JPEG**. Give the picture file a name then click **Save** and the picture will be converted to this filetype.

.jpeg file sizes can be many times smaller than typical .bmp files. If you right-click the new file you have saved and view **Properties** you should see a difference in file size compared to the original. With pictures that are very tall and very wide, even .jpeg file sizes can be very large. The solution in this case is to resize the picture down to a reasonable size.

Open your original picture in Paint again and click on **Image** then **Stretch/Skew**. Now you can type in a percentage to stretch the file by. If you input a figure less than 100% you are actually squeezing rather than stretching, for example if you type 50% for horizontal and 50% for vertical then click OK, the picture will be squeezed to half of its original size.

This is a simple way of reducing a picture's physical size and therefore file size. Once you have squeezed the picture to the size you want, save it as a .jpeg as before and when you view the file's Properties again the file size should be much smaller.

Opening Attachments Safely

You should be very careful when opening any file attached to an e-mail. This is one of the most common ways for viruses to travel on the Internet and if you are not careful your PC may become infected. There are some simple rules to follow to keep yourself safe:

- **don't open any e-mail attachments you're not expecting especially if you don't recognise the sender's address**
- **don't assume that because it's from a friend's address it will be safe**
- **always download the file to your computer first then virus check it before opening it**

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Hotmail (and most email systems) automatically scans all attachments for viruses although it is still possible some infected files will come through. When you click on an e-mail with an attachment, if it is a picture file it may automatically open and appear along with the message. If you want to save any type of attached file on to your computer, click on the name of the attachment under the Subject heading at the top then click [Download File](#).

If it is a picture file it may be opened in a new window, if so right-click the image and select [Save Image As..](#) to save to your computer. For other types of files, after you click [Download File](#), choose [Save To Disk](#) to save to your computer. Once saved, you should scan the file with your virus checker before opening it.

Printing Image Attachments

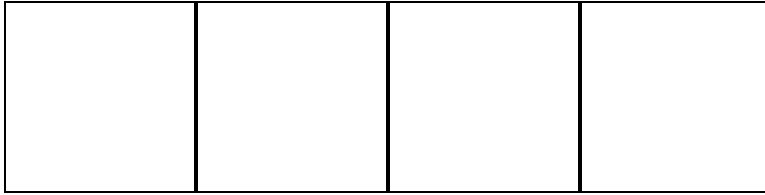
If you want to print a picture file you have been sent, download it to your computer then right-click and open with Paint, adjust the height and width if necessary by using [Stretch/Skew](#) as described above and then click on [File](#) then [Print](#). You can click [Print Preview](#) to get an idea of how it will look before you print it.

If you have been sent several images (such as a collection of holiday photos) you may want to put them all together to print on one page. One way of doing this is by opening Microsoft Word then clicking [Insert](#) then [Picture From File](#). Do this for every picture you want to include and you should see them laid out on a page.

If you click on a picture in Word to select it, you can then click and drag the corner handles to stretch or squeeze the image, this way you will be able to adjust the pictures until they all fit on one page for printing.

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When Sergey Brin and Larry Page met in the summer of 1995 they had no idea they were on the verge of creating the beginnings of an Internet Big Brother not even George Orwell could have imagined.

Originally called 'Back Rub' they worked on a project based on the idea that the links pointing to a document on the World Wide Web could be relevant to how important the document was. They created an algorithm and called it PageRank after Larry Page. PageRank took into account the number of links pointing to a site and the number of links pointing to each of the linking sites. This is of course a basic view of how events occurred, but eventually they had a system where more popular sites would rise to the top of their lists, and the less popular sites would drop to the bottom.

They named their new tool Google, after googol, which is the number equal to number 1 followed by 100 zeros. The first version of Google was revealed on the Stanford University website in August 1996 – just a year after they had first met. Google has since become a HUGE private technology company employing over 20,000 employees located in Mountain View, California. Larry Page and Sergey Brin still act as key executives on the board of directors.

These days Google is way more than an effective tool to help you find a relevant page on the internet. As 2009 draws to a close, surfers are able to use the world's biggest search engine in a bunch of different ways.

The company's products for users include, but are not limited to:

Google Web, Image, Book or Blog Search, iGoogle and Personalized Search, Google Product Search, Google Custom Search, Google Chrome, Google Base, Google Webmaster Tools, Google Toolbar, Google AdSense, Google Adwords, Google Scholar, Google Finance, Google News, Google Video, Google Docs, Google Calendar, Gmail, Google Talk, Google Groups, Google Reader, Orkut, Blogger, YouTube, Google Pack, Picasa, Google Desktop for users, Google Display Advertising Program, Google GEO product line comprising Google Earth, Google Maps, and Google Sketchup, Google Checkout, Google Mobile Product Line, Google index, Google Maps and Satellite imagery; and Google Labs, a test-bed for engineers and Google users.

http://www.google.com/language_tools Want to translate a word, phrase or entire document? Google translator will do it for you.

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<http://news.google.com/> Need a current event? Forget about the newspaper, use the internet like teenagers do to find stories that are only minutes old.

<http://images.google.com/> Arguably the best image search engine in the world. Try finding a picture of something today.

<http://www.google.com/products> Looking to make a purchase. Shop and compare prices online first using Google's Product Search.

<http://www.google.com/finance> What to check the stock market, try this website for a quick overview.

<http://maps.google.com/> Looking for an up to date map or satellite photo, check out these amazingly easy to manipulate maps and photos.

<http://video.google.com/> Google has their own video search engine. Find an educational video on the internet that you can play for your class

<http://scholar.google.com/> Another project that Google is working on is to create a more efficient way to search scholarly papers.

<http://books.google.com/> This is a great way to jump into some literature. Check out a book online, read some passages and find out where you can buy a copy.

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10 Things Google Knows About You

1. Have you ever had an embarrassing health problem that you preferred was not recorded on your medical history? Instead of going to visit your doctor you decided to google your symptoms and maybe even buy some medication online?

Perhaps this happened years ago and you had forgotten all about it?

Google hasn't.

2. Google Docs allows users to create and save documents in a variety of formats, to share or save to your computer. If you create a document that you later delete because it might contain sensitive information – beware.

Google has a back up.

3. Did you ever use Gmail to write a drunken email to your ex? Something you have tried to forget?

Google remembers – that one and all the other private emails you have sent are safely stored in Google's databases.

Maybe you don't have a Gmail account? Well that's OK; Google still has copies of your private messages because your friends and business partners use Gmail.

4. Google knows what you family and friends look like, where you went on your holidays and if you have skinny legs and look like a dork on the beach. If you use Picasa, Google probably even knows how many pets you have.

5. If you have a thing for watching teenagers messing around playing air guitars in their bedrooms, don't think it is your little secret.

Google knows and records your searches and preferences and which videos you have watched on YouTube and Google Video.

6. If you have ever used Google Earth, one of the first places you would have looked at will naturally be your own home.

Now Google has a picture of where you live, not that they didn't know anyway – if you use Google AdSense, Adwords, or Google Checkout they have all your financial details which include your address.

7. Have you or somebody living in your house, ever done a search on how to grow your own marijuana? Have you ever been worried about an alcohol or other addiction within your family? Do you search online for solutions to your rising debt or marriage problems?

It's all there – just between you and Google.

8. Do you use Google Desktop?

A very handy application that will organize all the files on your PC, also gives Google access to them.

9. Google Reader is an aggregator, capable of reading Atom and RSS feeds online or offline, which is a very practical tool for keeping up to date with your favorite bloggers.

It also lets Google know which blogs you follow regularly, therefore revealing even more of your personal interests and passions, not that they didn't have enough information on you already!

10. Did you have a terrible time a few months ago when you found out your partner was having an affair and decide to chuck all of their belongings out on the street in a mindless rage?

Oh there they are! A nice constant reminder on Google Street Maps. Hopefully that Google Street Car will be along soon and update the picture of your house.

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Should You Really Care?

Most of us probably don't have much too much to hide... and luckily for those who do, there are enough privacy laws in place for the most part to keep it stored safely on Google's servers.

What do you think? Does Google know too much about you

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Things You Can Do With Google

Track your UPS packages without having to log on, etc, just input the tracking number in the search box

Check the weather by inputting *weather "zip code"* in the search box

Want to know the time in another country/city anywhere in the world? Type *time "city"* and it should

display the current time in that part of the world.

Things you can do with Google continued...

Want to check the movie times at your local theater? Type *"movie title" "your zip code"*

Want to get a copy of a book electronically? Well, type *"title of book" filetype:pdf*

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Things you can do with Google continued...

If you're in the market for **rental property**, before you hit Craig List type in *rent "zip code"* and view the listings on Google Maps

New in town? Looking to **rent a car**? Type *car "zip code"*

Things you can do with Google continued...

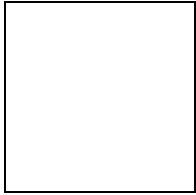
What's **the mass of planet earth**? Type *mass of the earth*

What's the **mass of our moon**? Type *mass of the moon*

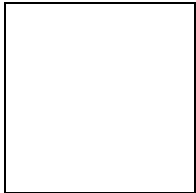
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Things you can do with Google continued...

Look up the definition of a word or phrase

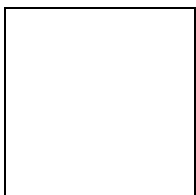


If you're not 100% on the spelling, just like with regular searches, Google will do it's best to figure out what you really mean.



Things you can do with Google continued...

It can also find definitions for many slang terms and idioms as well such as “the straw that broke the camel’s back”



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Things you can do with Google continued...

Convert Currency

Example: convert 100 US dollars into Chinese Yen

Convert Weights and measures

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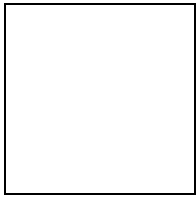
Calculate

Find the Time

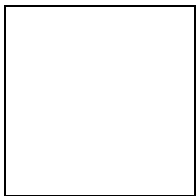
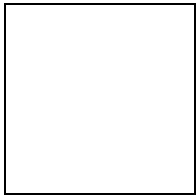
Find Stock Quotes

Enter the company's stock ticker symbol

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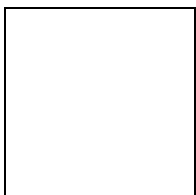
Find Flight Information



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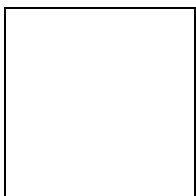
Movie Showtimes

Enter "movies [movie title] [city]"

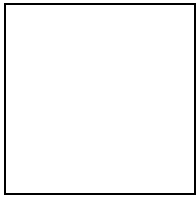


Similarly, you can simply google "movie: [movie title]" (ie. "movie: x-men") to get a listing of movies with that title along with a star rating and links to reviews. Likewise, this works with "music:" as well.

Yellow Pages



Did you know???



Google local business listings

Type in a business type (ie. “plumbers”, “Thai food restaurant”, “computer repair”) followed by your city to get a listing of businesses fitting your criteria.

The results give the name of the business, the phone number and Google Maps directions to the location. Incidentally, if you happen to run your own local business, be sure to add it to Google’s listings <http://www.google.com/local/add/> and increase the likelihood of Google-savvy customers finding you.

For more on what you can do with Google go to: <http://www.google.com/help/features.html>

JUST FOR FUN

Wish you were at the beach? Why not visit the beach at Daytona, Florida? Try this link for a quick break: <http://volusia.org/beach/daytona.htm>. This is live streaming video from the beach.

Times Square: <http://www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/timesquare/index.php?cam=1> (don’t forget to check “Cam1” which is live streaming video)

Monterey Bay Aquarium Otter-Cam: http://www.mbayaq.org/efc/efc_otter/otter_cam.asp (right click on the otters to zoom to full screen. It’s better than a fish tank)

Here’s a website that has lots of links to cameras all over the world (including that one in Times Square): <http://www.earthcam.com/>

This site also has links to all kinds of webcams all over the world:
<http://www.webcamplaza.net/> Just in case you haven’t had enough yet here’s a resource for plenty more webcams.

Did you know???

How Stuff Works?

<http://www.howstuffworks.com>

Wikipedia

<http://www.wikipedia.org/>

The biggest, free-content, encyclopedia on the internet and one of the top 100 websites in the world. This unique online encyclopedia allows users to log on and become contributors. As a result many articles are written by the foremost experts in a field with lots of current information. Unfortunately, some articles are also poorly written and may contain incorrect information. This has led to several controversies.

A few years ago there was a research study that compared Wikipedia to [Britannica](#) for accuracy. The study, which was published in December of 2005, showed Wikipedia to be more accurate than Britannica. You can read about the results here:

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