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Googling

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Before I Forget... Upcoming CLECAT Club topics:

- October 30: Rick Hearn will talk about solar panels, rates, and storage.
- November 13: Bob Newcomb presenting what's new with Apple
- December 4: Paul Herrick on upgrading to Windows 11

"Googling"

• At least 3 different Googles

- A search bar in Chrome or other browsers
- Google.com
- Google search on your phone

"Googling" Topics

- > Basic searching with Google
- >Quick answers
- >Narrowing/Expanding the Results
- Searching for a Website
- > Beyond the Basics of Google Search
- Searching on YouTube
- > Extras: Fun Stuff, How Google Works, Other Search Tools

Basic Searching with Google

- Searching on Google usually starts with entering a *query*.
- A *query* is the set of words you type into the search box to tell Google what you want to find.

• In this presentation, queries are in []

 Once you enter a query and get results, you can consider whether you want to focus the results in some way.

- You can type or speak your query
 - Add punctuation by saying the word ("period," "comma," "exclamation point," "colon")
 - "Quote" or "quotation mark" probably does not work.
- Let Google suggest additional search terms (autocomplete)

• Basic Search Strategies (GCFLearnFree, 2013, 3:35)

<u>https://youtu.be/7RIB1CJovTs</u>

- Changes since 2013
 - Ads are now described as "Sponsored"
 - The "Web" tab is now called "All", and only appears after you've selected a different tab

- What do you get?
 - Title
 - URL
 - "Snippet" (with matching words in bold)
 - Links to other topics in the web site
 - "People also ask" (related queries)
 - Knowledge panel

Let's look at the results for the query [salmon]



- Keep it simple: avoid extraneous words
- Choosing the right words
 - Think about what you're trying to find
 - Choose the words you'd like to see in your results
 - Avoid extra words
 - Look at the results and refine the words
 - [I want some fried chicken]
 - [salmon] vs [salmon recipes] vs [fried salmon recipes]

Words matter

- [who] vs. [a who] vs. [the who]
- Word order matters
 - [fried chicken] vs. [chicken fried]
 - [blue sky] vs. [sky blue]
- Capitalization and spelling don't matter
 - [brittany speers] will show results for [britney spears]
 - · What if you really meant "brittany speers"?

- Special characters are often ignored
 § ¶ ¥ £ € © ℝ ≅ ≠ √
- A few characters are significant
 - [C++], [#hashtag], [\$400], [33%]
 - [camera \$100..\$500]
- Many words are ignored: articles, pronouns, prepositions, "where" or "how"

Using Google as a spell checker

- Type in your best guess for the spelling and it will respond "Showing results for xxx" with the correct spelling.
- Speak the word that you want to spell and see what turns up in the query field.

- **[DEFINE]** will give the meaning and pronunciation of words—slang included
- [ETYMOLOGY] gives the origin and history of words
- [PRONOUNCE] will pronounce a word for you (often in either British or US pronunciation)
- (May need to have a colon after the command)

Use [WEATHER] to find out the weather in a location

 [weather] vs [weather phoenix] vs [weather 32207]

Google does math!

- Arithmetic: + * /
- Exponent: ^ or **
- Percent: % of
- Advanced math: trig functions, logarithms, exponential, factorial
- [tip on amount]
- [number in binary] or [roman numeral in decimal] or [number in words]

- Unit conversions: [3 dollars in euros]
- **Sports:** Search for the name of your team to see a schedule, game scores and more
 - [Anaheim ducks]
- **Quick facts:** Search for the name of a celebrity, location, movie, or song
 - [Movie: Exorcist] can give you local show times

- [Capital of place]
- [Flight number] or [Delta 910]
- [Time in place name]
- [Population of place name]
- [Sunrise], [sunset]
- [Translate word to language]
 - or [*word* in *language*] e.g. [mouse in Russian]

- Package tracking numbers
- Zip codes
- ISBN
- VIN
- Phone numbers (businesses)
 - [company name customer service]
- Stock prices from ticker symbols: [aapl], [googl]

"Search is not just about doing a single query and getting a simple answer. It's often about doing research. It's often about trying to take the different pieces of information and putting them together so you can understand the concept more completely."

-- Dan Russell, Google

- Google Search Tips: Advanced Tutorial
 https://youtu.be/f Y386Thr04 (2020, 7:40)
 - Article mentioned in video: <u>https://ahrefs.com/blog/google-advanced-search-operators/</u> (updated 2023)

Add key words

 Be more specific: [Anaheim ducks] instead of just [ducks]

Narrow the time frame

- What if you want to know about the Ducks in 2007?
 - [Anaheim Ducks]
 - Select "Search tools" and the drop-down list for "Any time"
 - Select "Custom range" and enter 2007-2007
- But this is different from
 - [Anaheim Ducks date:2007]
 - [Anaheim Ducks 2007]

Use quotes to search for an exact phrase or a required word

- Is ["how now brown cow"] different from [how now brown cow]?
- ["why did the chicken cross the road"]
- [maytag washer manual "mvwb765fw"]

Find it on a particular website

[ducks] vs [ducks site:www.nhl.com]

or domain

- .gov, .edu, .com, .mil, ...
- [olympics] vs [olympics site:.gov]

[Filetype:]

- PDF (document images)
- DOC, DOCX (Word documents)
- PPT, PPTX (PowerPoint)
- TXT (Text)
- CSV (Comma-separated Values)
 - [filetype:csv tax rate site:nj.gov]
- DAT (Data)
- KML (Google Earth)
 - [filetype:kml lewis and clark expedition]

Categories of results (tabs at top of screen) Note: these vary depending on your search

- All (default, shows web pages)
- Images
 - Filter images by color or B/W, time, rights
- Videos (often contains "How To")
- News
- Maps
- Shopping
- More...

Use the minus sign to eliminate irrelevant results

- Can use multiple minus filters
 - [salsa -dancing -tomatoes]
- [salmon -food]

Force inclusion of a word

- Intext: force the inclusion of a term in the page (used to be +)
- Intitle: search for words in a page title only
- Allintitle: title must contain all words

Combine two searches into one with "OR"

- Must be capitalized (or so they say)
 - [chicken]
 - [chicken "rhode island red"]
 - [chicken "bantam"]
 - [chicken "rhode island red" "bantam"]
 - [chicken "rhode island red" OR "bantam"]

Advanced Search function: gear icon

 an alternative to quote marks, OR, minus, number range, site:, filetype:, intext:, intitle:

SafeSearch: gear icon

Expanding the Results

Use an asterisk within quotes to specify unknown or variable words.

- Couldn't make out all the lyrics?
 - ["imagine all the * living for today"])
- All forms of an expression
 - ["why did the * cross the *"]

Searching for a Website

Type the name of the website you want to find

- [nytimes], [new york times]
 - <u>www.nytimes.com</u>, "Latest from nytimes.com", nytimes on YouTube, and more
- [olli]
 - OLLI CSUF (<u>olli.fullerton.edu</u>), OLLI at UCI (<u>https://ce.uci.edu/olli/</u>), etc.

Beyond the Basics

Searching for Images

 Options: size (resolution), color (black and white will often give documents), usage rights

Search for images using images

 If you save the image (or copy its URL) and then search it on Google Images (with the camera button), you'll be able to see similar images on the web.

Beyond the Basics

- info: Get information about a website or page [info:www.foodnetwork.com]
- Or, you can search specifically for the info
 - **cache**: See what a page looked like the last time Google crawled the site.
 - [cache:washington.edu]
 - link: Find pages that link to a certain page
 - [link:google.com]
 - related: Find sites that are similar
 - [related:time.com]
10 Simple Tricks to Search YouTube Like a Pro! <u>https://youtu.be/sCddrLwH-fc</u> (2017, 7:24)

Basic search

• Go to YouTube and enter your query in the search field.

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 Search within a site Bring up the site. Click on the magnifying glass and type your query. 									
HOME	VIDEOS	PLAYLISTS	COMMUNITY	CHANNELS	ABOUT	Q			

- Let YouTube suggest additional search terms (autofill)
- Use the minus sign to eliminate irrelevant results
- Use quotes to search for an exact phrase or a required word
- Wildcard search: Use an asterisk to specify unknown or variable words.

- [intitle: *keyword*] to find the keyword only in the title, not the description
- [keyword, channel] if you can't recall the channel's full name
- [channel, playlist] to watch several videos back-to-back

Video format

- [*keyword*, 360] to find videos that can be watched in 360° format.
- [keyword, 3D] to watch 3D videos.
- [keyword, VR] for Virtual Reality content.
- Video length
 - [*keyword*, short] to find videos that are less than 4 minutes long.
 - [*keyword*, long] for videos more than 20 minutes long.

- Use filters to refine your search results
 - Do your search, then select the Filters icon on the line below the search and select Upload Date, Type, Duration, Features, and Sort criteria

Filters -

Search filters				
UPLOAD DATE	TYPE	DURATION	FEATURES	SORT BY

Extras: Fun Stuff on Google

- [askew]
- [do a barrel roll]
- [flip a coin] or [heads or tails]
- [Halloween] and click on the ghost icon
- [meteorite]

Wikipedia: "List of Google Easter Eggs"

Extras: How Google Works

- How Google Search Works (in 5 minutes)
 - <u>https://youtu.be/0eKVizvYSUQ</u> (2020, 5:15)
- The Internet: How Search Works (2017, 5:12)
 - <u>https://youtu.be/LVV_93mBfSU</u>

Extras: Other Google sites

- Google Scholar
- Google Patents
- Google Books
 - Ngram Viewer: frequency of words or phrases over time:

https://youtu.be/DTeI7YD0vsg_(2023, 2:45)

Extras: Other Google sites

Google Translate

- Inside Google Translate (2010,2:24) https://youtu.be/ GdSC1Z1Kzs
- Google Translate vs. "La Bamba" (2015, 1:40) <u>https://youtu.be/06olHmcJjS0</u>
- Google Translate Sings: "The Sound of Silence" Twisted Translations (2019, 4:07) <u>https://youtu.be/ccYpEv4APec</u>

Extras: WAY Beyond the Basics

- If you want to find search terms that are *near* each other on a website
 - [term AROUND(n) term]
 - ("n" is the number of words near the search terms.)
 - ["Jerry Brown" AROUND(3) "Tea Party"] will show you all the websites where the phrase "Jerry Brown" was mentioned within three words of "Tea Party."

Extras: WAY Beyond the Basics

 Other Search Engines

 Copyright-free content: Openverse (<u>https://openverse.org/</u>)

- Bing.com, yahoo.com, DuckDuckGo, Startpage, Swisscows
- Wayback Machine

21 Great Search Engines You Can Use Instead of Google https://www.searchenginejournal.com/alternative-searchengines/271409/#close

Extras: WAY Beyond the Basics

How to clear Google Search History

<u>https://youtu.be/OSgqTmuHIWY</u>

Questions?

Thank You!