

15 GAME-CHANGING GOOGLE TIPS



Most people rely on Google to find what they need each day. You probably do too. And, if you're like most of us, and you search on Google many times a day, you may be spending more time browsing than you need to.

With just a few helpful tips, you and your employees can increase productivity while still finding what you need online each day. We've come up with some great "game changing" Google Search Tips. See below!

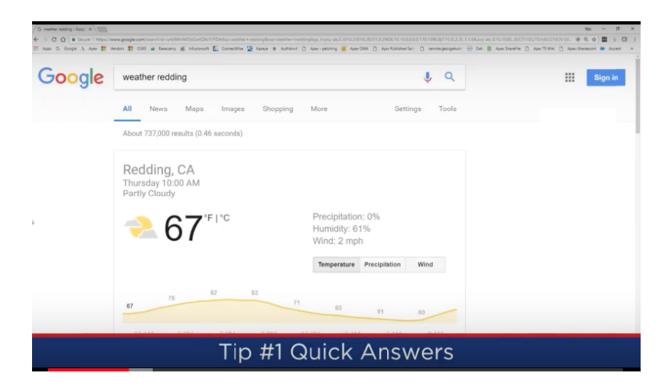
Note: These tips will work in any web browser, not just Google Chrome. Also, don't worry about your spelling, using caps, or writing out the entire search name. Google Search is usually smart enough to figure out what you're trying to find.

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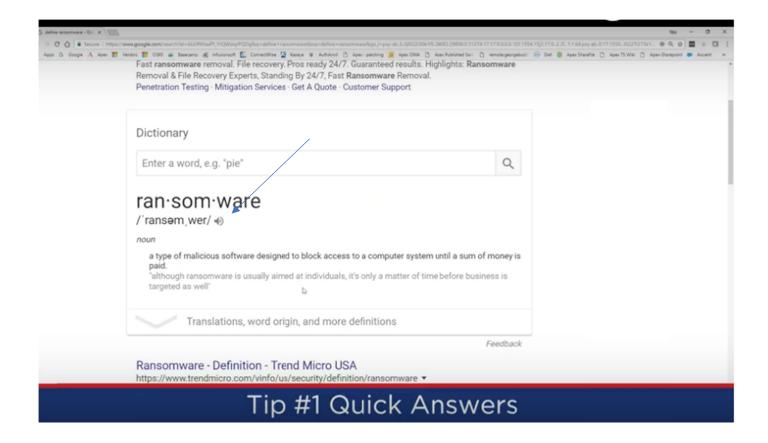
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1. Quick Answers

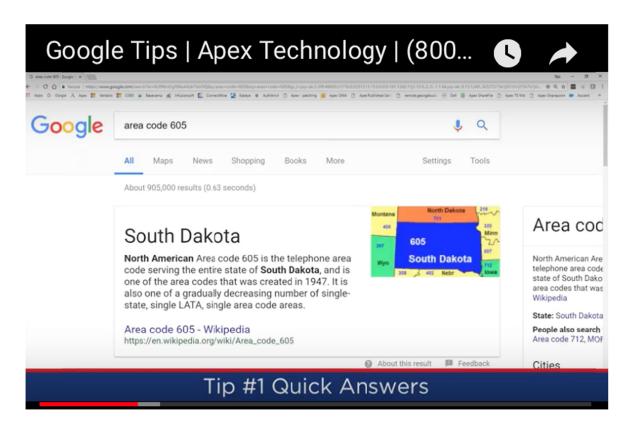
Want to know what the weather will be like today? Simply type in "weather" redding (Redding, California), and Google will tell you if you need to bring an umbrella with you.



Let's say you want a definition for the word ransomware. You guessed it. Just type it in "define ransomware" and Google will pull up a dictionary and your answer will appear. If you want to hear how it's pronounced, just click the little sound symbol.

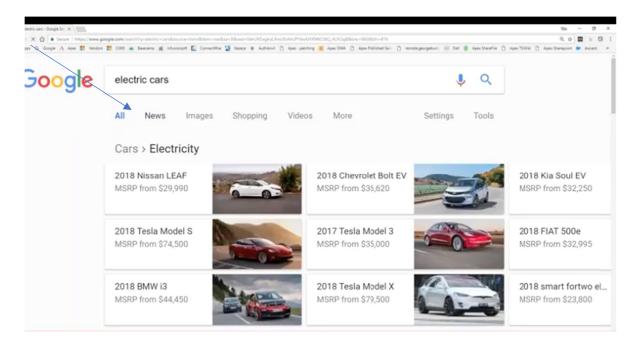


Want to know where a phone call is coming from? Type in the area code and Google will tell you.



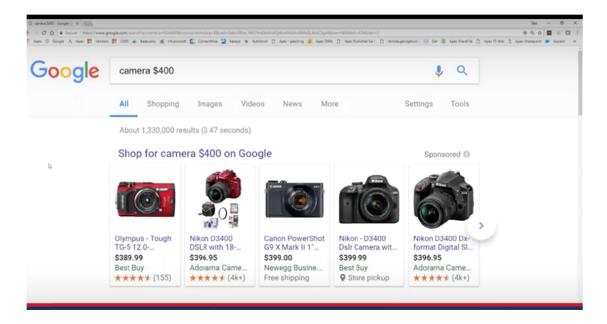
2. How To Use Tabs

Whenever you do a search you'll see tabs at the top of the page under results. These will provide you additional information about your search topic such as news, images, shopping, videos and more. You can get a plethora of information right from the results page. Google's very good at providing what you need very quickly.

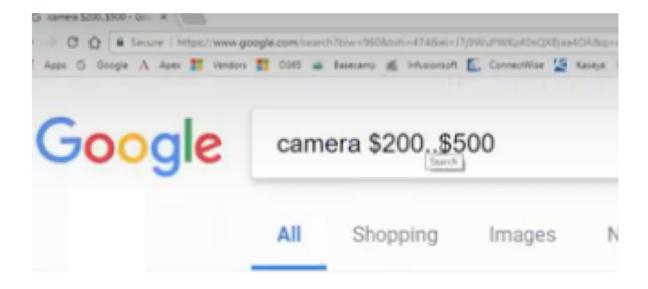


3. Search Separators

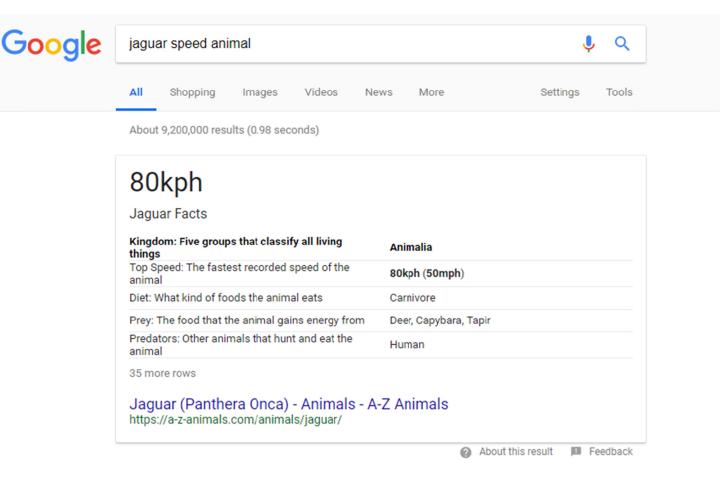
Google lets you get very specific with your searches. For example, if you want to buy a new camera, but you only want to spend \$400, just type in – camera \$400 – and voila! Google limits your search parameters and presents you with specific options.



You can also ask for a range of camera prices. For example, type \$200 .. \$500 and Google will come up with cameras from \$200 to \$500 in price. (The dot dot is the key to doing this.)



If you type in a word that has two meanings like jaguar (the animal vs. the car) you may need to help Google. If you want to know the speed of a jaguar (the animal not the car) key in "jaguar speed animal" and Google will know right away that you're looking for the speed a jaguar can run.



If you want to find an exact answer for your search, such as – the world's tallest building – put quotes around your search. This tells Google that you only want to know about that one specific building and not others.



If you type the word OR in your search, Google will search for more than one item. For example, you may want to search for a "red OR black Tesla" and here's what Google will come up with:

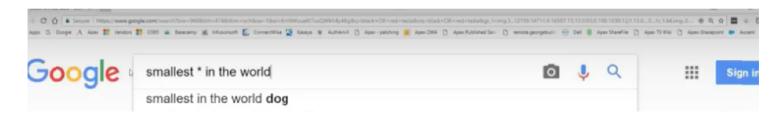
Images for black or red tesla



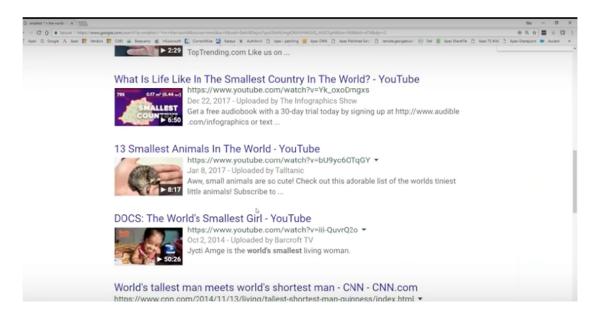
Report images

Use the asterisk (*) mark to define a search further.

More images for black or red tesla

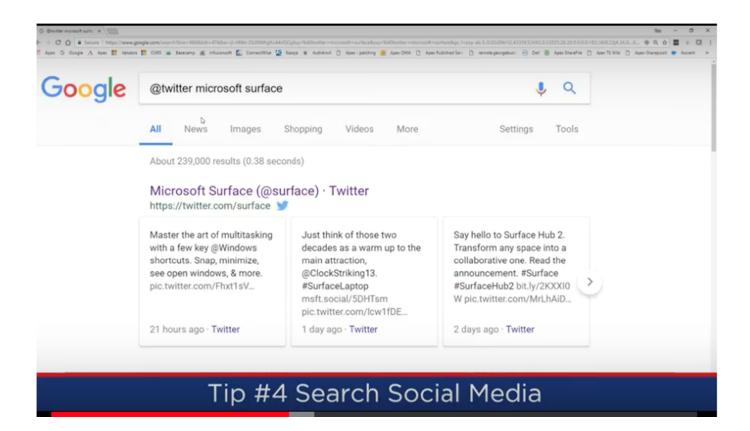


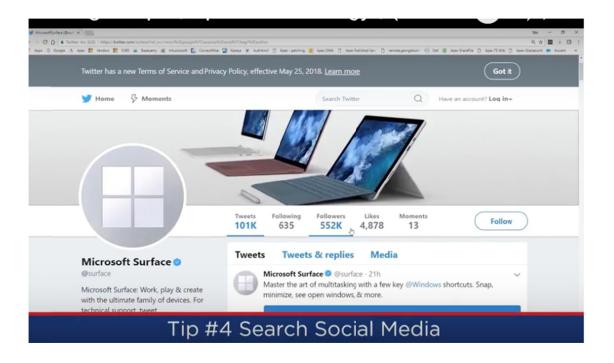
Google will come up with a list of many of the world's smallest things.



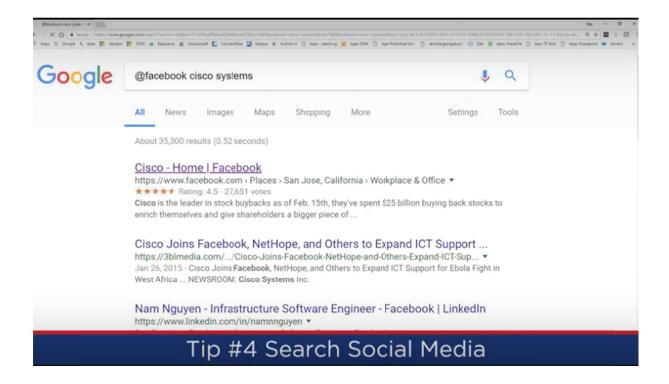
4. Searching in Social Media

To specify that you want to search for something on social media, tell Google this by typing in the @ sign. For example, if you want to learn about the Microsoft Surface on Twitter, type in @twitter microsoft surface and the Twitter feed will pop up.





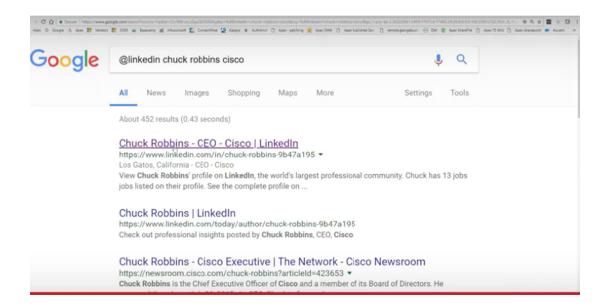
You can do the same with any social media platform. If you want to find the Facebook page for Cisco, simply key in @facebook cisco systems and the Facebook page for Cisco will appear.



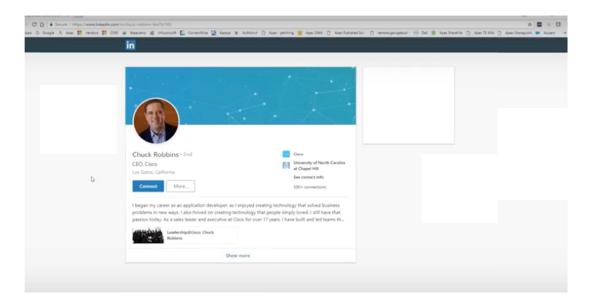
Try this with LinkedIn. To search for the CEO of Cisco, Chuck Robbins, key in @linkedin chuck robbins and his LinkedIn page will pop up.



Here's the link to his page.



Click it, and you're on his LinkedIn page.



5. Image Search

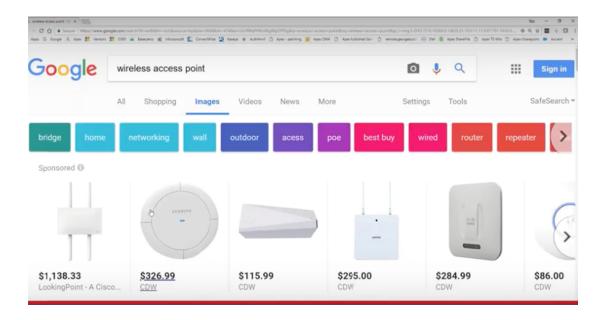
On the main Google Page, you'll find the word Images on the top left. Click this, type in what image you're looking for and Google will find it for you.



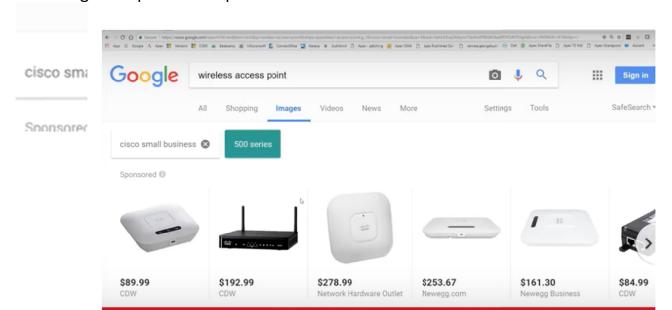




You'll get lots of images to choose from.



Let's say you only want small business wireless access points from Cisco. Just key in the term and Google will pull these up.



Click on an image and Google will take you to that link. You can also right-click the image and Google will save it to your hard drive. Or, you can copy the image and paste it where you'd like such as in a PowerPoint slide or proposal you're preparing.



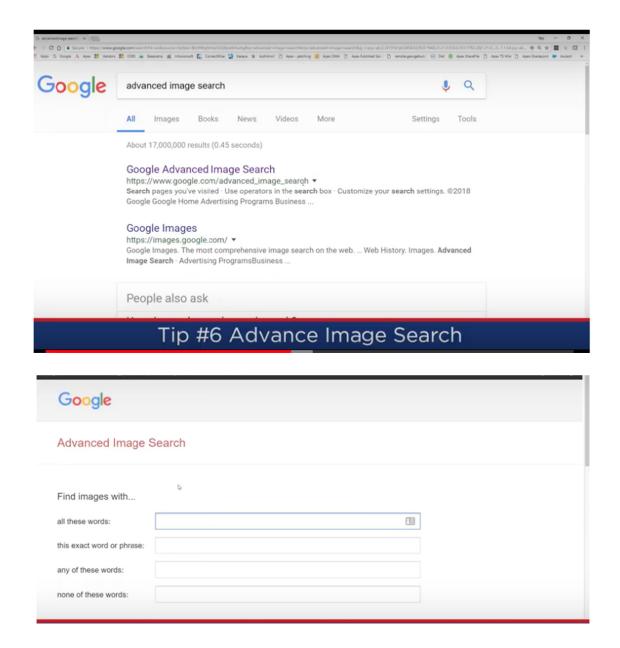
You can even share the image to social media or in an email if you'd like.



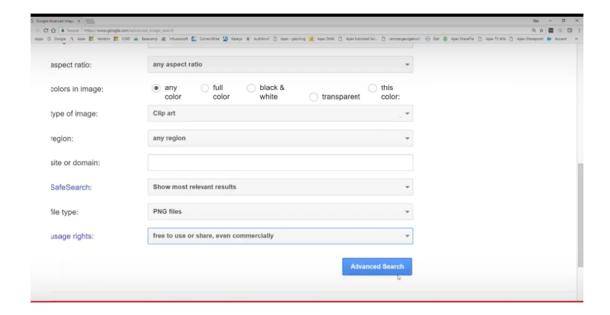
6. Advanced Image Search

Keep in mind that when you copy and paste images they may be copyrighted. So, if you're planning on preparing a marketing piece or anything that will go out to an audience with your company's name on it, just be sure that the image is free to use.

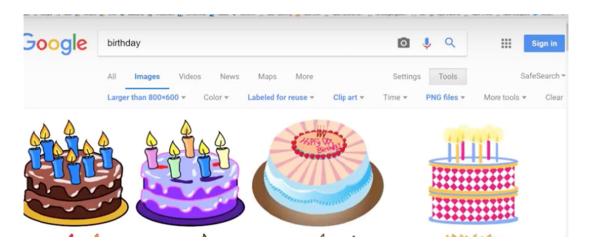
For advanced image searches, type this into your Google Search box and a page will come up where you can find these.



You can get very specific for what you're looking for. We searched for birthday images. Below you'll see that we only wanted Clip Art and PNG images that are free to use.

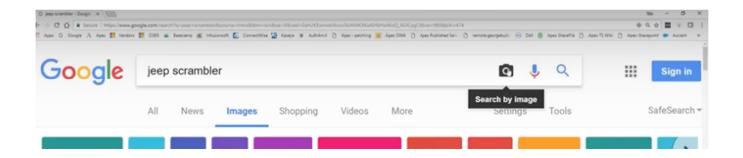


And we found just what we needed.

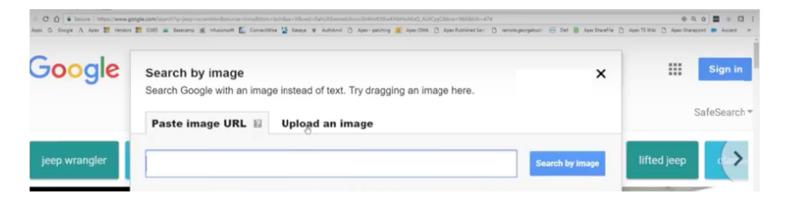


7. Reverse Image Lookup

If you have a photo or picture and you want Google to find similar images, go to the top right of the Google Search Page and click Search By Image.



You can paste in an image or upload one that's similar to what you're looking for.



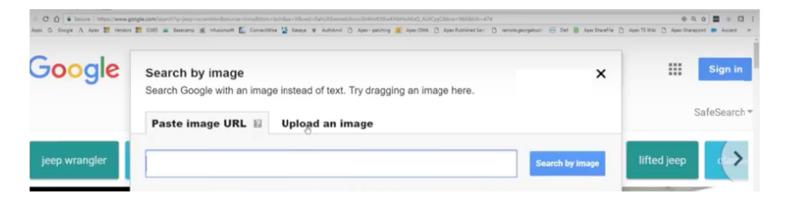
Google will analyze the image you provide to find others just like it. (In this case, we wanted to find images like our 1981 Jeep Scrambler.) Try doing this with images of someone's face and see what Google comes up with.



8. Filter Your Search Results

Google will give you so many results that you'll probably want to filter them down. We typed Dell File Servers into our search and Google came up with results going all the way back to 2013. To filter our search results, under the All button you can select results for a specific period of time. Now we don't have to scroll through pages and pages looking for something more recent. We can even search a custom date range if we want.

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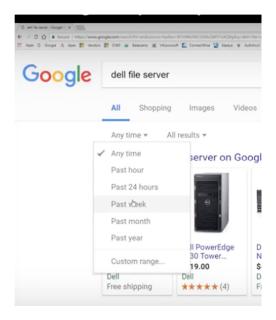


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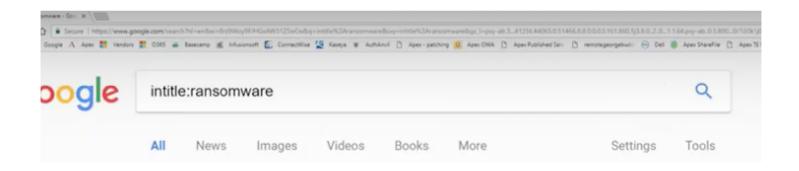
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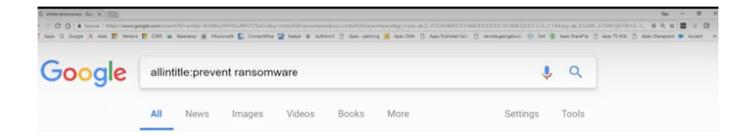


9. Search Body, Title or URL

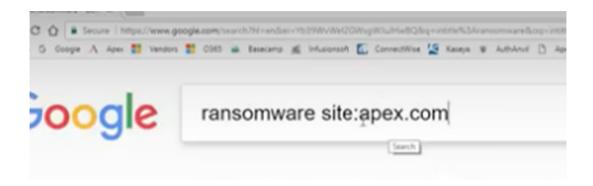
If we type the word "ransomware" in Google's search box, we get over 13 million results where the word appears in the text, titles, and URLs. You can narrow this down by using a Google reserved word "intitle:" in front of the word ransomware. Google will bring up results where the word ransomware appears in the title of an article. Now we've gone from 13 million results to 85,000. (Note: Don't put any spaces between the colon and your search word.)



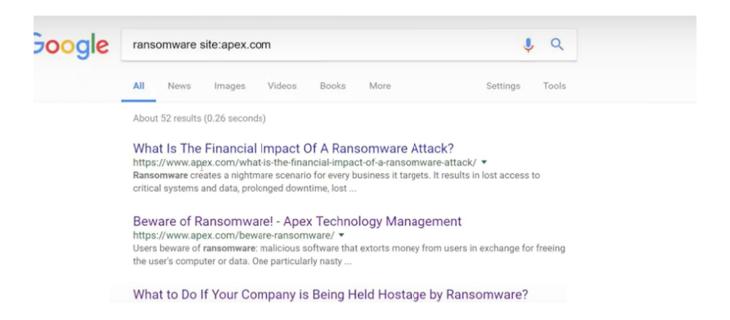
Here, we're using another Google reserved word – "allintitle:" along with our search words "prevent ransomware." Google reveals all the articles that have the words prevent and ransomware in the title.



There's a new Google reserved word you can try – site. Use this when you want to limit your search to a specific website. We're going to do this to look for the word ransomware on the Apex website.

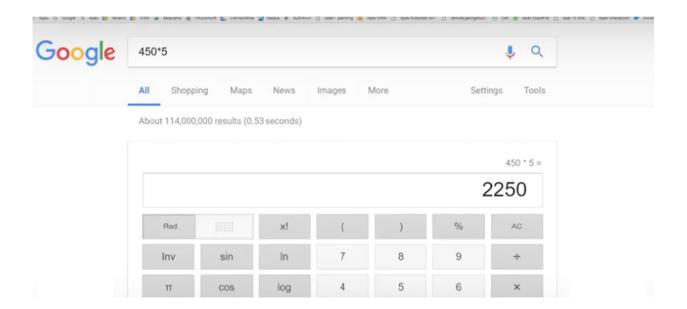


We get 52 results.

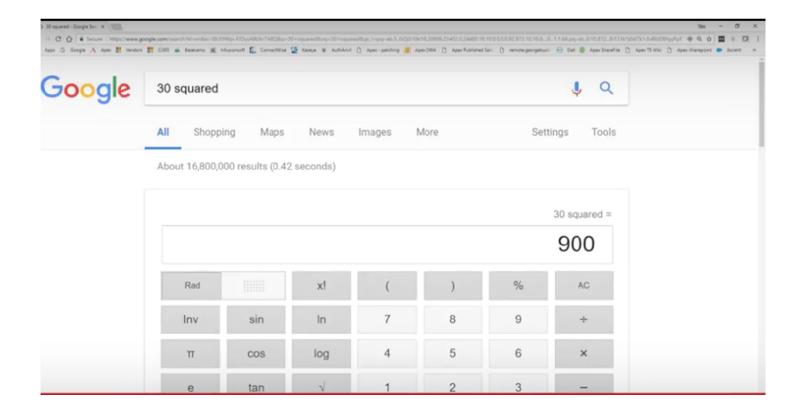


10. Math In Your Search Box

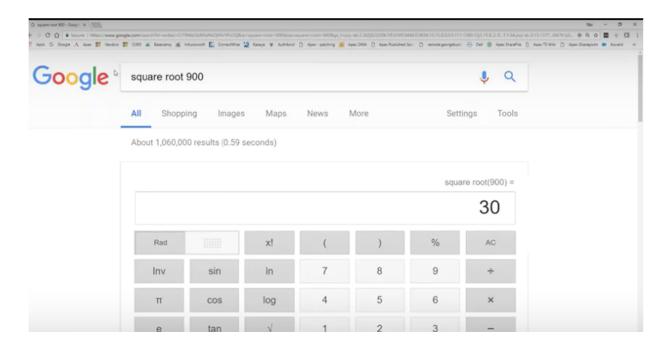
Google has the capability of doing math in the search box. To perform a simple calculation, try something like multiplying 450 by 5. In this case we enter 450*5 and Google comes up with the answer 2250. Plus, Google posts a calculator on your screen so you can erase the answer and calculate again.



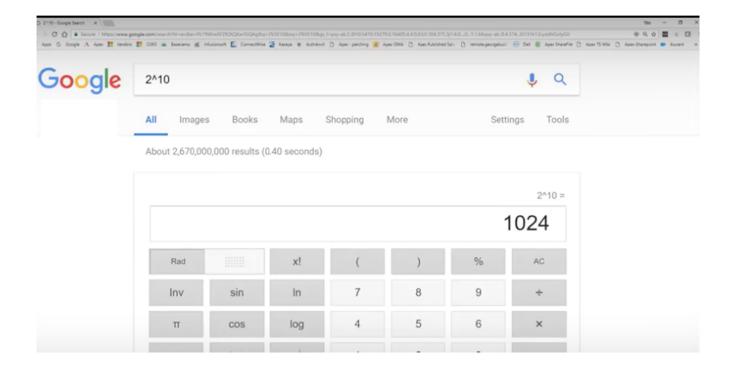
You can type a number and the word "squared" as you see below and find the answer.



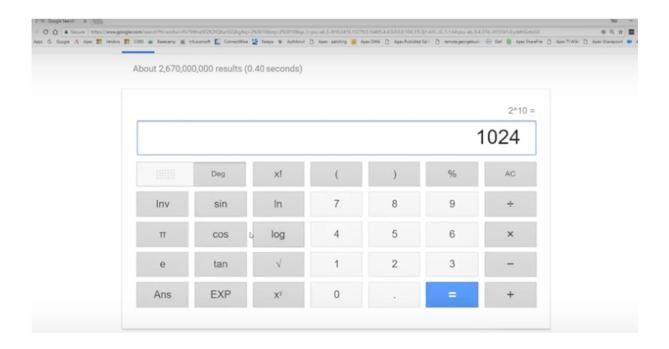
You can find the square root of a number by typing the words "square root" before the number.



We found the answer of 2 to the 10th power by using the calculation below. (Hit the shift key and the number 6 to get the caret symbol.)

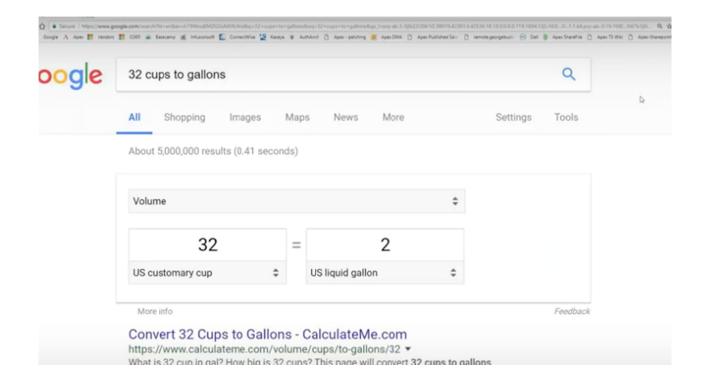


The Google Calculator allows you to perform many different calculations, even scientific functions. It's very powerful.

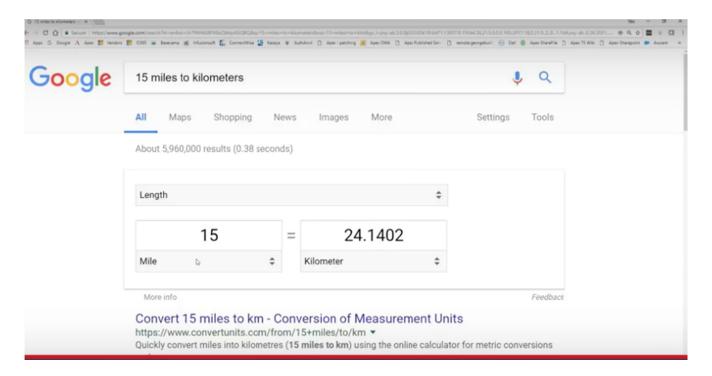


11. Conversions

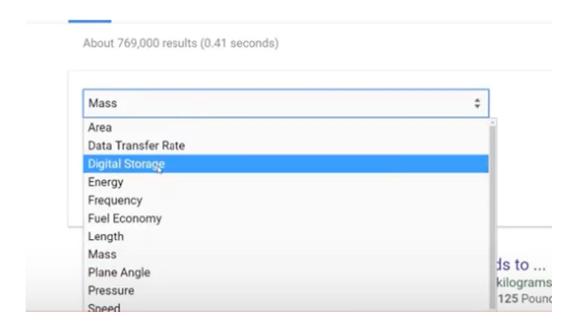
Key in whatever you want to convert and Google does the work. Here, we're converting cups to gallons.



Now, we're calculating miles to kilometers.

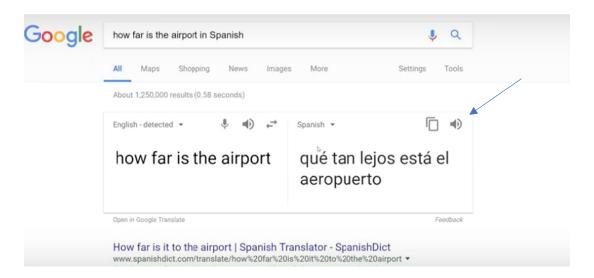


And like the calculator, you can keep the conversion box up on your screen and keep converting whatever you need. You can even do this on your smartphone.



12. Translations

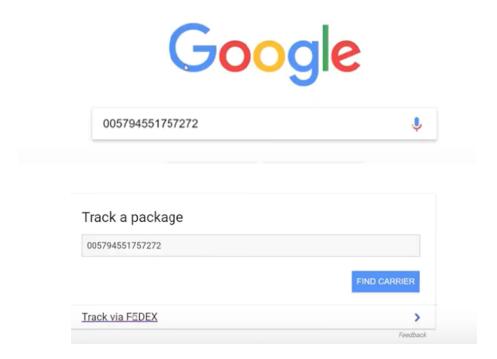
Google is fluent in many languages. Ask Google how to say – how far is the airport in Spanish. Here's the answer below. If you click the sound symbol, Google will say the phrase for you. This is very handy when traveling to other countries.

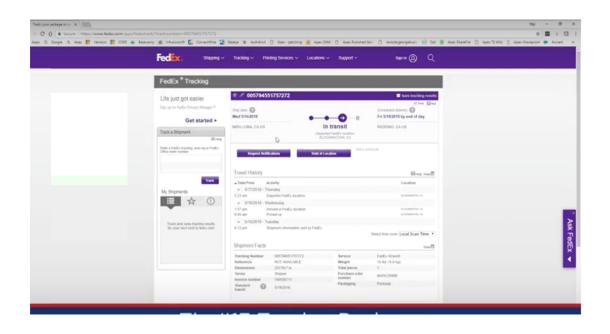


13. Track A Package

You don't need to go to the UPS or Fed Ex websites to track a package. Google can tell you where it is. Just put your tracking number in the Google search field and Google recognizes

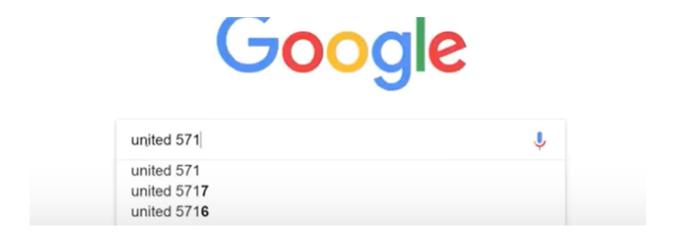
what carrier has your package. Then it takes you to the answer on the carrier's website. In this case, it's Fed Ex.

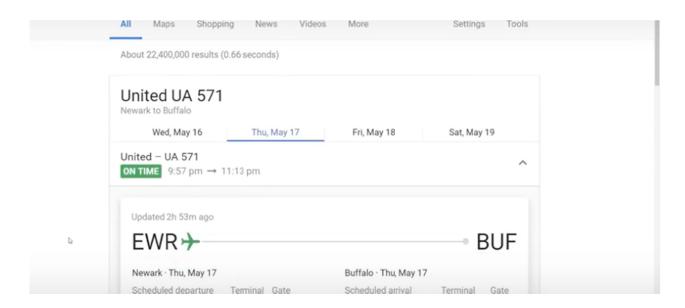




14. Track Airline Flights

You no longer need to go to Flight Stats or other airline tracking sites. Look for your flight right from the Google search box.

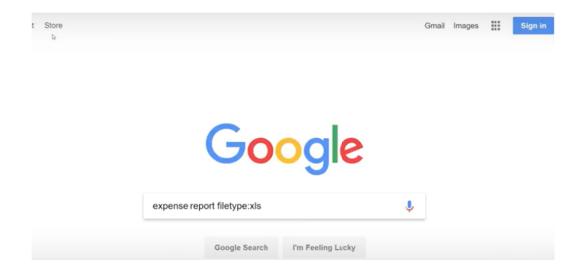




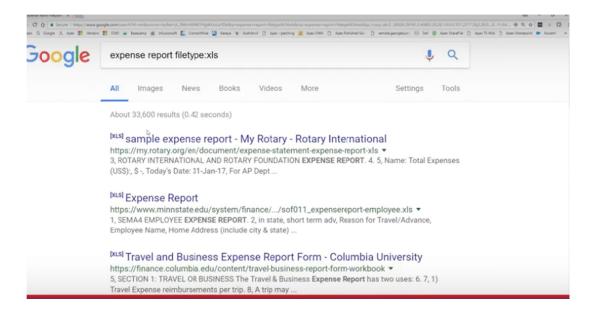
Google even tells you the landing time along with the terminal and gate where the plane will be arriving. And, if you're doing this on your smartphone, click the sound symbol and Google will read this to you.

15. Search File Types

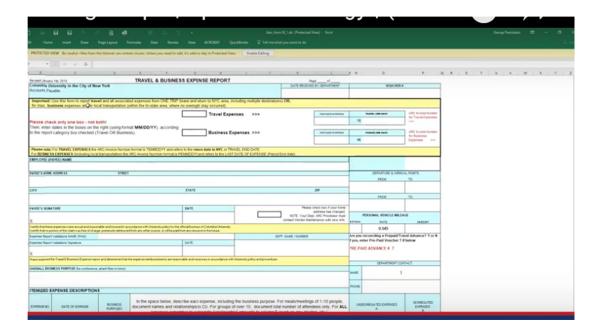
If you need to find an example of a certain file type, like an Excel expense report, use another Google qualifier like we did below. (expense report filetype:xls)



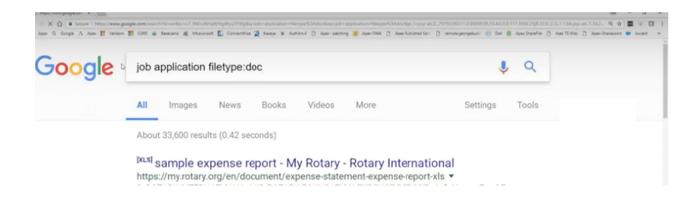
Google came up with over 33,000 results for us.

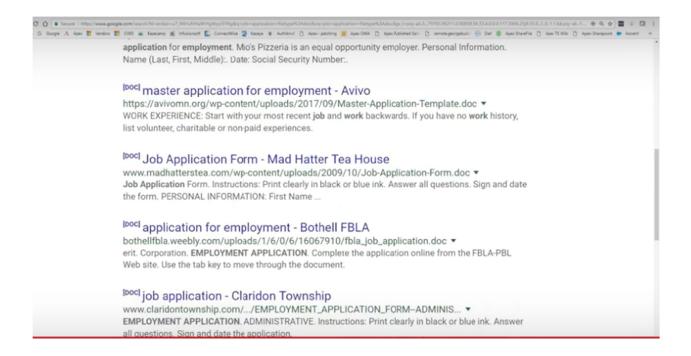


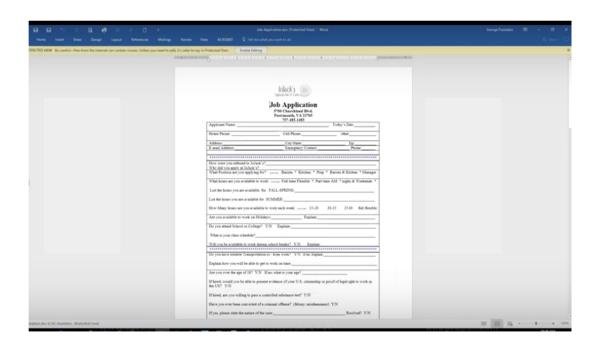
Choose one to download and you can get to work.



Here's another example. We need a job application for our company. Again, we used a Google qualifier. In this case, we used – job application filetype:doc







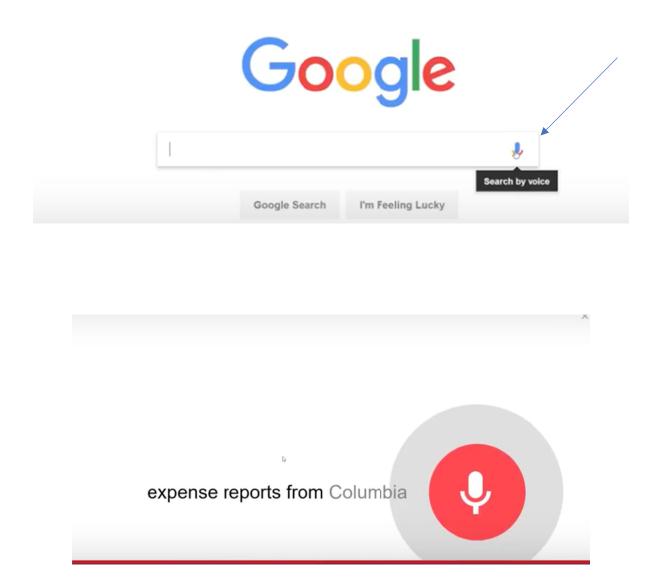
Note: Be careful when downloading versions of file types. Make sure your Excel and other programs are up to date and fully patched. If they aren't and the file you download contains a virus or ransomware, you're in trouble. Hackers hide malware in macros.

The new versions of Word, Excel, and other Office programs have a protection installed to keep you from downloading infected files.

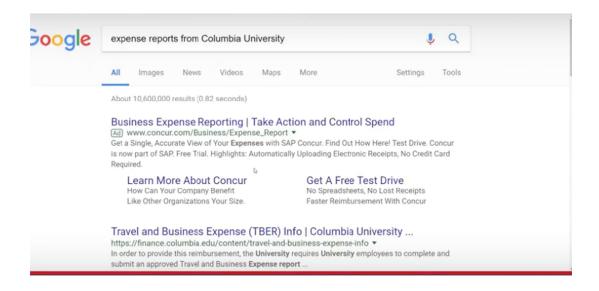
Here at Apex, we also have a robust firewall installed, so this protects us when downloading files.

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Try using the microphone in Google. Simply click it and speak what you want to find.



Google finds what we asked for.



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