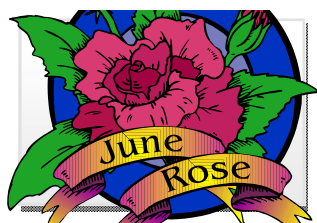


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On occasion I will supplement our Monthly newsletter with an additional newsworthy issue. I find in researching the Web, interesting and relevant articles that are too lengthy for our monthly Bytes. I hope you find the articles interesting and informative.

Yvette, Bytes Editor



Are You SURE You Know How to Use Google?

By Yaara Lancet

Most of you are probably thinking "you bet!" or "what's there to KNOW?" right about now. I believe you. The truth is, if you know how to enter a query and hit enter, you know how to use Google. At least in its basic form. And if you search often, you've probably also encountered Google's OneBox results once or twice before.

What are these OneBox results? While you may not have heard the name before, OneBox results have been around for years now, and have been helping you get focused and clearer results for your search queries. Have you ever searched for the local weather and got a small widget on top showing you what the weather is like today? That's a great example of OneBox results. This is not to be confused with Knowledge Graph results, which appear to the right of the page.

Knowledge Graph results were added less than a year ago.

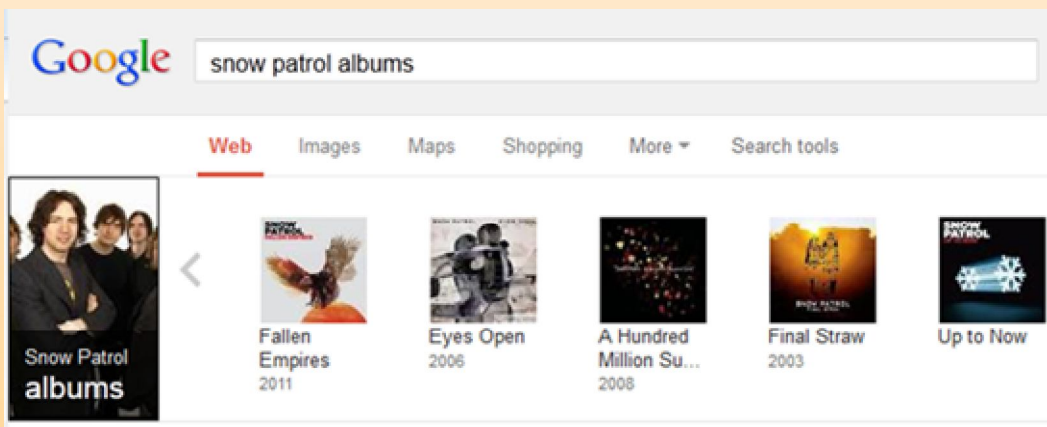
The new and slick Knowledge Graph aside, there are still dozens of useful things you can find out from OneBox results. All you need to know is the right syntax to activate them, and you're into a whole new world of Google results.

This could take you all day to read if I try to mention them all, but here are some you definitely don't want to miss. Looking for more useful search tips? Check out our Google Search cheat sheet.

Entertainment

When it comes to movies, books, music, etc., Google is full of useful surprises.

Want to explore the full discography or filmography of an artist? Look for [artist] movies or [artist] albums. This yields a visual display of all movies/albums, complete with covers, names and release dates. Click on any album/movie to read more about it in Knowledge Graph.



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You can also search for [artist] latest album to quickly find what the latest release was.

Found a movie you want to watch? Search for [name of movie] [zipcode] to find local show times (works in the US, Canada, and most of Europe, might also work in other regions). Can't decide which movie to watch? movie [zipcode] will find local show times for all movies playing around you.

the hobbit l8s1y4

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[The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D showtimes for Hamilton, ON](#)
 See showtimes for [standard version](#), [IMAX 3D](#), and in [HFR 3D](#)
 1 review - 2hr 46min - Action - English [Trailer](#)
 The adventure follows the journey of title character Bilbo Baggins, who is swept into an epic quest to reclaim the lost Dwarf Kingdom of Erebor from the fearsome ...

[Empire Theatres - Jackson Square 6 Cinemas](#) -
 2 King Street West, Hamilton, ON, Canada - [Map](#)
 4:05 - 7:50

[Cineplex Entertainment SilverCity - Burlington](#) -
 1250 Brant Street, Burlington, ON, Canada - [Map](#)
 8:45

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Want to find when your favorite team is playing next? Searching for the team's name will yield all upcoming and recent games, complete with scores (if applicable), rival teams, team logos, times and ticket links.

montreal canadiens

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Montreal Canadiens Games

01/19	Maple Leafs	vs	Canadiens	- 7:00 PM (ET) - Tickets
01/22	Panthers	vs	Canadiens	- 7:30 PM (ET) - Tickets
01/24	Canadiens	vs	Capitals	- 7:00 PM (ET) - Tickets

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Numbers

In the olden days, people calculated things in their heads, or using pen and paper. Later on, we started using calculators for everything. Today, you don't even need to launch (or bring) your calculator for most things, just use Google. Google's calculator can handle anything from simple calculations to more complex ones. All you have to do is search for the equation, and Google will present the result.

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Want to continue calculating with your result? Google's calculator is completely usable, and you can use it to continue your calculations.

You can also use Google to draw graphs, from simple ones to 3D ones. Enter an equation in the search box and see what happens.

log(93)+sqrt(9)

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About 5,110 results (0.18 seconds)

log(93) + sqrt(9) =

4.96848294855

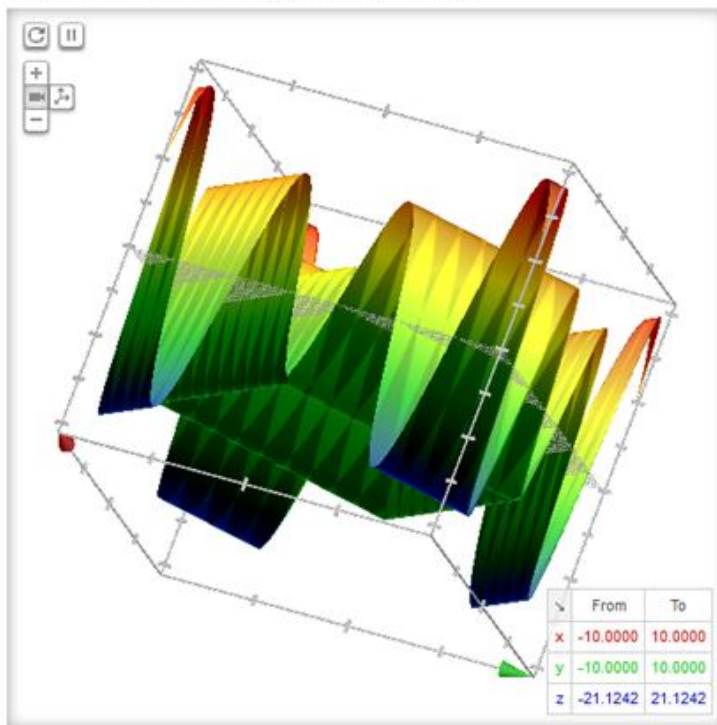


cos(abs(x)+abs(y))*(abs(x)+abs(y))

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About 479,000 results (0.17 seconds)

Graph for cos(abs(x)+abs(y))*(abs(x)+abs(y))



But there's more to numbers than math equations. In day-to-day life, we commonly use numbers as measurements. Google has you covered there too. How many milliliters are there in a cup? How many grams in an ounce? Google shows immediate results for all such queries. You can even play around with the dropdown menus to get further conversions.

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Mass

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28.3495

Ounce

Gram

23 usd in euro

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About 235,000,000 results (0.43 seconds)

23 US Dollar equals

17.18 Euro

23

US Dollar

17.18

Euro



The same trick works with currency conversions. Just search for "23 usd in euro" (or anything similar) and get an immediate conversion, along with a full graph of currency-rates history.

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Travel

Flying somewhere? Google shows OneBox results for general flight searches as well as flight information for specific flights. Look for [airline] [flight number] to find out where this flight is at the moment, where it's coming from and when and where it's landing.

westjet flight 2057

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About 76,200 results (0.29 seconds)

WestJet Flight 2057
On-time - arrives in 26 mins

CUN ————— **YVR**

Departs Cancun, yesterday			Arrives Vancouver, today		
Scheduled 6:25 PM	Terminal	Gate	Scheduled 11:05 PM	Terminal	Gate
6:52 PM	2	A8	11:13 PM	I	D52

If you search for "flights from [X] to [Y]" you'll find a list of available flights with current prices. But what if you've decided to drive this time? How long is it going to take you?

Try searching for [starting point] to [destination] and see what happens. This trick doesn't always work, and I only got it to work with US addresses, but you can play around and see what you get.

Already there and looking for things to do? Searching for "things to do in [place]" will yield a visual guide to the most popular local attractions. Clicking on an attraction will show its specific Google search results.

from 111 bailey lane, heflin, al to anniston

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A 111 Bailey Rd, Heflin, AL 36264

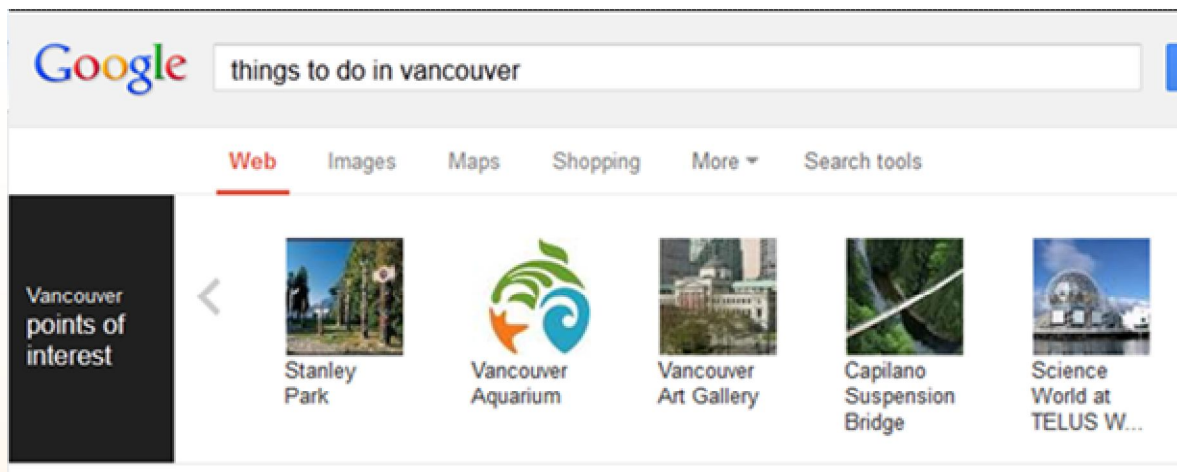
24 mins

B Anniston, AL

27.7 km

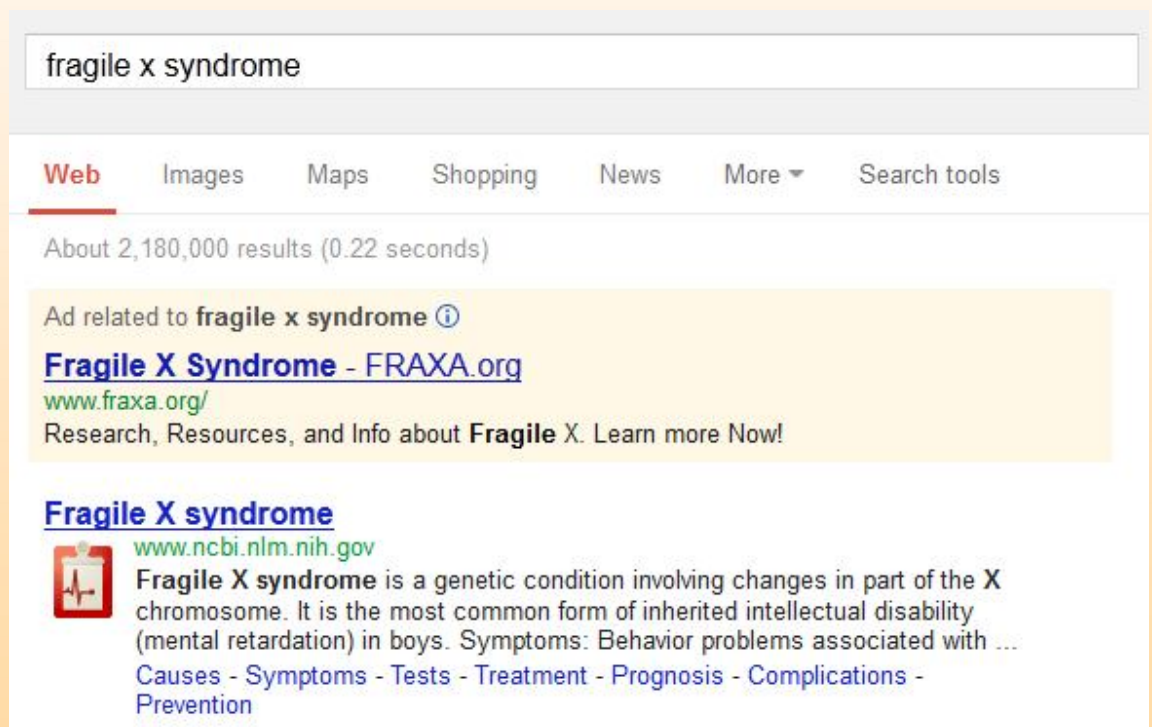
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General Knowledge

There's an endless amount of facts to be found on Google, and you may encounter hidden OneBox results you didn't know existed just by entering your queries. But in case you're curious, here are some interesting ones worth trying.



Looking for health information? Google provides instant information on some diseases and medicine. Type in the name to see what you get.

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Interested in gaining some general knowledge? Google offers instant results for questions like “how big is Paris?”, “who is the president of Micronesia?”, “how tall is the Empire State building?” and many others

You can also find such oddities as team mascots and dog-breed characteristics in this way.

Google also helps you in the language department, by providing both instant translations and instant dictionary definitions for English words. This doesn't work for every word in the

English language, naturally, but it usually works for words you might need a definition for.

how big is paris

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105.4 km²

Paris, Area

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About 4,630,000 results (0.16 seconds)

re·cip·ro·cate

/riˈsɪprəˌkāt/ 🔊

Verb

1. Respond to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one: "the favor was reciprocated"; "I reciprocated with a remark of my own".
2. Experience the same (love, liking, or affection) for someone as that person does for oneself: "her passion for him was not reciprocated".

Synonyms

return - requite - repay

More info - Dictionary.com - Answers.com - Merriam-Webster - The Free Dictionary

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To get instant translations, search for "translate [word] to [language]". This works in all languages supported by Google Translate.

Are You Sure NOW?

While I'm sure you could search Google before, these neat tricks sure make it easier and much more fun. The most exciting part about it, is that Google keeps adding more and more of these. When writing these post, I kept searching for random terms and queries to see if I can find some cool OneBox results.

Looking for yet more tips and tools to improve your search? Check out some more Google search tools you might not using so much.

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