

Internet 2 – Searching and More

What is a Search Engine?

A search engine is a tool for searching the World Wide Web. A search engine looks for keywords you have entered and returns a list of web sites that it thinks match your search. Many search engines also offer a directory search where you can click through a series of subject headings and subheadings to find information on a particular topic.

How does it work?

Words or phrases that you enter in the search box are matched to resources in the search engine's database that contain your terms. These results are sorted by their probable *relevance* and appear with the most *relevant* sites listed first. Relevance is based on:

- Site content – the design of the site and the frequency that your search terms appear on it
- Popularity – the number of times the site has been viewed and the number of times other web site link to that site

For more information about how search engines work, visit www.searchengines.com and www.searchengineguide.com.

Using Search Engines

- Start by typing in the web site address for a search engine.
- A search box (white rectangle) is usually located in the middle or top of the web page.
- Click with your mouse in the search box.
- Type a description of whatever you would like to find (type like you normally would, with spaces in between words).
- Click on the button that says “search, go, find, ask” or something similar. (Pressing enter on the keyboard will also work.)
- A list of websites will appear along with a description or text from that site. To visit one of the websites, click on the blue underlined link.

Popular Search Engines

 www.google.com	 www.yahoo.com	 www.msn.com	 www.ask.com
 www.excite.com	 www.alltheweb.com	 www.lycos.com	 www.dogpile.com

Things to look for:

Note the number of results that the search engine found for your search terms. The more specific you are with your searching, the smaller this number will be.

When a web site has more than one page that matches your search terms, the second page is often indented to show that it came from the same site as the one listed above it.

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Web Results 1 - 10 of about 375,000 for **caring for water gardens**. (0.18 seconds)

HowStuffWorks "How to Care for a Water Garden"
Are you wondering how to care for a **water garden**? Check out this article from HowStuffWorks to learn how to care for a **water garden**.
home.howstuffworks.com/how-to-care-for-a-water-garden.htm - 42k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

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Caring for a water garden is no more difficult than **caring** for a traditional **garden**. The tips in this article will help.
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Water Gardens: Installation and Maintenance
Aquatic Plants Pond Animal Life **Caring for the Water Garden** Sources. **Water gardens** are becoming one of the most popular do-it-yourself landscape projects. ...
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Constructing and Caring for Container Water Gardens - Successful ...
Constructing and **Caring for Container Water Gardens**. A decorative pot of **water garden** plants on your patio or deck is not only beautiful, it might just be ...
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Search engines will often have a special area set aside for Sponsored Links or Results. These are sites that are related to your search terms but are being displayed because they paid the search engine for this service. They may not always be the most relevant results.

Tips:

- Your search may be too broad or too specific. Try many options like using synonyms of words, including more terms or fewer terms, etc.
- Try using different search engines. You will usually get many of the same results, but not always!
- Google and some other search engines will automatically spell check your search terms. If there is a misspelling, at the top of your list of websites it will say something like "Did you mean..." with the correct spelling. Clicking on the correct spelling will redo your search.
- Putting your search terms in quotations will search for that phrase **exactly**. For example: Searching for *Children with Diabetes* can be placed in *quotation marks* to search websites that display the information next to each other, in that exact order. The search engine will not display websites that separate the search terms.

How to use Favorites

“Favorites” or “Bookmarks” are a way to mark web sites that you frequently visit.

- 1) To add a web site to your list of Favorites, click on the word “Favorites” in the gray toolbar and then click on “Add to Favorites...” (On some newer computers, you can also click on a Yellow Star with a plus sign to add a site to your favorites.)
- 2) A box will appear with the web site name. Click on “OK” to add that web site.
- 3) To view a web site that has been added to your favorites folder, click on the word “Favorites” in the gray toolbar and then click on the name of the web site that you would like to visit.



- 4) Clicking on the Favorites icon will show your list of favorite web sites in a separate area on the left hand side of the screen. You can also visit a favorite site by clicking on its name in that area.

How to change your Home Page



- 1) To change the first page you see on Internet Explorer to something else, first click on the word “Tools” in the gray toolbar.
- 2) In the box that drops down, click on “Internet Options”
- 3) At the top of the window that appears there will be an area entitled Home Page. Erase the web site address that is currently showing and type in the web address for the page you would like to be the home page.
- 4) Click on “OK” at the bottom of the window.

To print a page from the Internet

1. Click on the word “File” in the upper left corner of the window. A gray menu box will appear.
2. Click on the words “Print Preview”. At the top of the screen it will tell you how many pages will print out. For example it may say 1 of 1, meaning that the document is only 1 page long. Or it may say 1 of 5 meaning that the document is five pages long. To view each page use the left and right arrow buttons on the screen.
3. If you are satisfied with how many pages will be printing you can click on “Print”. And then click on “OK”.
4. However, if the document is more than 1 page long and you would only like to print the first page, before clicking on “OK”. Select the number of pages you would like to print from the “Page Range” section. After you have selected the pages you would like to print, click on OK.

Internet Searching Worksheet

Try the searches below in the different search engines listed. Write down the number of results.

	Google	Yahoo	MSN
caring water gardens	_____	_____	_____
caring for water gardens	_____	_____	_____
“water garden care”	_____	_____	_____
quilts	_____	_____	_____
Nebraska quilts	_____	_____	_____
“international quilt study center”	_____	_____	_____
children with diabetes	_____	_____	_____
“children with diabetes”	_____	_____	_____