Handy tips when using Google



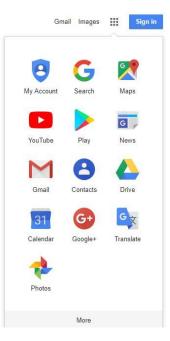
Is Google only limited to basic searches?

- No! Google though simple in its interface has a lot of built-in advanced features which can sometimes prove very handy especially if you want to filter out irrelevant results.
- Once familiar with some of the handy search functions, Google can be of even greater use.

The Google Homepage

The Homepage has the basic search functions with a menu option (top-right) with icons to other google services. For basic searches just type in your query and hit Enter or you can click the "I'm feeling lucky" button





Using the Search Tools Option

 The Tools option can help in narrowing down search results. The options are context sensitive (different options for videos, photos etc)



Using the Settings option

Beside the Tools option, there is a Settings option as well which can prove useful (like the SafeSearch setting). Some settings (like history) would be more useful on a home or BYOD device (as you can sign in to your Gmail account).



Using the Advanced Search Setting

 The Advanced Search helps refine the search results by omitting results that don't meet your conditions. This can save a lot of time.

	Find pages with		To do this in the search box.
/	all these words:	Western Australia	Type the important words: tri-colour rat terrier
	this exact word or phrase:		Put exact words in quotes: "rat terrier"
	any of these words:		Type OR between all the words you want miniature OR standard
	none of these words:		Put a minus sign just before words that you don't want: -rodent, -"Jack Russell"
	numbers ranging from:	to	Put two full stops between the numbers and add a unit of measurement: 1035 kg, £300£500, 20102011
	Then narrow your results by		
	language:	any language	Find pages in the language that you select.
	region:	any region +	Find pages published in a particular region.
	last update:	anytime	Find pages updated within the time that you specify.
	site or domain:		Search one site (like wikipedia.org) or limit your results to a domain like .edu, .org or .gov
	terms appearing:	anywhere in the page	Search for terms in the whole page, page title or web address, or links to the page you're looking for.
	SafeSearch:	Show most relevant results	Tell SafeSearch whether to filter sexually explicit content.
	file type:	any format •	Find pages in the format that you prefer.
	usage rights:	not filtered by licence	Find pages that you are free to use yourself.
		Advanced Search	

Using the Advanced Search shortcuts

- Sometimes it is handy to know the shortcuts for advanced search features.
- Some of the common shortcuts are:
 - The "" operator (for a specific phrase). E.g. "The privacy act"
 - o The − (minus) operator. E.g. "Australian prime minister" −turnbull
 - The OR (in caps) operator. E.g. world war 1 OR world war 2
 - The allintext operator. E.g. cannington community college/education support centre

 - The allinurl operator. E.g. allinurl:australian science

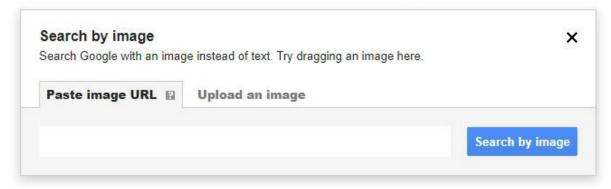
Other shortcuts

- The site operator to search a specific site. E.g. site:science.gov.au
 "astronomy"
- The related operator to get related content. E.g. related:science.gov.au
- The filetype operator (specific files). E.g. sample resume filetype:pdf
- The define operator. E.g. define:DNA
- The location operator. E.g. planetarium location: Melbourne
- o The translate operator. E.g. translate comment allez vous to English
- o Inbuilt calculator. E.g. 234*32423
- Timer and stop watch. E.g. 10 min timer

Google Image Search

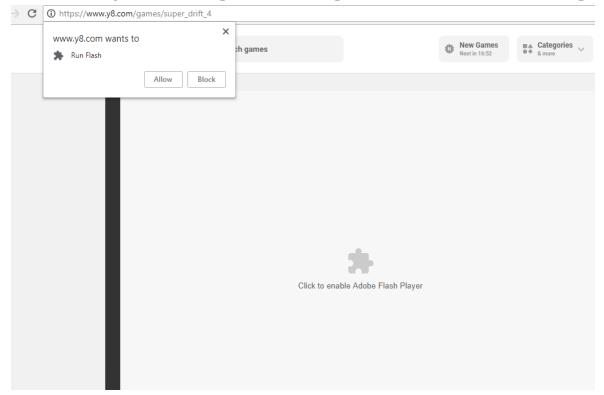
 Google Image Search can use the operators as mentioned in this presentation. In addition to this, it has the option to search for an image if you paste a link or you can upload an image and search for similar stuff.





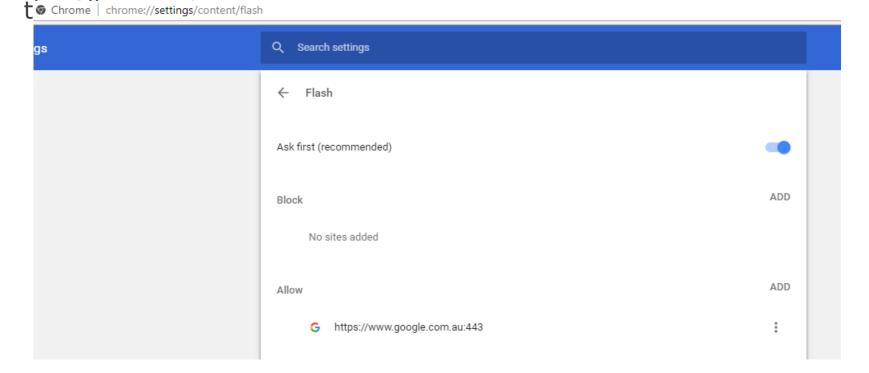
Enabling flash on Google chrome

 Sometimes, Flash will need to be enabled on Google chrome for certain animated content, videos or games. The simplest way to enable it is by clicking the image and then selecting Allow.



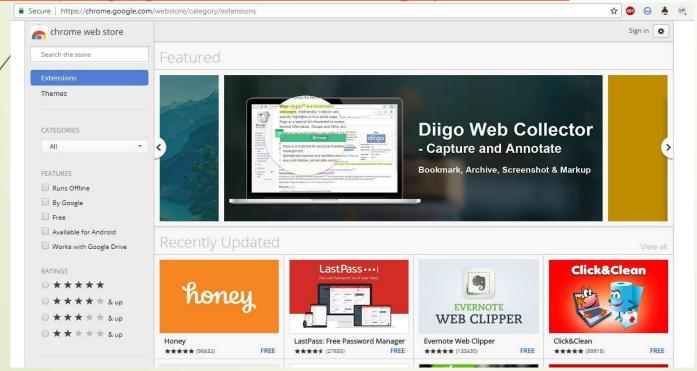
Enabling Flash on Google Chrome

 Another way to enable Flash on Chrome is by typing in chrome://settings/content/flash and then ensuring the Ask first option is selected. If needed you can also add the specific link in



Chrome Web store

- The Chrome webstore has a lot of handy extensions/apps that can be useful.
- https://chrome.google.com/webstore/category/extensions



Some Handy Chrome Extensions

- Adblock Plus used to block annoying ads and popups
- Data Saver used to give you graphs about your data usage
- LastPass password manager. Just remembering passwords in the browser isn't safe (users must create a login though)
- Grammarly helps with grammar (can sign up for free)
- Full Page Screen Capture Take screenshots of the entire webpage. Can also download as PDF.
- Çite this for me for citing stuff
- Mercury Reader and Reader View to reduce clutter if you're reading and article etc.

Useful links

https://blog.hubspot.com/marketing/google-advanced-search-tips