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Searching The Internet

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Many Search Engines

Google
Dog Pile
Ask Jeeves
Alta Vista
Yahoo
Mama
Pandia (Great tutorials)
Many, many more ……

For ease of Searching go to The Villages Web Page …

http://www.thevillagescomputerclub.com/800search.htm

Be Specific with your Search

♦ Check spelling (Google helps out and will provide you possible corrected spelling but this is not true for all engines)

♦ Capitulation is important for names and products.

♦ Some engines require that you must case specific (exact upper and/or lower case).

♦ Do not generalize: "Fish Tanks" is a bad search; "Atlantic Marine or salt water fish tanks" is a far better search.

Key Symbols and Certain Text and very important

♦ "+" Connects words - A space is a default with some engines: Ohio State University is fine for some engines; otherwise use the plus signs, Ohio+State+University".

♦ "OR" means one or more of the words must appear in your answer. (e.g. Asthma, chronic or acute).

♦ "-" This excludes items from your answer as does "NOT (Some require AND NOT) which means this will not be in your answer.

♦ Using quotation marks " " where you want to include a phrase that must be used in its entirety for your search.

Pandia Powersearch

Search the Web:

Select search tool: Pandia Powersearch

GO! HELP CLICK HERE FOR ADVANCED SEARCH FORM

http://pandia.com/

Great Search Engine with tutorials about searching the web

Here is Pandia's analogy of ordering a pizza with searching the web.

Lets say you want a pizza with pizza with pepperoni and ham, but with no olives and no garlic." Your search sentence would be

"pizza AND pepperoni AND ham AND NOT olives AND NOT garlic".

Now, lets assume you have a idea the pizzeria might be out of pepperoni where chicken could be a substitute, so enter

"pepperoni OR chicken' which uses the "OR" directive.

Lastly, you might want to tell the search engine that pan pizza is an expression or a phrase. For this you use double quotation marks: "...", like this:

"pan pizza" AND "Italian pepperoni" AND "black olives" .

www.google.com

♦ **Notice the words above the block for a search**

Images – pictures and clip art on multiple subjects

Groups – Information and articles about many subjects

News – You can search for news articles by subject

Local (new) - Maps and more

More > - Many additional choices

♦ **Personalized Home Page**

Open Internet Explorer

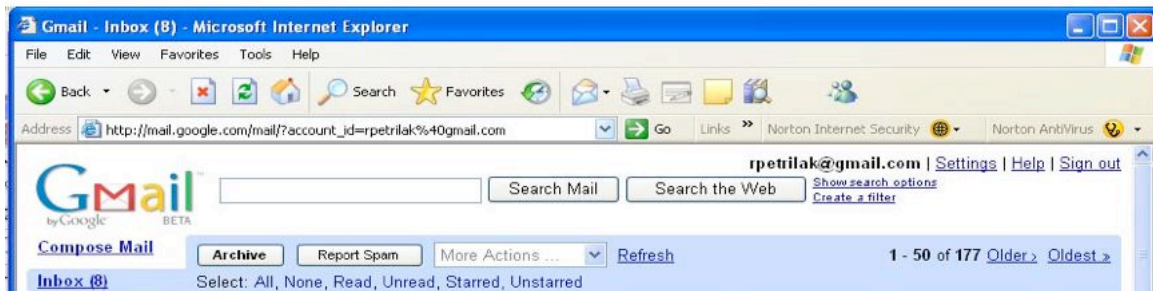Go to Google.com

Click on Personalized Home Page

When the Personalized Page opens, click on Personalize your home page

Use the left dialog box to add items

Sign in to create a Google account

♦   **Googlę Mail**

Google Mail Opening Page

You need to be invited but simply ask a Gmail user and they will gladly invite you. There are multiple feature; the major one is the mail box is 2.6 GB large. Also, mail can have labels abd filters where it is sorted and identified.

For more information

http://mail.google.com/support/?ctx=%67mail&hl=en

♦   Pop 3 Mail (having the mail sent to your computer)

http://mail.google.com/support/bin/topic.py?topic=1555

COPERNIC (A program to enhance your searching ability

http://www.copernic.com/
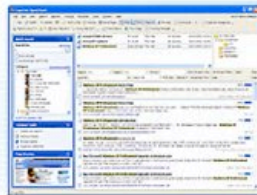
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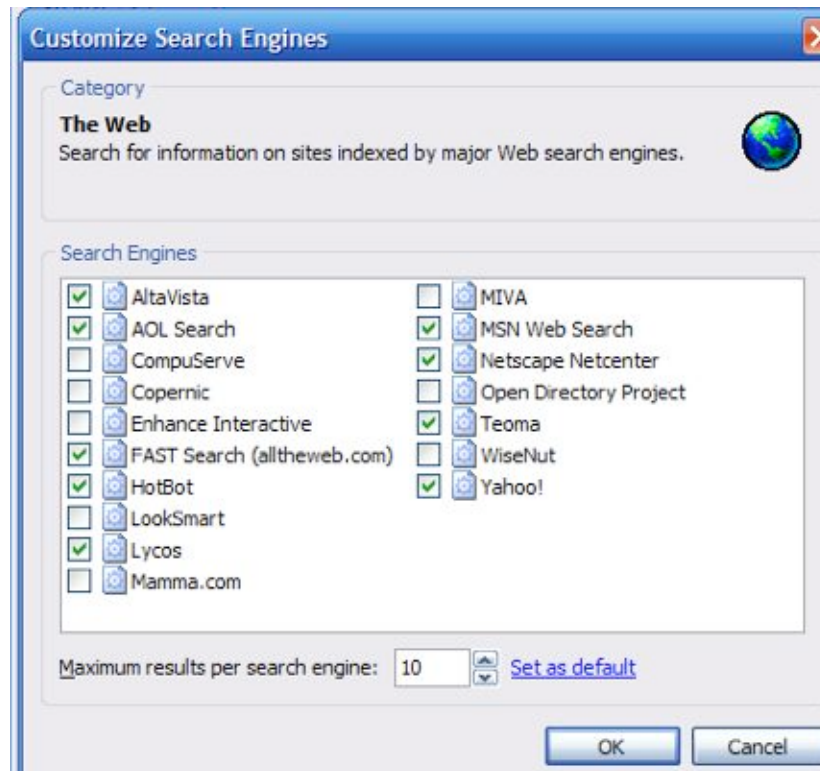
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