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## Do more than search with Google

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Want to find stock quotes, check local movie times or find a nearby business? Then you need look no further than Google's home page.

Aside from helping you find sites on the Internet, Google can help you find movie times and local businesses. And that's just for starters.

To find movie times, enter the movie's title and your ZIP code. For instance, enter "Snakes on a Plane 85009" (minus quotes).

The results appear at the top of the search page. It shows a select list of theaters, but if you click the headline, you'll see more. You can even read reviews!

Can't remember the name of the movie you want to see? Just enter "movie:" followed by a term relating to the movie. For example, you enter an actor's or director's name.

If you want to have dinner before the movie, Google has you covered there, too. For example, type "pizza Phoenix." Then, click on the Local Results heading. You'll get a list of pizza joints in Phoenix, each pinpointed on a map.

You can also use Google as a residential phone book. Just enter a first name or initial and a last name. Then, enter a city and state, area code or ZIP code. Or, if you want to do a reverse look-up, enter the phone number. Results will appear at the top of the search page.

Google's search by number feature is also handy. You can enter tracking numbers for UPS, FedEx or the U.S. Postal Service. Again, the results appear at the top of the search page.

If you're traveling, you can check for delays by entering the airport code followed by "airport." Or, to check the status of a particular flight, enter the airline and flight number. You can also check the weather at a destination by entering the city name preceded by "weather."

I also like to check my stock quotes from Google. Just type the ticker symbol for a quote and recent stats. Links that will take you to more information on the company.

You can also ask quick questions. For example, find the population of New York City by entering

"population of New York City." The answer will appear at the top of the page, along with a source for the information.

There are other nifty features in Google. If your search term is in the news, you'll get news links at the top of the page. Or, if you have a technical question, look at the bottom of the page. There you'll find links to Google Groups. You may just find the answer to your question!

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