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Lesson 6: Searching for Websites

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Lesson Objectives

- After studying this lesson, you will be able to:
  - Describe what an Internet search engine does
  - Perform a basic instant search
  - Use Internet Explorer 8's tabbed browsing feature
  - Use favorites to mark and navigate to websites
  - Navigate using the History panel
  - Print a web page

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Using the Instant Search Box

- Search engine: Website designed to help you locate and navigate to web pages with desired information
- Instant Search box
  - Allows you to search without navigating to the search engine's homepage
  - Allows you to switch search engines quickly

Over time, you will likely find your favorite search engines to suit your various needs

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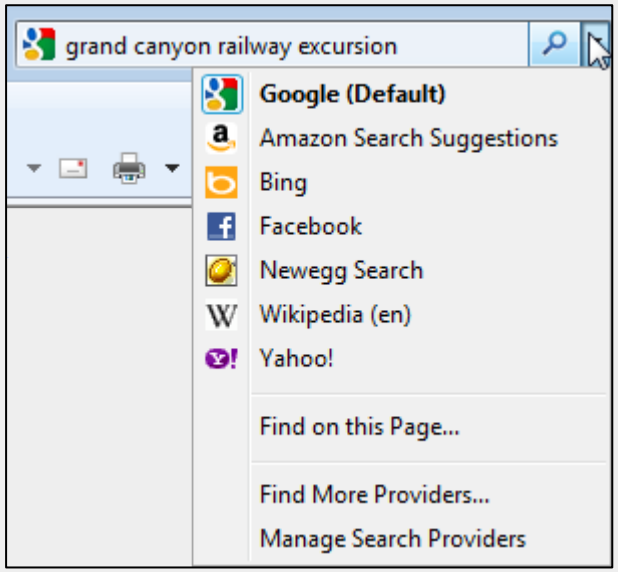
Using the Instant Search Box

- Instant Search box
  - Search without navigating to the search engine's homepage
  - Add favorite search providers
  - Switch search providers quickly



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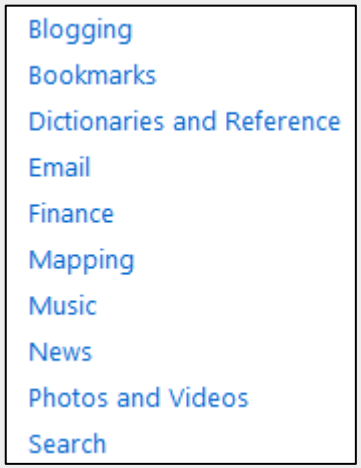
Using the Instant Search Box

- Adding search providers
  - Many categories of search providers to choose from



  - Custom additions of unlisted search providers

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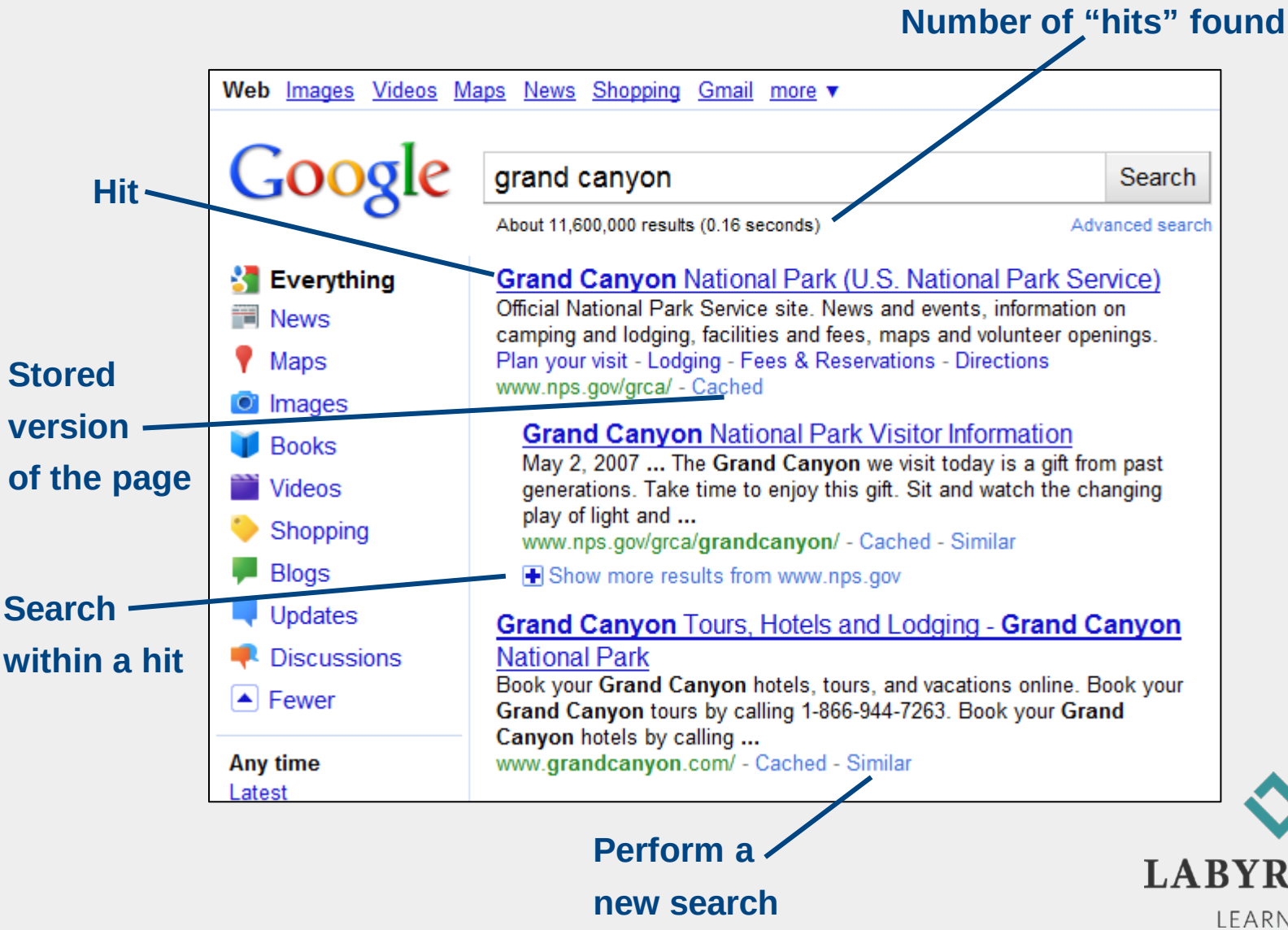
Interpreting Search Results



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Narrowing a Search

- If a search yields too many hits, add additional search words (“narrow” your search)

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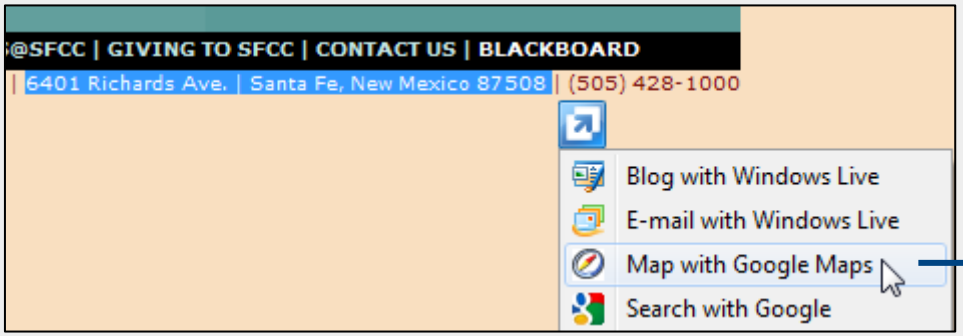
Search Accelerators

- These help you perform a specific type of search on text you select directly on a web page



This accelerator menu choice jumps you to a map of the selected address

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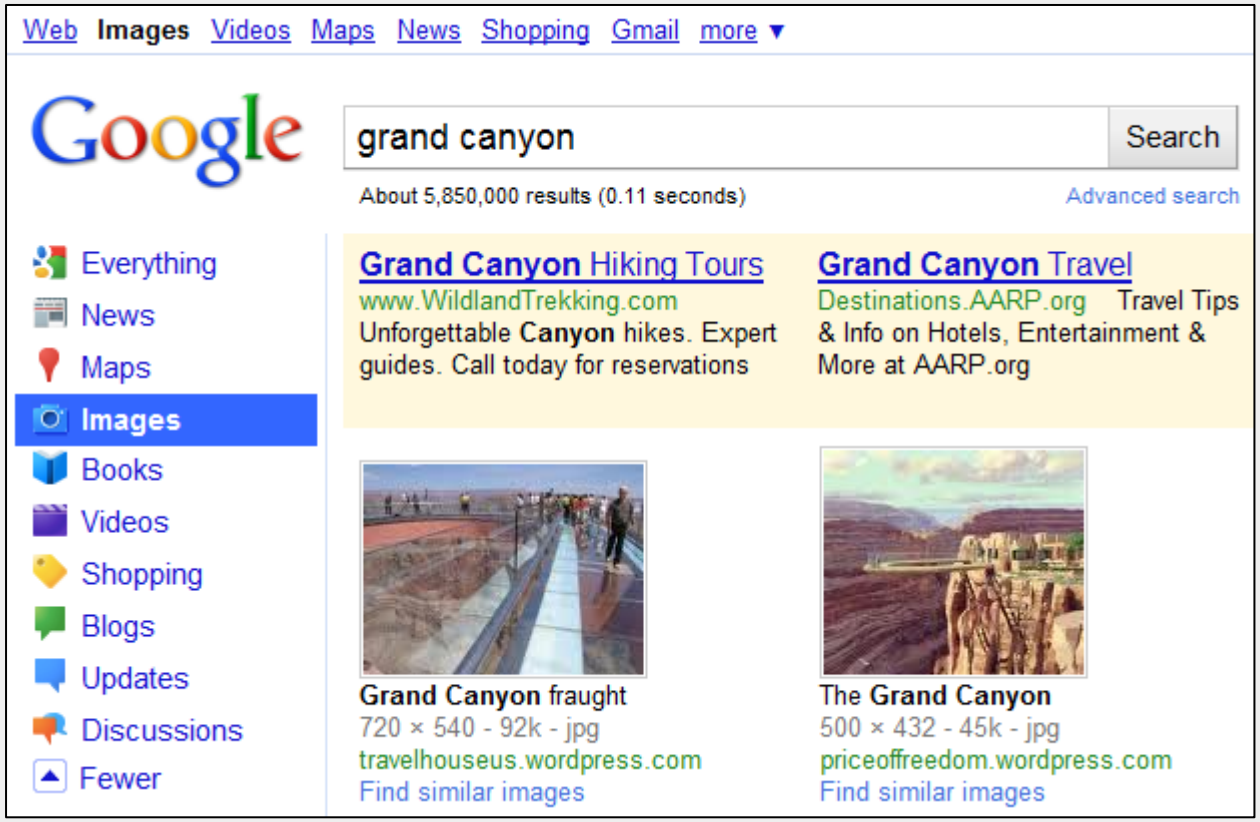
Switching Search Result Types

- You can search for specific search results, such as web pages, images, videos, etc.



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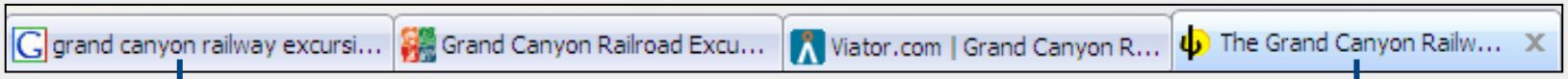
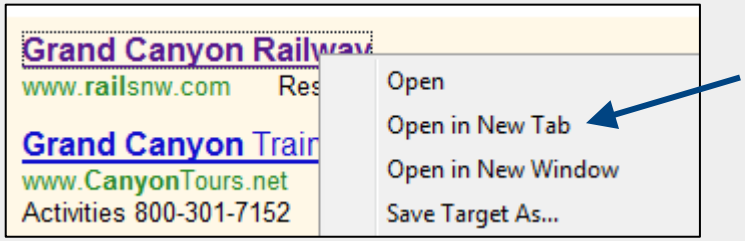
Using Tabbed Browsing

- Open multiple web pages within the same browser window



Your search results

Currently viewed web page



Right-click on the link and choose Open in New Tab

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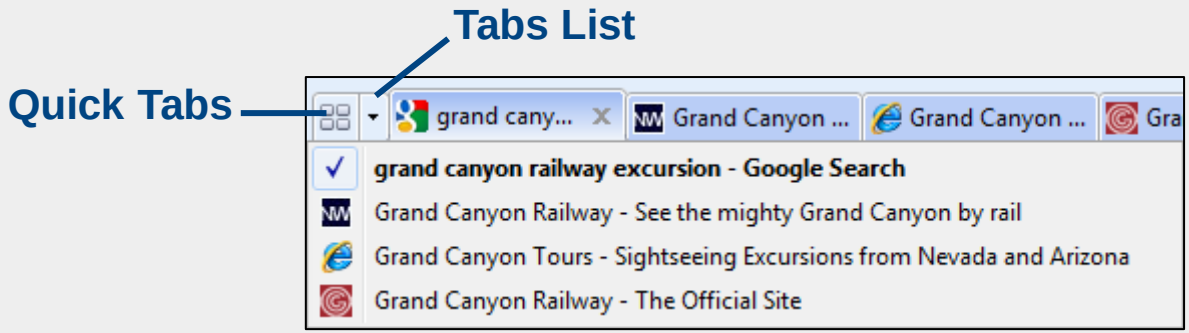
Navigating Tabs

- Tabs List button
- Quick Tabs button



TIP!

You can also switch among tabs using the mouse or keyboard commands

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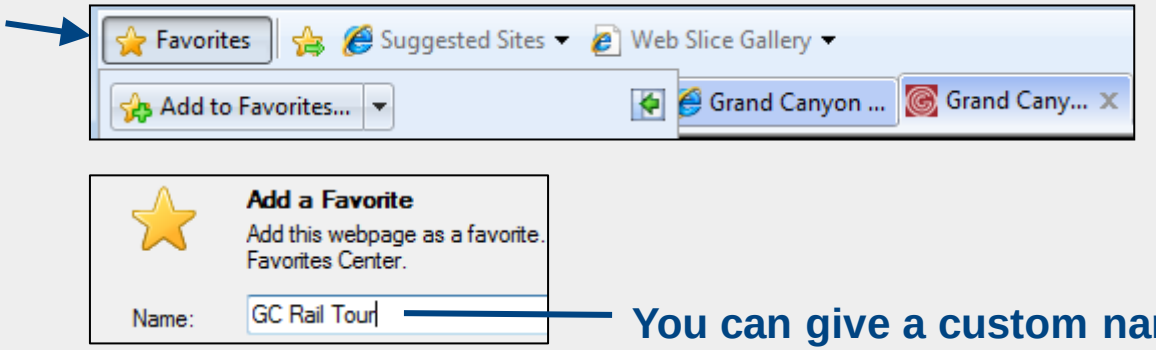
Book-marking Favorite Websites

- Favorites
  - Also called “bookmarks”
  - Quickly go to the pages you visit most often



You can give a custom name to a newly added favorite

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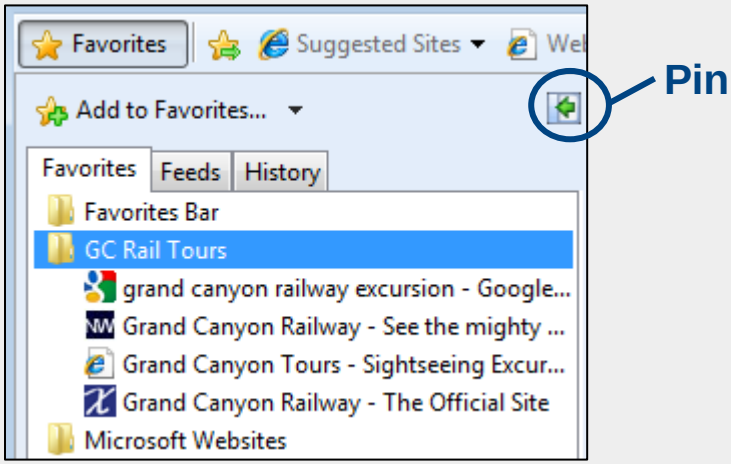
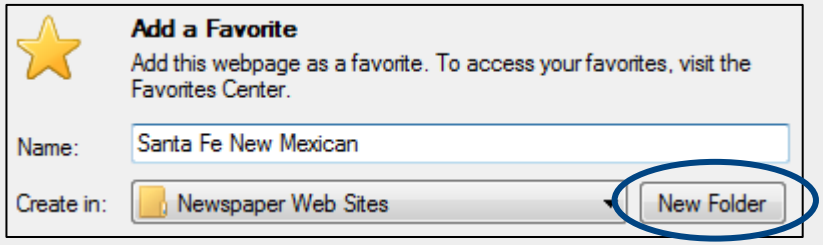
Marking Favorite Sites

- The Favorites Center
  - “Pin” the panel so it stays open until you close it



- Organizing favorites
  - Add new folders to help organize favorites



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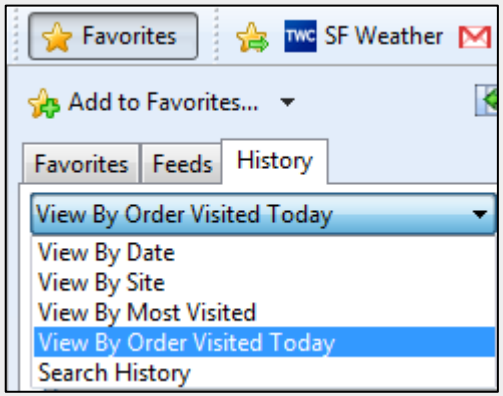
Using the History View Panel

- History view displays all websites you have visited
  - Allows your to quickly revisit a site
  - Default setting: tracks previous 20 days
- Changing the History view



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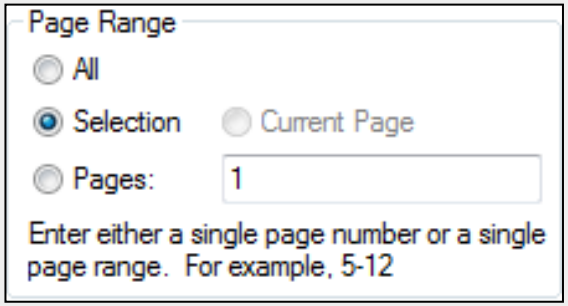
Printing Web Pages

- Choose what to print
  - Entire website
  - Selection (drag to set your preference)
  - Certain pages



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Behind the Screen:

How Search Engines Work

- Full-text
  - Every word of every page indexed
- Computer-generated
  - Assigned keywords
- Human-indexed
  - Reviewed, categorized, and rated

A metasearch engine sends your search to multiple search engines with a single command

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Behind the Screen:

The Order of Hits

- Defined by:
  - Content
    - Particularly on the homepage
  - Relevance rating
    - Determined by search engine
  - Meta-tag
    - Program code embedded in homepage
  - Money
    - Sites can pay to be listed first

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