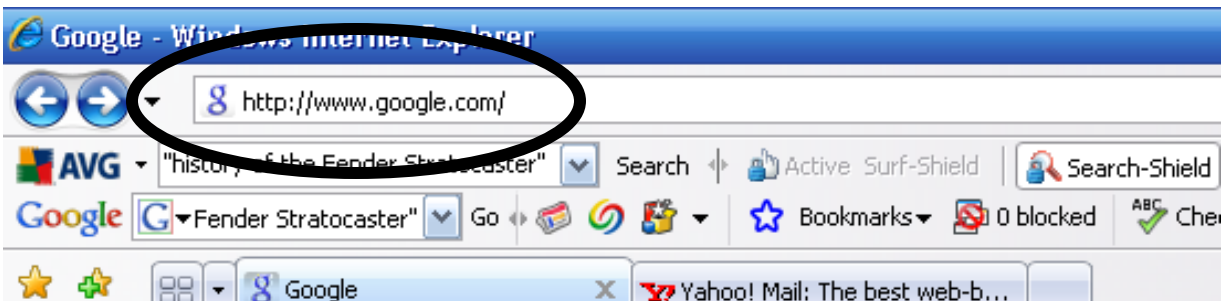


To perform a Google search for research purposes, please follow the steps below:

Some of your online courses may require you to do a little research. While CCCC offers many excellent resources, especially through the Library, you may want to do some preliminary research using a general search engine like Google.com.

In your web browser (like Mozilla Firefox or Internet Explorer)...

1. Navigate to the Google home page by typing “www.google.com” (all lowercase, no quotes, no underline) in the web address box.



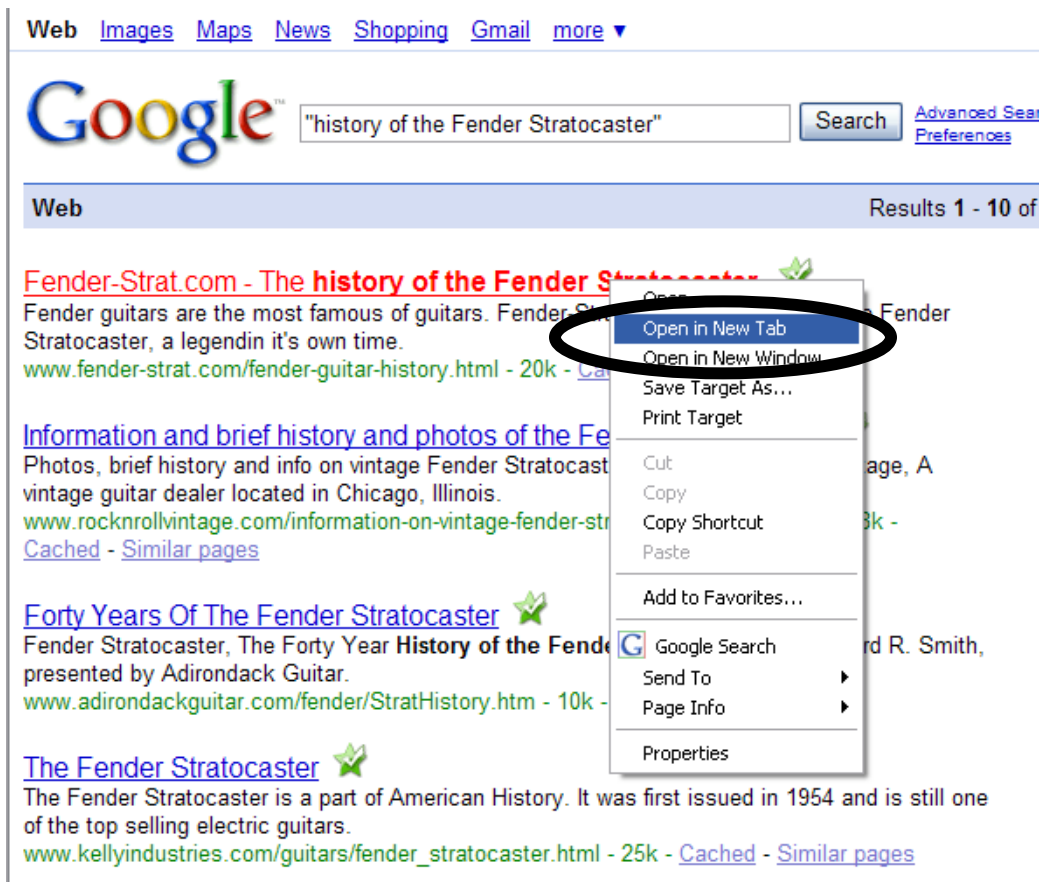
2. When the webpage appears, type the key words of your topic into the box in the middle of the screen. For this example, let’s say that you are really interested in guitars and would like to learn about the origins and history of a particular guitar—in this case, the Fender Stratocaster.

Note: When typing your key words, it is helpful to put quotes around the exact phrase you wish to find. Otherwise, in this example, any page that contained any of the words (like “history” or “fender”) could appear and would probably not be relevant to your research.



3. A new page will appear with a list of web addresses and a brief tag line about each of the websites. Find a link that you think looks promising and right click on the underlined title. Scroll down and (depending on your version of Windows) click to choose either the “Open in New Tab” option (as in this example) or the “Open in New Window” option. (Some versions of Windows will not have the “Open in New Tab” option.) The linked webpage will open a new tab or window for viewing.

Opening the link in a new tab or window will allow you to view the link without losing your Google search list of results. This way, when you are finished viewing the link, you can close that tab or window and return to the Google search list to view another link.



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