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Google Tips & Tricks

[Google](#) isn't just your average search engine anymore, its part of the English language! There are infinite possibilities when it comes to Google. Did you know that if you had someone coming into town and you want to check the status of their flight you just simply type the carrier name and flight number (United 134) right into the Google search bar.



Here's another one I bet you didn't know about, GOOG-411. GOOG-411 is an information service that can be used by any phone. It's just like dialing 411 but it's absolutely free! All you have to do is dial 1-800-GOOG-411 (1-800-466-4411). [Here's how it works!](#)

So next time you have a question on just about anything, just Google it. One time I asked someone a question on a certain subject and their answer to me was "Google is your friend"; that was some of the best advice I've ever heard.

For more detailed information on all of Google's tips and tricks, [CLICK HERE](#).

Keep It Cool

These days many of us have made the switch from desktop computers to the more compact and travel-friendly laptop computer. As laptop prices get more and more affordable, we are seeing them fly off of the shelves like never before. One downfall to laptops is that if you actually use it on your lap, you can really feel the heat on your legs; not to mention you can actually be burned in some cases. These computers are capable of reaching



temperatures between 120°F-200°F (38°C-93°C)! That's hot enough to

burn skin!

Computers need ventilation to stay cool and laptop computers were not designed with ventilation as a top priority. They may be called "laptops" but if you actually use one on your lap, your computer may be overheating as we speak! If laptops were properly designed there wouldn't be such a booming laptop cooling accessories industry.

If you own a laptop I highly recommend investing in a cooling accessory such as a cooling pad or a laptop stand. Not only will a cooling device keep you from being burned, it will extend the life of your computer. I prefer a laptop stand because there's more "true" airflow from underneath the laptop rather than a cooling pad that a laptop actually sits flat on. There are many expensive cooling pads that include a powered fan. Secondary fans are not necessary if you simply lift your laptop with a stand of some sort allowing your laptop to naturally cool itself.

Here are a couple of laptop stand examples:

[Portable Laptop/Notebook Stand](#)

[Travel Laptop Stand](#)

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