

The Google logo, featuring the word "Google" in its signature multi-colored font (blue, red, yellow, blue, green, red) with a trademark symbol (TM) to the upper right.

Personalized

Or

Why *you* should be a Google-Head

Search and...

- Search of many types
 - Useful tools available from Google Search box
 - Calculator
 - Converter
 - Definitions
 - Translation
 - Movie Times
 - Other applications
 - Google Earth
 - Google Sky
 - Google Moon
 - Google Mars
 - Google SketchUp
 - Other – Search via cell phone
 - 1-800-Goog411
 - Text Message to GOOGLE
- Online Applications (available with free Google account)
 - iGoogle – Custom home page
 - Research
 - Notebook – Save webpages
 - Bookmarks – Save URLs
 - Reader
 - Applications & Online Storage
 - Word Processing
 - Spreadsheet
 - Presentation
 - Picasa – Photo album
 - Calendar
 - Blogspot
 - Webpages
 - Websites

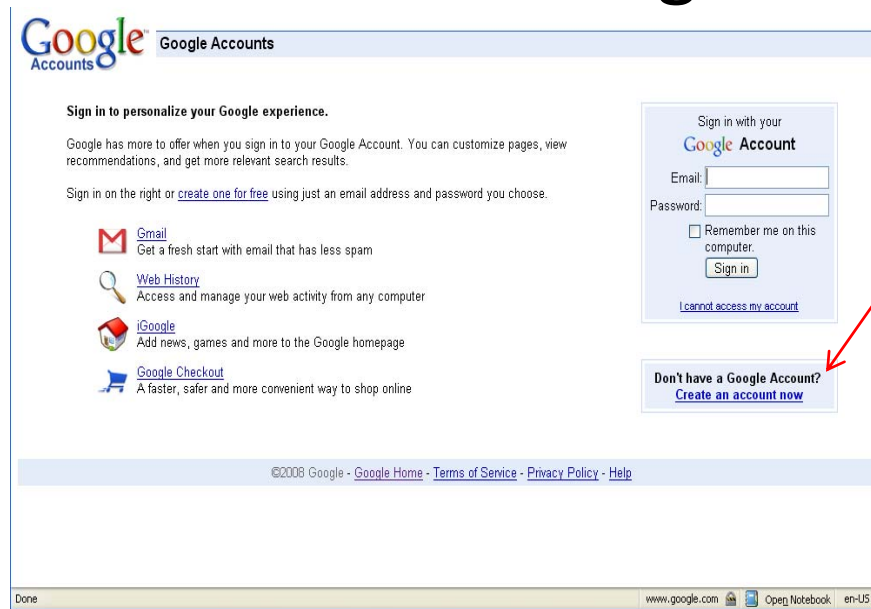
 - Email (Gmail) – Requires free Gmail ID

Why sign up?

- Improve search results
- Custom Google home page - iGoogle
- Track websites of interest – RSS
- Save (and share) online research
- Use online applications for collaboration and sharing

Step 1: Sign-up for free account

- Go to www.google.com
- Click on “SignIn” (upper right of screen)
- Click on “Don’t have a Google Account?”



The screenshot shows the Google Accounts sign-in page. At the top left is the Google logo with 'Accounts' underneath. To its right is a blue header bar with the text 'Google Accounts'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Sign in to personalize your Google experience.' followed by a paragraph explaining the benefits of signing in. Below that is a list of services: Gmail, Web History, iGoogle, and Google Checkout, each with a small icon and a brief description. On the right side of the page is a sign-in form with fields for 'Email' and 'Password', a 'Remember me on this computer' checkbox, and a 'Sign in' button. Below the form is a link that says 'I cannot access my account'. At the bottom of the sign-in area is a box with the text 'Don't have a Google Account?' and a blue link that says 'Create an account now'. A red arrow points from the top right of the page towards this link. At the bottom of the page is a footer with copyright information and links to 'Google Home', 'Terms of Service', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Help'. The browser's address bar at the very bottom shows 'www.google.com' and the page title 'Open Notebook - en-US'.

Web History

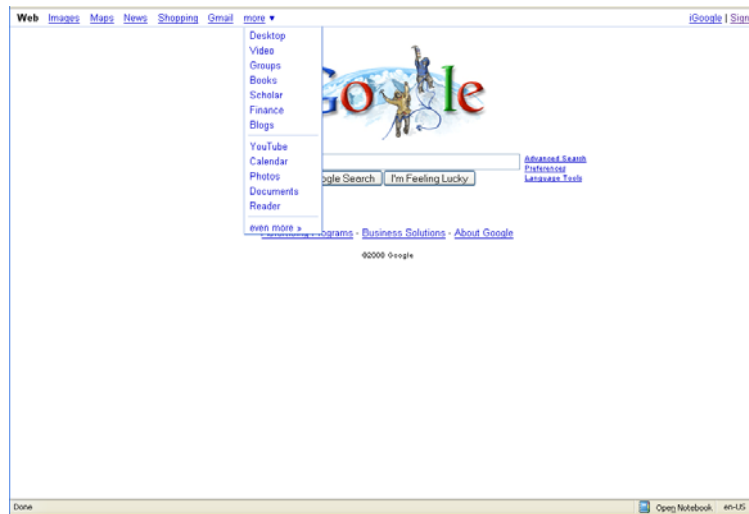
- **You must add Google Toolbar with Page Rank enabled if you want Google to track your Web History**
- **Advantages**
 - View and manage your web activity.
 - Get the search results most relevant to you.
 - Follow interesting trends in your web activity.
- **OR just select Limit Web History to Searches**

Step 2: Confirm

- Create a Google Account using your current email address
- Go to your email account and click on confirmation link
- Access to all features except Gmail (which you can add at any time)

Step 3: Sign-In

- Go to www.google.com
- Click on “Sign in”



iGoogle

Your personal home page

- Use iGoogle instead of Classic
- Add “stuff”
- Add tabs for topics
- Share tabs
- Select themes

- TRY IT!



Stay up to date with RSS

- A personal “clipping service”
- Add websites at any time
- Updated constantly
- An aside: Great [website](#) for “In plain English” explanations (Google “Common craft RSS”)

Google Notebook

- Gather webpage links and notes
- Stored Online
 - Always available
 - Can be shared
- Limitations
 - Must be installed on your computer
 - Can only be used with Firefox browser

Applications

- Google Docs: Online, Available, Shareable
 - Word Processing
 - Spreadsheet
 - Presentation
- Other
 - Calendar
- Combination desktop and online
 - Picasa – Photo album

Online Applications are...

- Compatible with Microsoft Office files
- Saved on Google servers
- Available from any computer, any where, any time
- Can be shared with others
- Can be updated by others, even at the same time

Try It!

- Start a new Document
- Write several sentences
- Format them (i.e. change font)
- Insert a table
- Save
- Now SHARE it
 - Click “Share”
 - Enter email addresses

