

# Google It

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## Basics

### *Cut Your Losses*

Sometimes it seems that electronic research on the Internet is a black hole in outer space that eats up your time and energy.

Try [www.soople.com](http://www.soople.com). Now you can use Google's advanced features from one uncluttered page. In the Music box on the Left hand side enter Woody Guthrie + union.

If you have tried variations in your query a few times but still no joy in Muddville, try another search engine or combination of search engines.

Try this. Go to [www.jux2.com](http://www.jux2.com) and enter "no joy in Muddville" – use the quotation marks.

You will be able to compare the results of your query between Google, Yahoo and MSN.

I like [www.faganfinder.com](http://www.faganfinder.com) as an alternative to Google.

## Not Too Basic

### *Finding People*

Always enclose the searchee's name in quotation marks. Otherwise, you will be sorry.

### The Google Enterprise Search Engine for the IRS Intranet is Still AWOL

For the moment, forget the Intranet.

Try the latest Google Beta product:

[www.google.com/romance/faq.html](http://www.google.com/romance/faq.html)

Use the OR Boolean search operator. (See *Google It*, Volume 1, No. 2, Nov. 2005.) For example, "Michael NTEU" OR "Mike NTEU".

Add other identifying terms such as union. For example: "Mike NTEU" + union.

Using the phonebook: operator. Enter phonebook: followed by:

- first name (or first initial), last name, city (state is optional)
- first name (or first initial), last name, state
- first name (or first initial), last name, area code
- first name (or first initial), last name, zip code
- phone number, including area code
- last name + ( city, state) or zip code

Make sure you put the colon after phonebook and use the word order as shown above. Note: Google will remove names from their phonebook on request.

More on **Finding People** next month.

If you have any tips or suggestions feel free to send them to me at: [nteumlp@gmail.com](mailto:nteumlp@gmail.com)