



## MetaCrawler Search Engine Launches Improved Interface and New Features

### Re-engineered site offers powerful new tools allowing users to search more of the Web and quickly zero-in on relevant results

BELLEVUE, Wash.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 20, 2003--MetaCrawler ([www.metacrawler.com](http://www.metacrawler.com)), the metasearch engine that harnesses the power of multiple leading engines to search more of the Web, today announced the introduction of a streamlined user interface and several new features. By bringing together the best results from the Web's most popular search engines, MetaCrawler searches as much as 50% more of the Web than any single engine.

To help users quickly sift through the wide range of results MetaCrawler returns, the site now includes an innovative "Refine your Results" technology that automatically organizes and groups results by category. The feature provides a more comprehensive view of Web search results and makes it easier for users to find the information most relevant to them. For example, a search on "Saturn" groups results into topical subcategories such as planet, events, Cassini Huygens (NASA's Saturn mission), auto price quotes, games and more.

MetaCrawler also now offers a downloadable toolbar that, once installed, resides within a user's Web browser and provides convenient access to an array of useful online tools and resources. The toolbar provides access to MetaCrawler Web search, yellow pages, white pages, dictionary, thesaurus, stock quotes, public records, maps and more.

The MetaCrawler toolbar also includes a pop-up ad blocker that eliminates annoying pop-up ads while Web browsing and an innovative news ticker that scrolls top news headlines within a user's Web browser. A useful cursor search feature allows users to quickly conduct a MetaCrawler search on a word or phrase within any Web page by highlighting it and right-clicking their mouse. The MetaCrawler Toolbar installs in seconds and is available at <http://www.metacrawler.com/info.metac/tbar/>.

"With the new interface and features, we are providing MetaCrawler users with a simple, yet powerful way to quickly search and analyze vast sources of information online," said Brian McManus, executive vice president, Search & Directory at InfoSpace. "Today's announcement reflects our ongoing commitment to delivering a superior user experience across all our owned and operated Web search properties, which include MetaCrawler ([www.metacrawler.com](http://www.metacrawler.com)), Dogpile ([www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)), and WebCrawler ([www.webcrawler.com](http://www.webcrawler.com))."

Other MetaCrawler improvements announced today include:

-- Integrated People and Business Finder: The new MetaCrawler reflects the ongoing convergence of Web search and online yellow and white pages. The site integrates comprehensive Internet yellow and white pages functionality with tabs placed vertically next to the search box for convenient access.

-- Sort by Engine or Relevance: By default, MetaCrawler sorts results by relevance for all new users. This draws together the best results from the Web's leading engines and lists them according to relevancy, rank and other factors. For existing users, the default setting will continue to organize results by search engine. All users can easily toggle back and forth between the two views and set either as their default.

-- Advanced Search: Savvy Web searchers can now qualify their search with Boolean terms, limit results to pages that were updated before or after a particular date, filter results by domain name, and more.

-- Spell Checker: Spell checker autocorrects commonly misspelled words and offers suggestions for potential misspellings.

-- Adult Content Filter: Filter can be switched on to help prevent delivery of inappropriate or sexually explicit results.

-- Customization and Convenience Features: Enhanced preferences allow users to further customize their search experience. Options include the ability to bold keywords on results pages, customize the number of results returned on a single page and

automatically open search result links in a new browser window.

#### About MetaCrawler

MetaCrawler ([www.metacrawler.com](http://www.metacrawler.com)) is a powerful Web metasearch engine that scours more of the Web to help users find more relevant information quickly. MetaCrawler harnesses the capabilities of the Web's leading search engines by querying them simultaneously and returning only the best results. MetaCrawler is part of the InfoSpace Search & Directory family of Web search and online directory properties. These products bring people, information and businesses together online to help users find the information they need quickly and easily. InfoSpace Search & Directory is a business of InfoSpace, Inc. (Nasdaq:INSP).

More information can be found at <http://www.infospaceinc.com>.

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