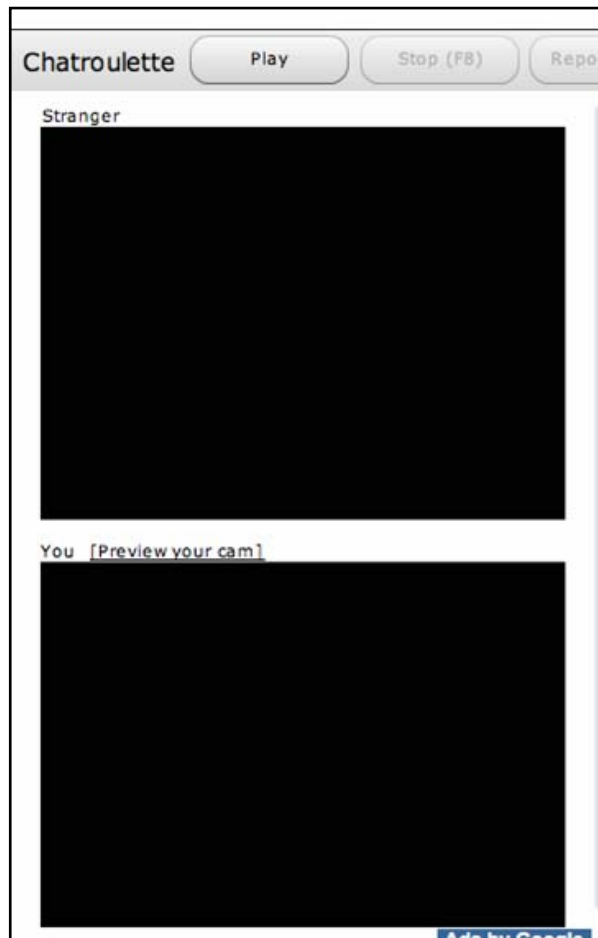


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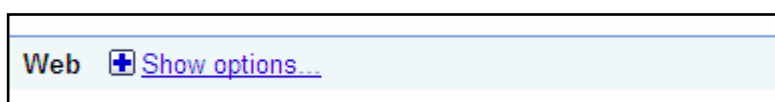
I've been amusing myself by using something called '**Chat Roulette**'. It is a strange, somewhat addictive little tool. Basically, it is a social networking site that uses webcams to pair random users for chatting — a kind of speed-dating for social interaction (probably the absolute opposite of Facebook) . Once you are in there's really no way to manage it in terms of filtering or searching, you just go where it takes you.

Using the site is simple. You log into it and there are two black windows, one for broadcasting you and one for viewing other users. Click **Play** to begin and thereafter clicking next sends it off to find a person. The idea is that you both have webcams so you can see each other and decide if you want to interact. I trialled it without a webcam and it works fine, I could see other users but I was broadcasting a black window. You don't know what you will see, but be warned there will be nudity, geeks, people singing, people just sitting, people in masks, costumes or just being weird. Not one for young kids in my opinion, though the day I was there I bypassed a disturbing number of children. It probably isn't something that would work for anyone (I'm thinking anyone with a social anxiety disorder), as you can sit there being rejected by what seems like a cast of thousands who deem you are not good enough to chat with (as of course you can do with them). But take a look and decide for yourself at www.chatroulette.com



Using the Options Button in Google

Hands-up anyone that has noticed the '**Show options**' link in Google after doing a search. Well I didn't! If you do a Google search and then click this button, you get the opportunity to refine your search (based on the existing search), to search only for images, books, news or top stories, as well as specifying a timeline such as in the last 24 hours, past week or past month. It is very handy!



Highlighting using the F8 Key

While the Shift key is good for highlighting in Word (click where you want to begin, hold down Shift and click where you want to finish), some people find it confusing, so there is always our pal the F8 key.

1. Position the cursor where you want to begin highlighting
2. Press the F8 key once.
3. Use the cursor keys directional keys (e.g. arrows, home, end, page up or down), to move over the text you wish to highlight.
4. When you have the appropriate amount highlighted, then format it or cut it or copy as you wish.

The **F8** key works like this in both Microsoft Word and Excel.

Outlook Tip

You can easily sort by more than one column in your Outlook folders. Just hold down the Shift key and click on the column heading you wish to use for your secondary sort. Return to your normal sort by clicking on your usual column heading (without the Shift key).

Websites

Want to use Twitter but can't get your head around the amount of stuff out there? Well you may want to try <http://tweetmeme.com>, which gives you topic headings around what is popular and allows you search based on a topic. For example I typed in 'depression' and there were 6421 tweets on the topic. It is a good way to test the waters before you set up a Twitter account.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has an excellent site set up for checking out potential online scams and hoaxes (with links on money transfers, health, identity fraud, pyramid schemes plus much more). Visit them at www.scamwatch.gov.au.

Time to get cracking: The challenge of developing best practice in Australian sexual assault prevention education - Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault Issues No.11, 2009.

<http://www.aifs.gov.au/acssa/pubs/issue/i11.html>

Workforce issues across the family relationship services sector: Models, responses and strategies - Australian Family Relationships Clearinghouse Issues No. 5, 2009

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I have loads more information, tips and hints on my blog, including some research on children and video games and Internet use and the elderly—so don't forget to check it out at <http://angelalewis.wordpress.com>. Tip! If you click the RSS button on my blog it means you get my blog posts delivered to your email address and you don't have to keep visiting me!

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