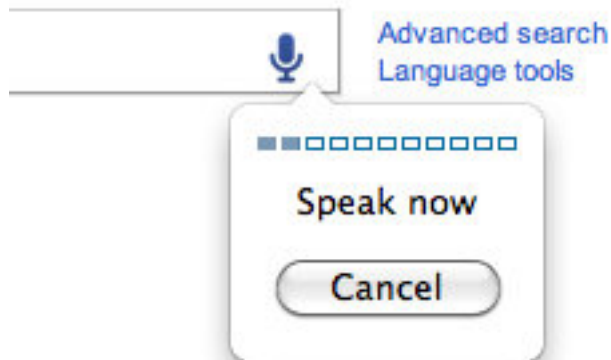


Google Voice Search

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If you are sick of typing search queries, there is a good news for you. Google has added voice search to its search home screen on Chrome browsers. Although it was announced a few weeks back, I noticed it for the first time early this morning. The voice search feature on Google uses voice recognition technology so that users can search based on voice generated queries. A small microphone at the end of the search box can be clicked, which then captures voice entry. After a rapid processing cycle, the voice is converted to text and the search is executed.

I tested the new voice search feature of Google using a variety of searches and found it easy, fast, and accurate for about 50% of the voice searches. This may be due to the accent in which we Indians speak English and the way Americans do however it is a great feature and Google becomes the first search engine to implement and release a 'speak to search' technology.