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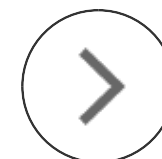
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Autocomplete

A feature found in browsers and programs that finishes what is being typed by comparing the

current text with what has been previously entered. For example, when a user types the letter "c" in the Computer Hope search bar, **Autocomplete** displays matches based on previous searches. The image shows this example in action.

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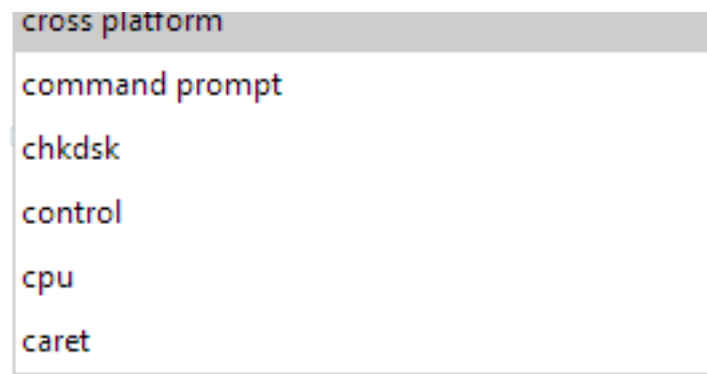
⚠ **Note:** Autocomplete should not be confused with Autofill, which is an Internet browser feature that stores your information for filling out common forms.

💡 **Tip:** Pressing the down arrow key allows you move through the Autocomplete suggestions. Once you have found the option you want, press the enter key to complete the typing. If you are entering text into a search field or other single text field pressing enter again will submit the request.

Where is Autocomplete used?

→ **Web page addresses -** Autocomplete for URLs typed in the address bar.

→ **Forms -** Enables a user to fill out form fields quickly with commonly repeated fields such as e-mail and home address, etc.

→ **Usernames and passwords on forms -** Autocomplete usernames and passwords that have been submitted in the past. However, realize this can be a security risk if that computer is accessible to other users.

Example of Autocomplete form fields

Before autocomplete works a value must have previously been submitted. Below are some examples of typical fields you may have to complete when filling out a form. Filling out any of these fields and then clicking submit stores the submitted data in your browser's autocomplete history.

💡 **Tip:** If you have filled out any of these fields in the past while in the field you can press the down arrow key to see available autocomplete options. Also, if you have entered "Nathan" as a first name in the past if you start typing "Na" you should see "Nathan" as an option that can

be selected.

First name: [   ]   Last name: [   ]

Address: [   ]

City: [   ]   State: [   ]   Zip: [   ]

Phone number: [   ]   E-mail: [   ]

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⚠ **Note:** Clicking the Submit button only sends any entered information to your browser and is in no way sent to Computer Hope. Once pressed this page reloads as if the information was submitted.
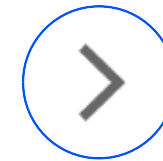
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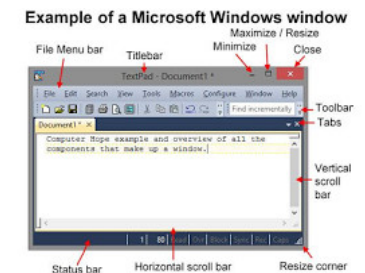

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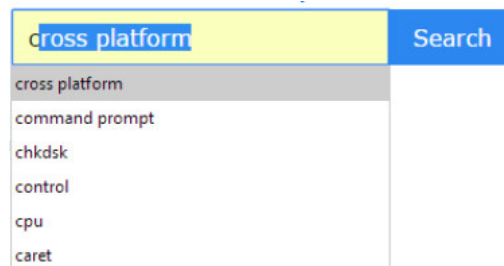
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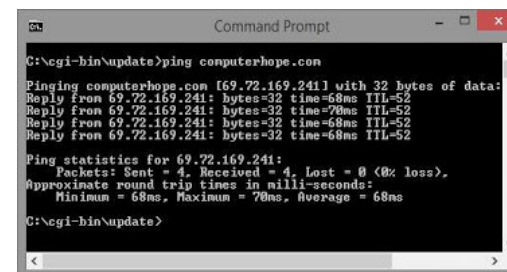
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