

- 43.** A machine-implemented comprising:
 receiving search input from a user;
 determining, based on substantive characteristics of the search input, whether to automatically submit a query to an Internet search engine;
 automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input; and
 displaying results of the query.
- 44.** The method of claim 43, wherein determining whether to automatically submit the query to the Internet search engine comprises:
 determining whether the search input satisfies a temporal trigger;
 determining whether the search input satisfies a substantive trigger; and
 if either of the temporal trigger and the substantive trigger are satisfied, automatically submitting the query.
- 45.** The method of claim 43, wherein the search input includes text.
- 46.** An apparatus comprising:
 means for receiving search input from a user;
 means for determining, based on substantive characteristics of the search input, whether to automatically submit a query to an Internet search engine;
 means for automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input; and
 means for displaying results of the query.
- 47.** The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the means for determining whether to automatically submit the query to the Internet search engine comprises:
 means for determining whether the search input satisfies a temporal trigger;
 means for determining whether the search input satisfies a substantive trigger; and
 if either of the temporal trigger and the substantive trigger are satisfied, means for automatically submitting the query.
- 48.** The apparatus of claim 46, wherein the search input includes text.
- 49.** A machine-readable medium having instructions to cause a machine to perform a machine-implemented method comprising:
 receiving search input from a user;
 determining, based on substantive characteristics of the search input, whether to automatically submit a query to an Internet search engine;
 automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input; and
 displaying results of the query.
- 50.** The machine-readable medium of claim 49, wherein determining whether to automatically submit the query to the Internet search engine comprises:
 determining whether the search input satisfies a temporal trigger;
 determining whether the search input satisfies a substantive trigger; and
 if either of the temporal trigger and the substantive trigger are satisfied, automatically submitting the query.
- 51.** The machine-readable medium of claim 49, wherein the search input includes text.
- 52.** A machine-implemented comprising:
 receiving text input within an integrated search field of a web browser application;
 determining, based on characteristics of the text input, whether to automatically submit a query to a search engine;
 automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input;
 displaying, within the web browser application, a web page returned from the search engine based on the query; and
 automatically maintaining a focus within the integrated search field after the returned web page is displayed, the focus designating where the text input is directed.
- 53.** The method of claim 52, further comprising preventing the returned web page from controlling the focus.
- 54.** The method of claim 52, wherein the returned web page includes results returned from the query submitted to the search engine.
- 55.** The method of claim 54, further comprising:
 receiving a selection of a first result from the returned web page, the first result associated with a first uniform resource locator (URL);
 displaying a first web page associated with the first URL;
 preventing the first web page from controlling the focus.
- 56.** The method of claim 55, further comprising permitting the first web page to control the focus if no additional input is received within the search field within a predetermined period of time.
- 57.** The method of claim 56, wherein the characteristics of the text input include both temporal and substantive characteristics.
- 58.** An apparatus comprising:
 means for receiving text input within an integrated search field of a web browser application;
 means for determining, based on characteristics of the text input, whether to automatically submit a query to a search engine;
 means for automatically submitting the query to the search engine, the query based on the received search input;
 means for displaying, within the web browser application, a web page returned from the search engine based on the query; and
 means for automatically maintaining a focus within the integrated search field after the returned web page is displayed, the focus designating where the text input is directed.
- 59.** The apparatus of claim 58, further comprising means for preventing the returned web page from controlling the focus.