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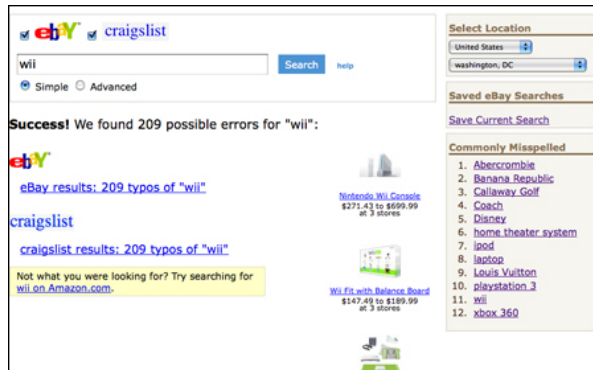
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If you're an expert at saving money when shopping online, you probably already know to check eBay and Craigslist for bargains on used items that are as good as new, or might be for sale by people in your area. But of course, most people aren't looking to take a huge loss when they sell an item; and if it's popular, the sale may not be much of a bargain by the time the bidding is over and shipping is factored in.

Many expert eBay users and Craigslist shoppers know that the best way to find a real bargain is to find listings that are off the beaten path. One way is by searching popular misspellings of product names to find listings that no one else gets to. It's easier than ever to find those misspelled listings, thanks to [TypoBuddy](#), which searches eBay and Craigslist for product-name misspellings. It works so well that we included it in our [Top 100 Undiscovered Web Sites](#).

Similar to [TypoTracker](#), TypoBuddy searches common misspellings of product names. The service provides a few suggestions of types of searches you can perform, and naturally the service works better with product names and titles that are commonly misspelled, such as "Louis Vitton," than it does with product names that are short and easy to spell, such as "Wii" and "Xbox." That being said, when searching "Wii," TypoBuddy found 209 typos at both eBay and Craigslist.



For example, for those people interested in finding a shiny new iPod or an iPhone for sale, the service will take your search for "iPhone" and turn it into "i-Phone," "iPhon," and other common misspellings to see if there are search results that have managed to go unseen because the seller made a mistake in the item subject or description.

TypoBuddy allows you to save your searches so you can return to them easily, and you can change your location if you'd like to search Craigslist from different cities. If you're curious to see the service in action, you can try some of the suggested searches on the right side of the page. Just don't expect to find a hidden treasure trove of affordable items that are misspelled; the majority of the search results are components, peripherals, and other unrelated items. For example, some of the "Xbox" search results are t-shirts and internal components for people looking to repair their own devices.



Even so, using typos to save a little money is a sound idea and has worked for enough people that TypoBuddy isn't the only service on the block that does this. The fact that it searches both eBay and Craigslist (the latter being far more rife with misspellings) is definitely a benefit, and can lead to some serious bargains on products no one would find otherwise.

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