

Information Mining and Social Media Links for Finding People

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Effective Google Searching

- Advanced search http://www.google.com/advanced_search
- Translated search http://www.google.com/language_tools
- Advanced News Search http://www.google.com/news/advanced_news_search
- Google Dashboard <https://www.google.com/dashboard/>

Find a person: Phones

- AnyWho: <http://www.anywho.com>
- US area code decoders <http://decoder.americom.com>
- InfoBel: <http://www.infobel.com/en/world>
- Numberway <http://www.numberway.com/>
- Free lookups at MelissaData <http://www.melissadata.com/lookups/index.htm>

Find a person: Work

- America's Career InfoNet database http://www.acinet.org/acinet/licensedoccupations/lois_state.asp
- LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com>
- FAA <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/airmeninquiry/>
- Margot's Google Doc example
- Contact UN Aid workers <http://3w.unocha.org/WhoWhatWhere/>

Check Public Records

- US federal inmate lookup <http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/locateInmate.jsp>
- FINRA <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/>
- Search Systems <http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/>
- Free Public Records Directory <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>
- CourtReference <http://www.courtreference.com/>

Watchlists, Wanted & Missing Persons Lists

- Interpol Wanted Persons List <http://www.interpol.int/Wanted-Persons>
- Search OFAC <http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
- Saudi most wanted lists at <http://www.moi.gov.sa/>
- EPLS (Debarred business with US) <https://www.epls.gov/epls/search.do>
- Denied Persons List http://export.gov/ecr/eg_main_023148.asp
- ICRC: missing in Somalia <http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/eng/missing-somalia>
- FinnList of 9/11 suspects Oct. 2001 <http://cryptome.org/Finnlist.pdf>
- Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts (US) Current list 1994-1996

Corporation Research

- Worldwide Company Data directory <http://www.datatracker.org/category/wwd/>
- OpenCorporates.com <http://opencorporates.com>
- See slideshow Open Data for Journalists <http://www.slideshare.net/countculture>
- GlobalEdge Directory <http://globaledge.msu.edu/Global-Resources>
- BizNar deep web business search <http://biznar.com/biznar/about.html>

Non-Profits/Charities

- Guidestar US Form 990s <http://www.guidestar.org>
- OpenCharities.org <http://opencharities.org/>
- Charity Navigator <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>
- National Center for Charitable Statistics <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/>
- Foundation Finder <http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/foundfinder/>
- Global Think Tank Directory <http://www.gotothinktank.com/>

Data and Statistics

- Guardian DataStore World Government Data <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world-government-data>
- Wolfram Alpha "computational knowledge engine" <http://www.wolframalpha.com/>
- Official Statistics on the Web <http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz>
- Population Reference Bureau DataFinder <http://prb.org/datafinder.aspx>
- US Census Bureau International Database [http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/informationGateway.php /](http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/informationGateway.php/)

International planes & ships finders

- Pirates! NATO Daily Piracy Update
<http://www.shipping.nato.int/operations/OS/Pages/DailyPiracyUpdate.aspx>
- Ecoterra <http://bit.ly/FWtQb0>
- Equasis <http://www.equasis.org>
- MarineTraffic.com <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>
- Ship to shore phone directory: http://www.inmarsat.com/Support/Ships_Directory
- FlightAware: <http://www.flightaware.com>
- Flightwise <http://flightwise.com/>
- Pinkfroot <http://my.pinkfroot.com/> Planefinder, Shipfinder, iPhone apps
- FAA Aircraft registry
http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/interactive_aircraft_inquiry/
- Landings: <http://www.landings.com>
- EUROCONTROL Height Monitoring database http://www.ecacnav.com/RVSM/Height_Monitoring
- Airport Codes: <http://www.airlinecodes.co.uk/apcodesearch.asp>

Interesting Databases

- TRACE Compendium <https://secure.traceinternational.org/Knowledge/Compendium.html>
- Database on US work visas <http://www.flcdatabase.com/CaseH1B.aspx>
- Aidworker Security database <https://aidworkersecurity.org>
- Iran Trade & Business <http://en.tpo.ir/documents/document/0/12228/Exporters-Directory.aspx>
- Iran Trade & Traders <http://www.ittc.ir/agencylist.php>

FOIAs, leaks and deletes

- Government Attic <http://www.governmentattic.org/>
- WikiLeaks <http://www.wikileaks.org>
- Public Intelligence <http://publicintelligence.net/>
- Archive-it <http://archive-it.org/explore?show=Collections>
- netpreserve.org <http://netpreserve.org/about/archiveList.php>
- CyberCemetery defunct agencies <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/>
- Internet Archive Wayback Machine <http://www.archive.org>

Lobbying for non-US interests

- Senate Office of Public Records Lobbying Disclosure Act
http://www.senate.gov/legislative/Public_Disclosure/LDA_reports.htm
- US State Dept. Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) since 1940s
<http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fara/>

US Lawmakers Disclosure

- Ethics.data.gov <http://ethics.data.gov>
- Legistorm <http://www.legistorm.com>
- Center for Responsive Politics <http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/>
- Campaign Finance FEC <http://www.fec.gov/disclosure.shtml>

National Archives

- Archives I and Archives II and Presidential Libraries www.archives.gov
- Online Public Access New! <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/index.html>
- Archival Databases <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>

More Document Collections

- ArchivesBlogs for international news <http://archivesblogs.com/>
- National Security Archive <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>
- Guantanamo Docket (New York Times/NPR) <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo>
- Document Cloud <http://www.documentcloud.org>

Social Media Search Engines

- Topsy (Twitter) <http://topsy.com/>
- SocialMention (many, 1 month only) <http://socialmention.com/>
- yoName <http://www.yoname.com/>
- Pipl <http://www.pipl.com/>

Web Research Updates

- Toddington International <http://www.toddington.com/resources/>
- Gary Price InfoDocket <http://infodocket.com/>
- FullTextReports <http://fulltextreports.com/>
- PI Buzz (Tamara Thompson) <http://pibuzz.com/>