

TII Quick Guide To: The Online Investigative Process (USA)

The following is an example “walk-through” of the online investigative process, outlining steps taken, websites utilized, and more. This version has been created with an orientation toward US-based investigators.

STEP	DETAILS	EXAMPLES
Develop keyword list	First Name and Last Name Name Variations Biographical information Geolocation Employment Education Associations Interests E-identity Photo of person	i.e. Kenneth Smith, Kenny Smith, Kennie Smith, Ken Smith, etc. Age, Date of Birth, Citizenship, etc. Current location, address, telephone Employer name, position, trade School, college, university, etc. Unions, groups, professional associations, etc. Sports, hobbies, entertainment, interests, etc. Email, user name, accounts, websites, etc. Online profile images
Google quick search	Check how many people have the same name and where they are	https://www.google.com
Contact information	Confirm the last known address Confirm the last known telephone Confirm other contact information	http://www.locatefamily.com/ http://www.phonelookupwizard.com/ http://www.superpages.com http://www.switchboard.com http://www.reversegenie.com/ https://rehold.com/
Geolocation databases	Mapping and geolocation search tools	https://www.google.com/maps https://www.bing.com/mapspreview http://app.teachingprivacy.com/ https://www.echosec.net/ https://geofeedia.com/ http://trendsmap.com
Government databases	Searchable records databases	https://dockets.justia.com/ https://www.pacer.gov/findcase.html http://www.uscourts.gov/ http://www.lexisnexis.com http://dw.courts.wa.gov/?fa=home.namesearchterms



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Media databases	Search 3x media websites	https://news.google.com/ https://news.yahoo.com/ http://www.usatoday.com/ http://nl.newsbank.com/nl-search/we/Archives http://www.freewspaperarchives.us/
General searches	Search 3x general search engines	https://www.google.com https://www.bing.com/ https://yahoo.com/ https://duckduckgo.com/ http://www.dogpile.com/
People searches	Search 3x people search engines	https://pipl.com/ http://www.peakyou.com/ http://www.webmii.com/ http://www.yasni.com/ http://www.zoominfo.com/ http://www.classmates.com http://www.mylife.com http://www.legacy.com http://www.liveroots.com http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/ http://www.obituaries.com/ns/obituariescom/obits.aspx http://www.advancedbackgroundchecks.com/ http://www.publicrecordsnow.com http://www.peoplebyname.com/ http://www.ussearch.com/ http://www.searchbug.com/
Social networking	Search 10x social media websites	https://www.facebook.com http://findmyfbid.com/ https://plus.google.com https://www.linkedin.com https://www.youtube.com http://www.meetup.com/cities/us/wa https://twitter.com https://twitter.com/search-advanced https://www.instagram.com http://app.teachingprivacy.com/ http://digg.com https://www.flickr.com https://foursquare.com http://www.livejournal.com https://www.pinterest.com https://www.reddit.com https://vimeo.com https://vk.com



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Business searches	Search 3x business websites	http://www.angieslist.com http://www.bbb.org http://www.businessweek.com/ http://businessprofiles.com/ http://www.crmz.com/Directory http://www.hoovers.com https://opencorporates.com http://www.thomasnet.com http://www.uspages.com/businessdirectory.htm http://www.wcce.org/ http://www.bls.dor.wa.gov/ http://dor.wa.gov http://dcra.dc.gov http://www.sec.gov/ http://www.nasdaq.com
Classified searches	Search 3x classified ads websites	http://www.craigslist.ca/about/sites http://www.ebay.com/ http://www.local.com http://www.manta.com/ http://www.salespider.com/ http://www.oodle.com/regions/washington/ http://wa.locanto.com/ http://www.washingtonsuperads.com/index.aspx

At this point, we recommend you stop and reassess your findings. If required, you can try the following additional searches.

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Other searches you can try	GoogleMinusGoogle Search Searchpoint Subject Search Millionshort Search Engine Exalead Search Engine Excite Search Engine IxQuick Search Engine Motherpipe Non-Tracking Search SimilarSiteSearch Search Engine Soovle Mega Search Engine Boardtracker Forum Search Blogsearchengine Blog Search Icerocket Blog Search Omgili Forum Search Google Images Search Tineye Imagery Search	http://www.startupbin.com/google-google http://www.searchpoint.com/ https://millionshort.com/ https://www.exalead.com/search http://www.excite.com https://www.ixquick.com https://search.motherpipe.com http://www.similarsitesearch.com http://www.soovle.com http://boardtracker.com http://www.blogsearchengine.org http://www.icerocket.com http://omgili.com https://images.google.com http://tineye.com



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<p>Other websites, tools, resources, deep websites, and specialized searches</p>	<p>What Is My IP Address Where Is My IP MailTester Email Verification Tool Internet Officer URL Link Checker CentralOps Domain Information DomainTools Whois Lookup Whoisology.com Whois Search SEOChat Domain Age Checker Alexa Analytics Toolkit W3Snoop Snoop Any Website Bing Translator Google Translate (Canada) Wayback Machine Internet Archive Cached Pages PageGlimpse Website Summary Savefrom.net Video Download Exifdata.com EXIF Data Viewer IMG Ops Imagery Tools Jeffrey's EXIF Viewer CurrentlyDown Website Checker Winpatrol OS Monitoring System</p>	<p>http://whatismyipaddress.com http://www.whereisip.net http://mailtester.com/testmail.php http://www.internetofficer.com/seo-tool/redirect-check/ http://centralops.net/co http://whois.domaintools.com https://whoisology.com http://tools.seoachat.com/tools/domain-age http://www.alexa.com http://www.w3snoop.com https://www.bing.com/translator https://translate.google.ca https://archive.org http://www.cachedpages.com http://www.pageglimpse.com http://en.savefrom.net/ http://exifdata.com http://imgops.com/ http://regex.info/exif.cgi http://www.currentlydown.com https://www.winpatrol.com</p>



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