

# OSINT Quick-Reference Cheat Sheet

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GOOGLE SEARCH OPERATORS			FREE GOVERNMENT SOURCES		
Operator	What It Does	Example	Source	URL	What It Provides
"quotes"	<i>Exact phrase</i>	"John Smith" "Dallas TX"	<b>PACER</b>	<a href="http://pacer.gov">pacer.gov</a>	All federal court records
site:	<i>One website only</i>	"John Smith" site:linkedin.c	<b>State Courts</b>	<a href="#">[state] court portal</a>	State civil + criminal records
-	<i>Exclude term</i>	"John Smith" -attorney	<b>County Assessor</b>	<a href="#">[county] assessor search</a>	Property ownership + address
OR	<i>Either term</i>	Tennessee OR Kentucky	<b>County Recorder</b>	<a href="#">[county] recorder search</a>	Deeds, liens, mortgages
inurl:	<i>Term in URL</i>	inurl:johnsmith	<b>Sec. of State</b>	<a href="#">[state] SOS search</a>	Business registrations
intitle:	<i>Term in page title</i>	intitle:"John Smith"	<b>Sex Offender Reg.</b>	<a href="http://nsopw.gov">nsopw.gov</a>	National registry — free
filetype:	<i>Specific file type</i>	"John Smith" filetype:pdf	<b>FBI Vault</b>	<a href="http://vault.fbi.gov">vault.fbi.gov</a>	Released investigative files
			<b>FOIA Requests</b>	<a href="http://muckrock.com">muckrock.com</a>	File + track FOIA requests
REVERSE IMAGE SEARCH			PEOPLE SEARCH TOOLS		
Tool	URL	Best For	Tool	URL	Notes
<b>Google Images</b>	<a href="http://images.google.com">images.google.com</a>	Broad index, most circu images	<b>TruePeopleSearch</b>	<a href="http://truepeoplesearch.com">truepeoplesearch.com</a>	Free — name, address, phone
<b>TinEye</b>	<a href="http://tineye.com">tineye.com</a>	Finds earliest appearan image	<b>Whitepages</b>	<a href="http://whitepages.com">whitepages.com</a>	Free basic / paid details
<b>Yandex Images</b>	<a href="http://yandex.com/images">yandex.com/images</a>	Best for facial recognitic matches	<b>FastPeopleSearch</b>	<a href="http://fastpeoplesearch.com">fastpeoplesearch.com</a>	Free quick lookup
<b>Bing Visual</b>	<a href="http://bing.com/visualsearch">bing.com/visualsearch</a>	Object + scene recognit	<b>BeenVerified</b>	<a href="http://beenverified.com">beenverified.com</a>	Paid — comprehensive, FCRA yes
			<b>Intelius</b>	<a href="http://intelius.com">intelius.com</a>	Paid — one-off reports, FCRA yes
			<b>TruthFinder</b>	<a href="http://truthfinder.com">truthfinder.com</a>	Paid — criminal focus, FCRA yes
			<b>Spokeo</b>	<a href="http://spokeo.com">spokeo.com</a>	Paid — social + identity, partial

EMAIL LOOKUP TOOLS			USERNAME & ARCHIVE TOOLS		
Tool	URL	Use For	Tool	URL	Use For
Google	<a href="https://www.google.com">google.com</a>	Search "email@domain in quotes	WhatsMyName	<a href="https://whatsmyname.app">whatsmyname.app</a>	Free — broad platform search
Have I Been Pwned	<a href="https://haveibeenpwned.com">haveibeenpwned.com</a>	Confirms email is real + breaches	Namechk	<a href="https://namechk.com">namechk.com</a>	Username availability check
EmailRep	<a href="https://emailrep.io">emailrep.io</a>	Email age and reputation score	KnowEm	<a href="https://knowem.com">knowem.com</a>	Hundreds of sites checked
Hunter.io	<a href="https://hunter.io">hunter.io</a>	Find professional emails domain	Wayback Machine	<a href="https://web.archive.org">web.archive.org</a>	Historical website snapshots
			WHOIS	<a href="https://whois.domaintools.com">whois.domaintools.com</a>	Domain registrant details

INVESTIGATION WORKFLOW						
1. SEED DATA	Gather: name, DOB, location, phone, email, us2. GOOGLE	Exact phrase + operators, document re3. PUBLIC RECORDS URLs	State courts + P4. PEOPLE + SEARCH assessor + SOS	2-3 free tools, note consistent addresses 5. SOCIAL MEDIA	Name + username search, reverse im6. REVERSE LOOKUPS photos	Phone, email, images across multiple engines7. CROSS-REFERENCE

Same result in 3+ sources = significant. Document all.

LEGAL QUICK REFERENCE			
✓ PERMITTED	Public records search · Open web + social media · Reverse image search · Personal due diligence	■ FCRA REQUIRED	Employment decisions · Housing decisions · Credit decisions → written consent + compliant tool required
			✗ PROHIBITED
			Unauthorized system access (CFAA) · Pretexting (GLBA) · Stalking / harassment · Protected record access