

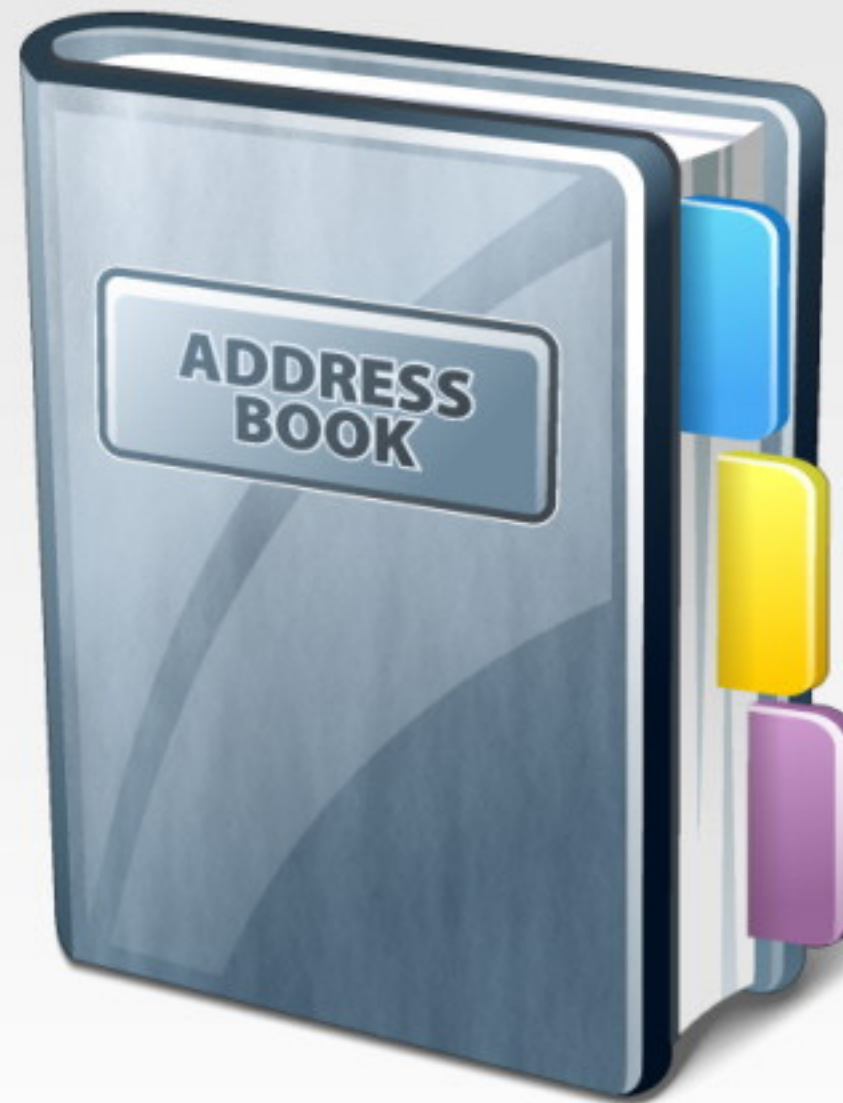
## Doxxing

Welcome to this training lesson on **Doxxing**. In this lesson, we'll look at the practice of **doxxing** (also spelt **doxing**).

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# Doxxing

**What is Doxxing?** *Doxxing* is the name coined describing the process of publishing online the identity and/or personal information about another person without their consent. This may include their real name, address, phone number, account names, passwords, even credit card details.



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**Why do people Doxx?** Doxxing is a moral and legal grey area. Journalists may decide that doxxing - or revealing the identity of certain individuals who would rather remain anonymous - a justifiable act.

However, doxxing is also used as a means of revenge, extortion, blackmail, or purely to embarrass others.





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**Doxxing Can be Dangerous.** Let us assume that someone has been trolling, or harassing you online. And you know, or learn the identity of that person.

In anger, you may feel you are justified in publishing details about that person online.

This is dangerous. Publishing the name, address or phone number of an individual - for whatever reason - could result in physical or emotional harm to that person.



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**Revenge.** If you feel someone has wronged you, or someone else, and you find out their identity, don't inflame the situation by doxxing. Talk to someone you trust. A friend, a teacher, a parent, or, if necessary, the police.





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**Embarrassment.** If you want to doxx someone purely to embarrass them, think again. This is no different to cyberbullying, and in some cases, can be infinitely worse.

In the worst cases, this can lead to **death threats** to, or **self harm/suicide** of, the one you have doxxed - not to mention that it may also backfire and put you in danger. People may want revenge on you for doxxing another. The person you've doxxed may react unpredictably.



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**So, Don't Do It.** As with the other questionable behaviours we've discussed in these lessons, there is a simple piece of advice that will save you, and others, a lot of trouble.

**Don't do it.** Remember, you yourself are never anonymous online. If the authorities need to identify you - they can and will. And if you doxx another, and some harm befalls that person, you can bet that they will.



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