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|  | **Activity Guide - Research Yourself** |  |

## Your Digital Self

You may already be aware of information about you that is freely available online, but you probably haven’t thought about it from the standpoint of research. Suppose someone were to research you online. What would they be able to find? What connections could they make from the existing data out there to learn even more about you?

## Conducting Your Research

You should look through any publicly available pieces of information online. Start by simply looking up your name in a search engine but then refine your results by adding more specific information, like the place you live. Don’t forget social networks, your school website, or any other websites you frequently use.

## Record Your Findings

In the space below record the information you find about yourself. If you know something is available online but can’t get to it now, record it anyway. If you need more space, you can record your findings on the back of this sheet as well.

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| **Information** | **Where you found it** |
| My LinkedIn Profile, where students or adults find jobs that interest their field.  As I searched my name in the search engine, I found my aunt’s name which affiliated with my name. This websites shows her full name, her relatives, age, address, phone numbers, email address, felonies, criminal records and many more.  When I searched up “Erica Fenwick Instagram” different links of my social media appeared on the screen. It was the third link.  In the search engine, I entered “Paul Public Charter School, Erica Fenwick” and the results shown a link of my Highschool’s twitter page based on me. | **I found this information from the LinkedIn website**  **US SEARCH for PEOPLEDATA**  Instagram  Twitter |

**Now connect the dots.** If someone *really* wanted to find out about you online, given the information above, what would they know about you?

**If someone were to really find me, with the given information above, they would know what school I went to in the past and also the school I’m currently attending. As well as my relatives and my most recent social media page.**

**Of the pieces of information you found above, which do you think poses the biggest threat to your security or privacy?** Why do you think so?

Out of all the information that I’ve provided above, the website about my Aunt shown all her information from her previous and current addresses to felonies and criminal records. That is threatening to my Aunt and I’s privacy. I’m not sure if it’s accurate because you would have to pay a fee to see further information.