

NICAR 2014 Research Links

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NSA: Untangling the Web http://www.nsa.gov/public_info/files/Untangling_the_Web.pdf

CRS: Congressional Research Service reports <https://opencrs.com/>

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

Search Engines

FDsys <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>

HuriSearch: <http://www.hurisearch.org/>

US Officials & Disclosure

Ethics.data.gov <http://ethics.data.gov>

Legistorm <http://www.legistorm.com>

Leadership Directories

Center for Responsive Politics <http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/>

Campaign Finance FEC <http://www.fec.gov/disclosure.shtml>

Office of Government Ethics [http://www.oge.gov/Open-Government/Access-Records/Current-Executive-Branch-](http://www.oge.gov/Open-Government/Access-Records/Current-Executive-Branch-Nominations-and-Appointments/)

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Lobbying for US & 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/>

International planes & ships finders

- Equasis <http://www.equasis.org>
- MarineTraffic.com <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>
- Ship to shore phone directory: http://www.inmarsat.com/Support/Ships_Directory
- MaritimeConnector.com <http://maritime-connector.com/>
- Giannina Segnini's tipsheet on tracking containers <http://bit.ly/1jyYKfM>
- 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>

Interesting Databases

- Aidworker Security database <https://aidworkersecurity.org>
- Federal contracts <http://www.usaspending.gov>
- FedBizOpps <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- TRACE Compendium <https://secure.traceinternational.org/Knowledge/Compendium.html>
- US work visa data <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/performance/cfm>
- Guantanamo Docket <http://projects.nytimes.com/guantanamo>

Find a person: Phones

- AnyWho: <http://www.anywho.com>
- InfoBel: <http://www.infobel.com/en/world>
- Numberway <http://www.numberway.com/>

Find a person: Work & Location

- LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com>
- CLEAR <http://www.clearhq.org/Directory>
- BRB verify professional licenses <http://verifyprolicense.com/>
- Salary database from PIBuzz <http://pibuzz.com/government-salaries/>
- FAA pilots <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/airmeninquiry/> & Margot's Google Doc example
- US Citizens who have chosen to expatriate <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/08/09/2013-19224/quarterly-publication-of-individuals-who-have-chosen-to-expatriate-as-required-by-section-6039g>
- Margot's Expatriation spreadsheet from Federal Register <http://bit.ly/1a13UKc>

Check Public Records

- US federal inmate lookup <http://www.bop.gov/inmateloc/>
- FINRA <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/>
- Directory of incarcerated offender databases at VineLink <http://www.vinelink.com>
- Immigration detainee locator (ICE) <https://locator.ice.gov/>
- Search Systems http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/Other_Nations/
- BRB Pubs Free Public Records <http://www.brbpub.com/free-public-records/>
- Free Public Records Directory <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>
- CourtReference <http://www.courtreference.com/>
- Justia US federal dockets: civil <http://dockets.justia.com/>

Watchlists, Wanted & Missing Persons Lists

- Corporate Intelligence Project <http://www.corpsearch.net/watchlists.html>
- Interpol Wanted Persons List <http://www.interpol.int/Wanted-Persons>
- SAM.gov: Debarred from business with US <http://www.sam.gov>
- Search OFAC <http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
- Denied Persons List http://export.gov/ecr/eg_main_023148.asp
- ICRC: missing in Somalia <http://www.familylinks.icrc.org/eng/missing-somalia>
- Key Officers of Foreign Service Posts(US) current <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/rls/dos/221.htm>
- Archive <http://clio.cul.columbia.edu:7018/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=6260645>

Corporation Research

- ICIJ Offshore Leaks Database <http://offshoreleaks.icij.org/search>
- Investigative Dashboard (OCCRP) <http://www.investigativedashboard.org/>
- GlobalEdge Directory <http://globaledge.msu.edu/Global-Resources>
- Corporationwiki <http://www.corporationwiki.com/>
- Building database: Emporis <http://www.emporis.com/buildings>

Non-Profits/Charities

- Guidestar US Form 990s <http://www.guidestar.org>
- Citizen Audit Luke Rosiak's 990 database <http://www.citizenaudit.org/>
- ProPublica Non-profit Explorer <http://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/>
- OpenCharities.org <http://opencharities.org/>
- Global Think Tank Directory <http://www.gotothinktank.com/>

Data and Statistics

- Philip Smith Top Data Journalism Resources <http://ijnet.org/blog/top-data-journalism-resources>
- Guardian DataStore World Government Data <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world-government-data>
- World Bank data <http://data.worldbank.org/>
- Data.gov <http://catalog.data.gov/dataset>
- Official Statistics on the Web <http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz>
- Population Reference Bureau DataFinder <http://prb.org/datafinder.aspx>

FOIAs, leaks and deletes

- Government Attic <http://www.governmentattic.org/>
- WikiLeaks <http://www.wikileaks.org>
- Public Intelligence <http://publicintelligence.net/>
- CyberCemetery defunct agencies <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/>
- Internet Archive Wayback Machine <http://www.archive.org>

National Archives and other archives

- Archives I and Archives II and Presidential Libraries www.archives.gov
- Online Public Access <http://www.archives.gov/research/search/index.html>
- Archival Databases <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/>
- National Security Archive <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>
- Document Cloud <http://www.documentcloud.org>

Social Media Search Engines

- Topsy (Twitter) <http://topsy.com/>
- Twitter Advanced Search <http://twitter.com/search-advanced>
- SnapBird <http://snapbird.org/>

New: PacerPro <https://www.pacerpro.com/> free subscription to manage your PACER searches

Homicide Watch <http://homicidewatch.org>