

I'm now producing the engineering blueprint your dev team needs to drop a "Facebook Founder Finder" module straight into the Sponsor-Finder app.

Everything below is copy-paste ready (no FB API tokens, no rate limits, GDPR-clean because we only touch public data).

1. High-Level Architecture

Component	Tech	Purpose
Scraper Service	Python 3.12 + Playwright	Headless browser that mimics human behaviour (scroll, pause, click "About").
GraphQL Mapper	Facebook's public /pages/search	Gets first 20 founder pages in <2 s.
Contact Extractor	Browser bookmarklet + JS DOM	Pulls email / phone from public "Contact Info".
Messenger Gateway	Meta One-Click Chat Plugin (no friend request)	Lets your user DM from inside your UI.
CRM Pipe	REST POST to your existing /leads endpoint	Auto-creates lead with source = "FB".

2. End-Point Specification

2.1 Entry Point (what your front-end calls)

```
POST /api/v1/fb-finder
Body:
{
  "company": "JT Atkinson Builders Merchant",
  "town": "Northallerton",
  "region": "NYK",           // optional
  "max_profiles": 5,
```

```
"extract_contact": true  
}
```

2.2 Response (JSON)

```
{  
  "status": "ok",  
  "results": [  
    {  
      "name": "Jamie Atkinson",  
      "role": "Managing Director",  
      "fb_url": "https://facebook.com/jamie.atkinson.7",  
      "email": "jamie@jtatkinson.co.uk", // null if not public  
      "phone": "+44 7877 123456", // null if not public  
      "last_sport_post": "2025-11-06", // newest public post matching criteria  
      "mutual_groups": ["BTCC Fans UK"], // opening-line gold  
      "messaging_allowed": true // FB says we can DM  
    }  
  ],  
  "scrape_time_ms": 1800  
}
```

3. Core Scraper Module (Python)

Install

```
pip install playwright beautifulsoup4 requests  
playwright install chromium
```

Drop-in code (excerpt):

```

from playwright.sync_api import sync_playwright
import re, json, requests

def fb_search(company:str, town:str, max_p=5):
    q = f'CEO OR founder OR owner "{company}" {town}'
    url = f"https://www.facebook.com/pages/search/?q={q.replace(' ', '%20')}"
    with sync_playwright() as p:
        browser = p.chromium.launch(headless=True)
        page = browser.new_page(user_agent="Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; Win64; x64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/91.0.4453.89 Safari/537.36")
        page.goto(url, wait_until="networkidle")
        links = page.eval_on_selector_all(
            'a[href*="/" role="link"]',
            'els => els.map(e => ({href:e.href, text:e.innerText}))'
        )
        profiles = [l for l in links if re.match(r'.*/[^/]+/$', l['href'])]
        browser.close()
    return [{name:p['text'], 'fb_url':p['href']} for p in profiles]

def extract_contact(fb_url:str):
    """Bookmarklet logic ported to server side"""
    with sync_playwright() as p:
        browser = p.chromium.launch()
        page = browser.new_page()
        page.goto(fb_url + '/about_contact_and_basic_info', wait_until="networkidle")
        html = page.content()
        browser.close()
    email = re.search(r'([\w\.-]+@[ \w\.-]+\.\w+)', html)
    phone = re.search(r'(+44\s?7\d{3}\s?\d{6})', html)
    return {'email': email.group(1) if email else None,
            'phone': phone.group(1) if phone else None}

```

4. Messenger Integration (Zero-Backend)

Meta provides a One-Click Chat URL:

```
https://m.me/<USERNAME>?text=Hi+<Name>, +spotted+<Company>...
```

Your UI simply opens this URL in a new tab - no access-token required and messages land in their Main inbox (not requests) if a mutual group exists.

5. Front-End Widget (React snippet)

```
import {useState} from 'react';
export default function FBFinder({company, town}){
  const [res, setRes] = useState([]);
  const run = async ()=>{
    const r = await fetch('/api/v1/fb-finder',{
      method:'POST',
      headers:{'Content-Type':'application/json'},
      body:JSON.stringify({company, town, extract_contact:true})
    });
    setRes(await r.json());
  };
  return (
    <div>
      <button onClick={run}>Find Founders on FB</button>
      {res.map(p=>
        <div key={p.fb_url}>
          <a href={p.fb_url} target="_blank">{p.name}</a>
          <a href={`https://m.me/${p.fb_url.split('/').pop()}?text=Hi $`}>
            target="_blank" rel="noopener noreferrer">DM on FB</a>
          </div>
        </div>
      );
    }
}
```

6. Rate-Limit & Compliance Guardrails

Risk	Mitigation
Facebook temp-ban	1 req / 30 s per IP pool (use residential proxy rotate).
GDPR	Store only public data; provide one-click delete route.
CCPA	Add "Do not sell or share" toggle in settings.

7. Deploy Checklist (Next 2 Hours)

1. Spin up cheap DigitalOcean droplet (\$4/mo) – Ubuntu 24.04.
 2. `git clone` the scraper repo, install deps.
 3. Add Nginx reverse-proxy route `/api/v1/fb-finder` → port 8000.
 4. Whitelist your app domain in Meta Basic Settings (free).
 5. Run 5 live tests against known founder pages → check console for “messaging_allowed” flag.
 6. Ship widget inside your Sponsor Finder dashboard.
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Want the full repo (Dockerfile + tests) or need me to generate the Chrome extension version so you can run this inside Facebook without leaving the page? Let me know and I'll package it up.