Software Development Unit 3, 1.4

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# I can carry out appropriate checks on others’ online identities and different types of information

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| **Example of fact checking information online** | |
| **Item** | **‘Donald Trump drank bleach to cure Covid’, claims man behind ‘magic cure’**  <https://www.wionews.com/world/donald-trump-drank-bleach-to-cure-covid-claims-man-behind-magic-cure-393147> |
| **Fact check** | Coronavirus: Outcry after Trump suggests injecting disinfectant as treatment  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-52399464> |
| **Comments** | The news in question is the efficacy of drinking bleach as a treatment for Covid.  Sometimes online websites will choose a strong and controversial title to get more clicks. From another angle, the information shared can also be factually incorrect and/or grossly misrepresented by the online publisher.  The news catches the attention of people who support trump because they will likely follow what he says. It will also catch the interest of people who are desperate to be cured of Covid. Others who do not believe ingesting bleach is a cure will likely want to read the post since they are offended by it.  When I came across this information online, I firstly question the integrity of the website. Since I never heard of WION before, I’m more inclined to find a more reliable source who will give more insight or more clarity on the matter. A quick search on Google led me to BBC which is a more reliable source because of their reputation. Their fact check team have contacted respective doctors in toxicology and pharmaceutical medicine to validate what is factual. |

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| **Finding and cross referencing popular people online** | |
| **Item** | Camilla d’Errico  Comic book illustrator, painter and visual artist |
| **Comments** | Since Camilla is a very successful and well-known icon in the Pop art world, searching for Camilla d'Errico on Google immediately displayed her official website at the top of the results. The second site that displays on Google is Wikipedia which confirms who Camilla is and includes a photo of her on the page. Since Camilla is popular in her field, it's really easy to find information on her.  Most public figures and creators have someone manage their website to have good online presence. They would want to be the first result on a Google search and have high ranking SEO on Google.  To check that I am reading factual and official information, I can cross reference any information that is found on her social media platforms. For Camilla, she has a Deviantart, instagram, twitter, etc. Her social media platforms are all linked from the official website as well, so if there are any fraudulent or fan accounts, I can easily confirm which one is official. |