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What is OSINT?

OSINT – Open source intelligence.

Searching, analyzing, and utilizing open information related to military, political, economic, and personal aspects is crucial for informed decision-making.
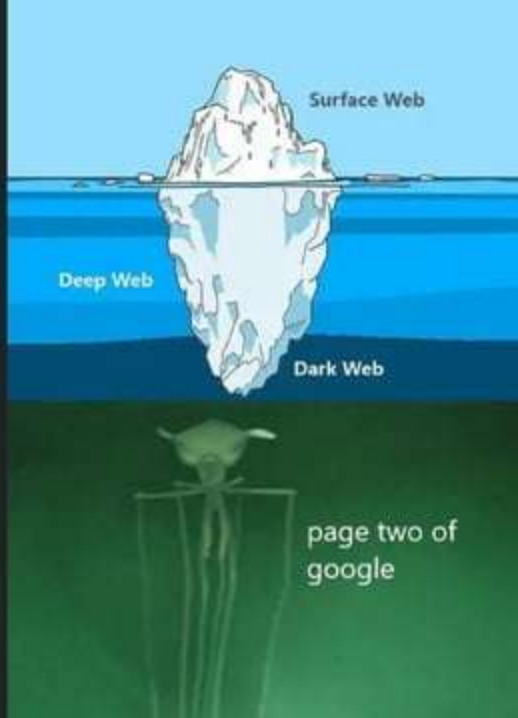
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How to search for information?

The main tool – Google Search

There are two rules:

- use search operators and modifiers;
- use search engines other than Google Systems.

Surface Web

Deep Web

Dark Web

page two of google

Google Search operators

Search operators are characters that help refine searches.

One of the simplest operators is the use of quotation marks.

Quotation marks allow you to exclude pages that contain a specific word from the search results.

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Security and anonymity

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The most important task of a researcher during a search – is to ensure their own safety.

To achieve this, it is recommended to:

- conduct searches through a VPN (Virtual Private Network).
- use fake email accounts that are not associated with personal social networks.
- create dummy profiles on social media platforms.
- whenever possible, utilize temporary email services for registrations.
- consider using third-party SIM cards.

Image analysis

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Image analysis tools

- Google Lens;
- FindClone;
- PimEyes;
- Search4faces;
- Yandex.Images.

X-Ray

Collects data from a set of sources and presents the results in the form of a person's profile

- **input:** image, full name, social networks, phone numbers, emails, and nicknames;
- **output:** name, address, education, contacts, other social networks, photos.

IMPORTANT: works excellently in the USA!

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Basic OSINT course

Advanced OSINT course