

# ONLINE DATABASE QUERIES

The background features a complex 3D visualization of data or network connections. It consists of numerous thin, colored lines (blue, green, yellow, red) that form a dense, multi-layered structure. The lines appear to be interconnected, creating a sense of depth and complexity. The overall color palette is dominated by shades of blue, with accents of green, yellow, and red.

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# Public Record Searches

Federal, state, and local agencies maintain public records in accordance with the law

Some of this information can be obtained by anyone requesting it; some is protected by various laws which prohibit disclosure to the public

Certain private records are maintained by credit reporting agencies, the disclosure of which is also protected by law

# Why Public Records Must Be Searched

- ▣ Understand spending habits of suspects
- ▣ Better preparation for interviews & interrogations
- ▣ Great source of evidence
- ▣ Can build a financial profile
- ▣ Best source of information for off-book frauds



# The Net Worth Calculation

- 1. Assets – Liabilities = Net Worth**
- 2. Net Worth – Prior Year's Net Worth = Net Worth Increase**
- 3. Net Worth Increase + Living Expenses = Income**
- 4. Income – Funds from Known Sources = Funds from Unknown Sources**

# Federal Sources of Information

- ▣ Department of Defense
- ▣ Department of Justice
- ▣ Bureau of Prisons
- ▣ Internal Revenue Service
- ▣ Secret Service
- ▣ Central Intelligence Agency
- ▣ Agencies Directory
- ▣ [www.lib.lsu.edu.gov.fedgovall.html](http://www.lib.lsu.edu.gov.fedgovall.html)

# State Sources of Information

- ▣ State Attorney General
- ▣ State Bureau of Prisons
- ▣ Secretary of State
- ▣ DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles)
- ▣ Department of Business Regulation

# County and Local Records Sources of Information

- ▣ County Clerk
- ▣ Land Office & Tax Assessor's Office
- ▣ County Sheriff or Other Officers
- ▣ Local Courts
- ▣ Permit Department

# Private Sources of Information

- ▣ Utilities
- ▣ Trash
- ▣ Credit Agencies
- ▣ Financial Records, But you need subpoena, search warrant, civil summons, civil discovery, or individual's signed consent



# Online Databases

- ▣ These have caused a significant change in the nature of people searches
- ▣ Texas counties example

# Information is Now at Your Fingertips

- Private Investigator Business--\$5 billion a year
  - Retired Government Agents
  - Former Prosecutors
  - Lawyers
  - Ex-Journalists
  - Ex-Accountants
- Concern – Congress is considering outlawing obtaining banking and other confidential information by pretext.
- Everyone lives in a fishbowl
  - Information about us exists in numerous databases
  - Can be used out of context
- As the supply of information has increased, so has demand (blown away supply/demand relationship)
  - Companies eyeing takeovers
  - Spouses snooping on spouses
  - Eyeing the competition (like the Cold War)
  - Backgrounds of anyone – prospective marriage partners, etc.
  - Short sellers
- Largest PI firm...Kroll Associates
  - 1,000 investigators
  - All 50 states
  - Every continent
  - Opens 5,000 cases annually
  - \$300 million per year

# Information is Now at Your Fingertips

- ▣ Available information
  - Social security number
  - Addresses
  - Height, weight, eye color
  - Property you own
  - Traffic tickets
  - Businesses involved in
  - Names, addresses, and phone numbers of neighbors
  - If you've been in the news
  - Credit report
  - Past arrest records
  - Medical records
  - Assets
  - Banking information
- ▣ Do-it-yourself detective services
  - Dig Dirt
  - Knowx.com
  - Lostpeople.com
  - Docusearch.com ("No More Secrets")
    - ▣ Unlisted telephone numbers: \$45
    - ▣ List of creditors: \$99
    - ▣ Bank account balance: \$45
    - ▣ Bank account activity: \$69

An abstract 3D visualization on a blue background. It features several glowing, semi-transparent rectangular planes and lines in shades of blue, green, and yellow. These elements appear to be interconnected, suggesting a network or data flow. Some elements are oriented vertically, while others are horizontal or diagonal. The overall effect is that of a complex, multi-dimensional data structure or a network diagram.

WHAT INFORMATION IS  
AVAILABLE?

# What's Available?

What kind of information is available on:

## 1. Voter Registration Records

At County (Office of County Clerk)

(Sons, daughter, spouse, etc. if they vote)

- Name
- Addresses
- Past Addresses
- Age
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number
- Signatures
- Unlisted Tele. Numbers

# What's Available?

## 2. Marriage License

At County Courthouse of  
legal residence at time of  
marriage

- Full Legal Names
- Dates of Birth
- Social Security Number
- Address at Time of Marriage
- Parents' addresses (maybe)
- Driver's License Number  
(U.S. Citizen)
- Passport Number  
(Foreign Nationals)
- Prior Marriages
- Witnesses (Best Friends)

# What's Available?

## 3. Driver's License Records

(46 States provide)

- Driving History
- Current Address
- Traffic Violations
- Name
- Date of Birth
- Address
- Photographer

## 4. Birth Records

(Hard to get)

(State's Dept. of Vital Statistics)

(City of Birth, Hospital of Birth)

- Date of Birth
- Parents

# What's Available?

## 5. Social Security Number

000-	00-	0000
Area	Group	Serial
Number	Number	Number

Area residing when number was issued

001-587	Issued
589-626	Issued
700-728	Issued



# What's Available?

## 6. Business Information

Corporation-->chartered by State  
(Sec. of State)

Partnership--> State or County

Joint Ventures--> Same

Sole Proprietorships--> Same

On line with Prentice Hall legal  
and financial services

- Confirms Legally Doing Business
- Whether or Not Paid Taxes
- Name of Partners, Principal Shareholders, Board Members
- Additional Business Affiliations
- Helpful to Trace Assets
- Conflict of Interest
- Dummy Companies
- Changes in Financial Status

# What's Available?

## 7. Permits

- Fire Permits  
(hazardous chemicals)
- Health Permits  
(pollutants)
- Elevator Permits
- Building Permits
- Nature of Business
- Location of Business
- New Leases

# What's Available?

## 8. UCCU Records

(County or State)  
(Makes Public interest  
in pledged assets)  
(County Clerk-Sec. of  
State)

On line with Information  
America, Dun and Brad-  
street, P-H Legal &  
Financial Services

- Collateral on items such as boats, appliances, business equipment and leased equipment
- Nature of lending company; Bank vs. Financing Company
- Where banks
- Reveals need for money

# What's Available?

## 9. Criminal Histories

(National Crime Information Center are only non-public ones)

(County or District Clerk)

(City Policy, County Sheriff, County Constable, Probation Officers, Bail Bondsmen, etc.)

- Criminal Charges
- Indictment Statement
- Pretrial Information Report
- Conviction Statement
- Incarceration Information
- Probation Information

# What's Available?

## 10 . Pretrial Information

(At same places as  
criminal Information)

- Personal History
- Employment History
- Physical Identifying  
Information
- Prior Charges

## 11. Bail Bond Agencies

Tons of information plus  
property to secure bond.

# What's Available?

## 12. Civil Suit

(almost everyone has been sued)

City, County, State, and Federal level

Municipal and Small Claims Court

District & Superior State Courts

Federal District Courts

- Divorces and Property
- Settlement Agreement
- Personal Injury Lawsuits
- Financial Claims and Litigation
- Fraud Claims and Co-conspirator
- Bankruptcy

# What's Available?

## 13. Bankruptcy

(Federal Court)

Online Information America  
\$ P-H Legal and Financial  
Services

- Current Status of Bankruptcy Proofs
- Creditors List
- Debts
- Assets
- Character
- Determine How Assets Are Hidden

# What's Available?

## 14. Real Estate Records

Deed to Trust to Finance  
Company

Deeds

Transfer Documents

- Owned Assets
- Indebtedness
- Mortgage Holders
- Trustees or Straw Borrowers
- People Who Suspect Before or After Sale

## 15. Tax Records

- Legal Description of Property
- Current Assessed Value of Property
- Taxpayer Current Status



# What's Available?

## 16. Utility Records

(Gas, Electric, Garbage,  
Sewer)

- Name of Person Billed
- If Person Lives in Service Area
- If Business Has Utilities

## 17. Wills and Probate

- Parents' names
- Name and Addresses of Heirs
- Dispersal of Assets
- Executor
- Value of Inheritances

# What's Available?

## 18. Military Service Records

(not confidential)

Defense Locator Service

- Address of Individual
- Military Records

## 19. Others

Federal Aviation  
National Transportation Safety

# What's Available?

## 20. Professional Association & Licensing Boards

Accountants: AICPA, state society  
Attorneys: ABA, state society  
Bankers: ABA, state banking comm.  
Doctors: AMA, state agencies  
Electricians  
Plumbers  
Contractors  
Engineers  
Nurses  
Police  
Firefighters  
Insurance Agents  
Bail Bondsmen  
Real Estate  
Security Guards  
Stock Brokers  
Investment Bankers  
Teachers  
Waitresses-food handlers' permit  
Travel Agents

- Industry Guidelines
- Membership
- Specialization
- Current Business Address
- History of Business Complaints
- Grievances, charges
- Investigation
- Professional Credentials

# SPECIFIC ONLINE RESOURCES

An abstract 3D graphic on a blue background. It features a central vertical axis with a red diamond at the top and a yellow cube at the bottom. A green cube is positioned to the left of the axis, and another green cube is to the right. A blue, textured, cone-like shape extends from the bottom left towards the center. A blue, textured, rectangular prism is positioned to the right of the axis. The background is a solid blue color with some faint, vertical lines.

# General Information Sources

- ▣ [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)
- ▣ [www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com)
- ▣ [www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com)
- ▣ [www.altavista.com/web/adv](http://www.altavista.com/web/adv)
  
- ▣ [www.icerocket.com](http://www.icerocket.com) (blog searches, etc.)
- ▣ [www.archive.org/web/web.php](http://www.archive.org/web/web.php) (internet archives)
- ▣ [www.highbeam.com](http://www.highbeam.com) (library databases) (fee)

# “Deep Web” Sites

- ▣ [www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com)
- ▣ [www.copernic.com](http://www.copernic.com)
- ▣ [www.surfwax.com](http://www.surfwax.com)
- ▣ [www.vivisimo.com](http://www.vivisimo.com)
- ▣ [www.incywincy.com](http://www.incywincy.com)
  
- ▣ [www.brightplanet.com](http://www.brightplanet.com) (fee)

# US Public Records

- ▣ [www.autotrackxp.com](http://www.autotrackxp.com)
- ▣ [www.accurint.com](http://www.accurint.com)
- ▣ [www.lexisnexis.com](http://www.lexisnexis.com)
  
- ▣ [www.irbsearch.com](http://www.irbsearch.com)
- ▣ [www.merlindata.com](http://www.merlindata.com)
- ▣ [www.brbbpub.com](http://www.brbbpub.com)
- ▣ Local county governments

# US Court Records

- ▣ [www.lexis.com](http://www.lexis.com) (full text court opinions)
- ▣ [www.westlaw.com](http://www.westlaw.com)
- ▣ [www.law.com](http://www.law.com)
- ▣ [www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov](http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov)
- ▣ [www.autotrackXP.com](http://www.autotrackXP.com) (limited records)



# Media Records

- ▣ [www.nexis.com](http://www.nexis.com)
- ▣ [www.dialog.com](http://www.dialog.com)
- ▣ [www.factiva.com](http://www.factiva.com)
  
- ▣ [news.google.com](http://news.google.com) - Google News (free)
  - Only provides last three months of articles!

# Business Records

- ▣ [www.dnb.com](http://www.dnb.com)
- ▣ [www.accurantbusiness.com](http://www.accurantbusiness.com)
- ▣ [www.nexis.com](http://www.nexis.com)
  
- ▣ [www.corporateinformation.com](http://www.corporateinformation.com)
- ▣ [www.10kwizard.com](http://www.10kwizard.com)
- ▣ [www.hoovers.com](http://www.hoovers.com) (fee and free)
- ▣ [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) (“Edgar” fee and free)
  
- ▣ [www.companieshouse.gov.uk](http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk) (UK)
- ▣ [www.company-documents.com](http://www.company-documents.com) (Int’l records)

# Maps and Satellite Photos

- ▣ <http://earth.google.com>
- ▣ [www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps) (street view)
- ▣ <http://maps.live.com> (bird's eye)
- ▣ [www.globexplorer.com](http://www.globexplorer.com)