

TOOLS : INTERNET

RESEARCH ONLINE

Even though Google made it in the dictionary and promises to do no evil, it is just one tool amongst many to get information online. Other engines use different search algorithms and will give you another variety of search options and results.

Researching businesses, people and other places

123 People		
Clusty	Clusty.com	Good for deep web searches
Domain search engines	www.domaintools.com www.allwhois.com	
Icerocket	http://www.icerocket.com/	Allows you to search blogs, twitter tweets and more
Infobel	Infobel.com	Good for international directory for locating people
JournalistExpress	Journalistexpress.com	Allows u to signup for free- handy page to start story but lots of different functions
Jux2	www.jux2.com http://widgets.yahoo.com/widgets/jux2-meta-search	A meta search engine that searches Google, Yahoo! and MSN all at the same time
PI Buzz	www.pibuzz.com	
Pipl	www.pipl.com	Great deep web search engine
Profnet	www.profnet.com	Email queries for experts

Reporter.org Duff Wilson's handy site	www.reporter.org/desktop/tips/johndoe.htm http://www.reporter.org/desktop/	Good guide on backgrounding people
Samepoint	http://www.samepoint.com/	Online Conversation search engine
Six apart	http://www.sixapart.com/	
Social mention	Socialmention.com	Search engine for blogs, social media etc
Twingine	Twingine.com	Google and Yahoo search engine at once
Whostalking	http://www.whostalkin.com/	Good search engine for social media
Zabasearch	http://www.zabasearch.com/	For American phone numbers and emails

Researching news and current events

DIGG	http://digg.com	A bit like google news but gives you a more accurate pick up of new stories
NEWSVINE	http://www.newsvine.com/	
REDDIT	http://www.reddit.com/	
Yahoo	http://buzz.yahoo.com	

Researching websites

Cybercemetery		Also internet archive for US gov websites
Daytrotter	Daytrotter.com	Similar deal
Internet archive for old websites	www.archive.org	Used to look at what websites used to look like back in time. You can find out what sites look like on certain dates.
Wayback Machine		Internet archive of old sites
Website ownership	http://www.whois.sc	Used to find who owns certain websites
Who is behind a site	www.domaintools.com	Often websites are owned by an organization like a white supremacist group or a dodgy organization. Smear websites often forget where the sources

Researching social media

Monitter	Monitter.com	Lets you follow certain trending topics on Twitter.
Other options	HootSuite Twitalyzer Mr. Tweet Listorious	
Trends map	Trendsmap.com	Shows what trends people are talking about in a certain area.
Twellow	Twellow.com	Acts as the Yellow Pages for Twitter websites and lets you see who has Twitter accounts.
Twitter search engine	Search.twitter.com	Lets you comb the site's advanced features, including the ability to look at tweets from a certain city or subject.