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Investigative Research Links
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Effective Google Searching

- Advanced search http://www.google.com/advanced_search
- Translated search http://www.google.com/language_tools
- Dan Russell's SearchResearch <http://searchresearch1.blogspot.com>

Search Engines

- FDsys <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action>
- HuriSearch: <http://www.hurisearch.org/>
- Search Wikileaks.org <https://search.wikileaks.org/>
- Journal TOCs <http://www.journaltoes.hw.ac.uk>
- Aleph <http://aleph.openoil.net>

Open Archiving

- IssueLab <http://www.issuelab.org/>
- Hathi Trust Digital Library: <https://www.hathitrust.org>

Check Public Records

- US federal inmate lookup <http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp>
- Arachnys Compass <https://compass.arachnys.com>
- Search Systems http://publicrecords.searchsystems.net/Other_Nations/
- BRB Pubs Free Public Records <http://www.brbpub.com/free-public-records/>
- Free Public Records Directory <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>
- CourtReference <http://www.courtreference.com/>

Data and Statistics

- World Bank data <http://data.worldbank.org/>
- Official Statistics on the Web <http://www.offstats.auckland.ac.nz>
- GlobalStat <http://www.globalstat.eu/en/homepage.aspx>
- Quartz Directory of Reliable Data
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hU7Snj4KZ-ppyy388l-sV4l26n4yGVb8xYnygPOS-5k/edit-gid=1436509184>

International planes & ships finders

- Equasis <http://www.equasis.org>
- MarineTraffic.com <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>
- Ship to shore phone directory: http://www.inmarsat.com/Support/Ships_Directory
- FlightAware: <http://www.flightaware.com>
- Flightwise <http://flightwise.com/>
- Flightradar24 <http://www.flightradar24.com>
- FAA Aircraft registry http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/aircraft_certification/aircraft_registry/interactive_aircraft_inquiry
- Landings: <http://www.landings.com>
- Airport Codes: <http://www.airlinecodes.co.uk/apcodesearch.asp>

Interesting Databases

- Security Assistance Monitor <http://www.securityassistance.org>
- Excess Defense Articles <http://www.dsca.mil/programs/excess-defense-articles-eda>
- Defense Logistics Agency 1033 data <http://www.dla.mil/DispositionServices/Offers/Reutilization/LawEnforcement.aspx>
- iTRACE conflict arms database: <https://itrace.conflictarm.com>
- White House Visitor Logs <https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/briefing-room/disclosures/visitor-records>
- Rentlogic <https://rentlogic.com/search>
- TBIJ Drone Data <https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/category/projects/drones/>
- Airwars <https://airwars.org>
- National Registry of Exonerations <http://www.law.umich.edu/special/exoneration/Pages/Staff.aspx>
- Federal contracts <https://www.fpds.gov> <http://www.usaspending.gov>
- FedBizOpps with ALERTS <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- FARA Foreign Agents Registration Act <http://www.fara.gov>
- FARA: Foreign Lobby Watch <https://www.opensecrets.org/fara>
- Enigma <http://www.enigma.io>
- TRACE Compendium <https://secure.traceinternational.org/Knowledge/Compendium.html>

- US work visa data <http://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/performance/data.cfm>
- FDA Import Refusals OASIS <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/importrefusals/>

Web & Social Media

- Verification Handbook for Investigative Reporting <http://verificationhandbook.com/book2/chapter1.php>
- Net Data Directory <https://cyber.harvard.edu/node/99501>
- Whois <http://whoisrequest.org> <http://whois.domaintools.com>

Find a person

- InfoBel: <http://www.infobel.com/en/world>
- LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com>
- CLEAR <http://www.clearhq.org/Directory>
- Salary database from PIBuzz <http://pibuzz.com/government-salaries/>
- FAA <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/airmeninquiry/> Margot's Google Doc example

Watchlists, Wanted & Missing Persons Lists

- Interpol Wanted Persons List <http://www.interpol.int/Wanted-Persons>
- SAM.gov: Debarred from business with US <http://www.sam.gov>
- Search OFAC <http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
- Denied Persons List http://export.gov/ecr/eg_main_023148.asp

Lobbying & Ethics & Disclosure

- Federal Election Commission <https://www.fec.gov>
- Senate Office of Public Records Lobbying Disclosure http://www.senate.gov/legislative/Public_Disclosure/LDA_reports.htm
- US State Dept. Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA) <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fara/>
- Ethics.data.gov <http://ethics.data.gov>
- Legistorm <http://www.legistorm.com>
- Center for Responsive Politics <http://www.opensecrets.org/pfds/>
- Campaign Finance FEC <http://www.fec.gov/disclosure.shtml>

Corporation Research

- ICIJ Panama Papers-Offshore Leaks Databases <http://offshoreleaks.icij.org/search>
- Investigative Dashboard (OCCRP) <http://www.investigativedashboard.org/>
- OpenCorporates <https://opencorporates.com>
- Building database: Emporis <http://www.emporis.com/buildings>
- Commercial real estate: LoopNet <http://www.loopnet.com>

Non-Profits/Charities

- Guidestar US Form 990s <http://www.guidestar.org>
- Luke Rosiak's Citizen Audit <https://www.citizenaudit.org>
- ProPublica Non-profit Explorer <http://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/>
- OpenCharities.org <http://opencharities.org/>
- Global Think Tank Directory <http://www.gotothinktank.com/>

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- Population Reference Bureau DataFinder <http://prb.org/datafinder.aspx>
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FOIAs, leaks and deletes

- Snowden Surveillance Archive <https://snowdenarchive.cjfe.org/>
- WikiLeaks <http://www.wikileaks.org>
- Public Intelligence <http://publicintelligence.net/>
- CyberCemetery defunct agencies <http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/>
- Internet Archive Wayback Machine <http://www.archive.org> and Save Page Now
- CREST <https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/collection/crest-25-year-program-archive>

More Document Collections

- National Security Archive <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/>
- Hathi Trust Digital Library <http://catalog.hathitrust.org/>
- Document Cloud <http://www.documentcloud.org>

Research gurus

- Gary Price: InfoDocket <http://www.infodocket.com> @InfoDocket

- Toddington Free OSINT Resources <http://toddington.com/resources/>
- PIBuzz (Tamara Thompson) <http://pibuzz.com>
- Paul Myers ResearchClinic <http://researchclinic.net>