

Tips for fact-checkers: Open Source Investigation



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What do we mean by Open Source Investigation / OSINT?

Open source investigation (OSINT) refers to the collection and analysis of data from social media platforms and other open access sources.



2

What are the types of data available on social media platforms?

User-submitted content:

Posts, videos, photos

Metadata:

Dates, times, and locations related to the published content

Engagement:

Comments, likes, shares and any type of responses

3

Where do I find the data I'm looking for?

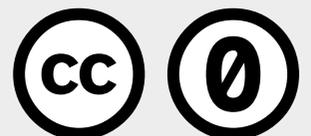
You can start with a general search.

Use tools like **namechk.com** or **instantusername.com** to search for a username on social media platforms.

Use **WAYBACK MACHINE** to access historical data of social media pages.

Use **REVERSE IMAGE** search on **Google** and **TinEye** to find a profile picture/photo.

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Tips for fact- checkers: OSINT tools



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FACEBOOK

Lookup-id.com

Find Facebook IDs

Whopostedwhat.com
ntelx.io

Search posts

Apify.com

Search for engagements:
likes, shares, and
comments

2

INSTAGRAM

[Instafollowers.co](https://www.instagram-followers.com/)

Look up an account ID

[Fulldp.co](https://fulldp.com/)

Download profile pictures

[Storysaver.net](https://www.storysaver.net/)

Download Instagram stories

3

TIKTOK

[Tikdown.org](https://tikdown.org)
savefrom.net

Download videos

[Tik.ixspy.com](https://tik.ixspy.com)

Show trends and analyze
account performance

4

TWITTER

Use the Twitter advanced search function to find relevant tweets

COMMAND LINE

Friend List Scraper

github.com/n0kovo/fb_friend_list_scraper

Scrape names and usernames from large friend lists on Facebook

Instahunter

github.com/shashwatah/instahunter

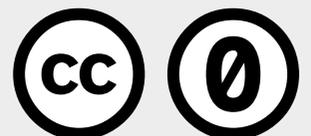
Capture data using Instagram's API without authentication

TikTok Scraper

github.com/drawrowfly/tiktok-scraper

Download videos and metadata from Tiktok

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