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.

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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

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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	Look up an account ID
Fulldp.co	Download profile pictures
Storysaver.net	Download Instagram stories

3

TIKTOK

Tikdown.org savefrom.net	Download videos
Tik.ixspy.com	Show trends and analyze account performance

4

TWITTER

Use the Twitter advanced search function to find relevant tweets

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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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