

Open-Source Intelligence (OSINT)

Turning publicly available information into clear, actionable intelligence for security and risk decisions.



WHAT IS OSINT?

Open-source intelligence (OSINT) is the practice of collecting and analyzing publicly available information, such as websites, social media, records, and media, to produce actionable intelligence. It relies exclusively on legally accessible, open sources.

Why OSINT Matters

OSINT helps organizations spot emerging threats, verify facts, and understand exposure before problems escalate. It supports decisions from executive protection to assessing third-party risks, providing timely, cost-effective insights.

HOW ORGANIZATIONS USE OSINT



Executive & Travel Protection



Due Diligence & Vetting



Competitive Intelligence



Threat Monitoring

WHERE OSINT INFORMATION COMES FROM

Social Media & Websites

Public posts, profiles, and online activity identify relevant patterns, relationships, and indicators of risk.



Public Records & Filings

Court records, property records, and government or business filings.



News & Media

Traditional and digital news coverage, press releases, and broadcasts.



Geospatial & Imagery

Satellite imagery, maps, and location data for physical risk context.



Corporate & Financial

Financial filings, leadership bios, and organizational structures.



Forums & Communities

Message boards, blogs, and niche communities where sentiment surfaces early.

THE OSINT PROCESS



Collect

Gather information from open, publicly accessible sources.



Verify

Cross-check sources to confirm accuracy and flag bias.



Analyze

Identify patterns, connections, and relevance to the objective.



Inform

Deliver clear, actionable findings to decision-makers.

OSINT BEST PRACTICES

- ✓ Rely only on legally and ethically accessible sources.
- ✓ Verify information across multiple independent sources.
- ✓ Document methods and maintain a clear audit trail.
- ✓ Distinguish fact from speculation or unverified claims.
- ✓ Protect the privacy of individuals outside the objective's scope.
- ✓ Reassess findings often, since open-source information changes quickly.

HOW AT-RISK CAN HELP



Conduct OSINT investigations for due diligence and vetting.



Support executive protection with pre-travel intelligence.



Monitor open sources for emerging threats to people and brand.



Deliver clear, actionable reporting tailored to your risk profile.

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