

Sometime you may not have an Originating IP Address from within the Email Header or you may not even have a received email to investigator. So if you have an email address, then rather than trying to research and locate where an email had been sent from, you can send a Covert Tracking Email to try to locate where a User is when they read an email. This may help locate the individual behind an email address but clearly may require some level of authorisation to use if you are within law enforcement.

There are a number of potential service providers that we can use for this, some of which are linked to on the Email Trackers page of our website at <u>https://www.uk-osint.net/emailtrackers.html</u>.

To do this you would create an email address and sign up with didtheyreadit.com or any of the other similar services. With DidTheyReadIt you are allowed the first 10 email for free, so just create accounts as and when you require them.

You then send your subject an email and as long as they receive their emails in HTML as opposed to Plain Text (if you are unaware of the difference, Plain Text is very plain, white background with black text and no hyperlinks or anything else is shown, HTML is different and is standard with most email formats), you will receive a receipt as soon as they open that email.

This receipt will show the IP Address used to open the email, along with the Date & Time it was read and the software that was on the computer used to access the email.

If your subject then Forwards that email and it is opened again, then you will receive another Receipt, showing the new IP Address used to open the email, along with the Date & Time it was read and the software that was on the computer used to access the email. This may give you new avenues to investigate.

The full process of using DidTheyReadIt is explained below. First of all you need to create a free email address using one of the sites that can work with <u>www.didtheyreadit.com</u>, Hotmail seems to be the best at the moment.



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Ø Now write an email to your subject, trying to make it seems as legitimate as possible, so the subject will read it. Also click on for "Send Multiple Read Buy Now Notifications". This should then work covertly if the DT add ".DidTheyReadIt.com" to outgoing e-Just send the e-mail as you normally would. subject receives their email in html as opposed to plain text. When the email has been sent it will show in your "Tracked mail" page along DidThevReadIt? with the Date & Time it was sent. rly account and Buy Now (9 free emails left) ort all tracked mail as tab-delimited file | Delete Date Range Q Tracked mail Date Sent Recipient Subject Last Receipt Options 8 05/18/13 (09:24PM) 0 Delete Checked X Logout DidThev**Read**It fearly account and t When the email has been read it will show Buy Now (9 free emails left) Tracked n on this page as an information link that you Send email can click on, along with the Date & Time it 05/18/13 neils A My account was read. X Logout

Having set the email to "Send Multiple Read Notifications" every time it is read you will receive a new notification.

This notification shows the Date & Time the email was read and the IP Address used to access it.

It also shows the software running on the computer when the email was read. A similar notification will also be sent to the email address you created to sign up with DidTheyReadIt.

Copy the IP Address listed on the notification to check it on a site such as Domain Tools.

Mail Read Information	
To:	neilsmith2202@gmail.com
Subject:	demonstrating
Sent On:	05/18/13 (09:24PM)
1 st Opened:	05/18/13 (09:25PM)
Tracking Summary	
Total:	Opened 1 time by 1 reader
Tracking Details (latest first)	
Opened:	05/18/13 (09:25PM)
Read Duration (approx.):	00:00:01
Location:	(UK) , , LONDON (Data by NetAcuity) Show Map
Organization (ISP):	PROVIDER LOCAL REGISTRY / TISCALI UK LIMITED (broadband)
Opened On:	(80.47.169.57)
Language:	EN-US,EN;Q=0.8
Browser:	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.31 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/26.0.1410.64 Safari/537.31
Beferrer:	