

Qwarie OSINT Newsletter / Updates – August 2020

It's Qwarie here with August's OSINT Updates, to let you know of any changes in the world of OSINT. In this update we are going to let you know about;

- A New Social Media Site To Be Aware Of
- Useful Add-ons & Extensions
- Google Account ID Numbers
- Some New Useful OSINT Resources

A New Social Media Site To Be Aware Of

There is a new social media site that you should be aware of, especially if you are researching right wing people.

Parler (<https://parler.com/>) sells itself as “an unbiased social platform focused on open dialogue and user engagement, who allow free speech and do not censor ideas, political parties or ideologies, protecting its users privacy and does not sell its users personal data”.

So it is very much like Gab (<https://gab.com/>) in being a home for the right wing, many of whom who have been kicked off of other online social media sites.

So if you are researching someone who may have been kicked off of Twitter, it maybe that they are now on Parler, with an identical screenname to their previous Twitter name; however although in its look and use Parler is very similar to Twitter, there is one big difference in that it is not currently searchable via a search engine or accessible without having an account, so you need to create an account to access it and to search it.

Once you have signed in to Parler, you can search via Users or by Hashtags.

From someone's account, as well as their Bio / About comment and when they joined Parler, you can also see how many posts they have made, which are called Parleys, see their Followers / Following and the Comments they have made on other people's posts you have to have an account and sign-in. Similarly to Twitter where you Re-Tweet someone else's post, with Parler you can 'Echo' someone's post.

If you want to view a larger version of an accounts profile image, just right click on the profile image and then select 'View Image' or 'Open Image In New Tab' which will open up the image on its own tab and its URL will finish in 128. If you change the 128 at the end of the URL to 256 then the image will be double the size.

Useful Add-ons & Extensions

Hola Free VPN Proxy Unblocker

Firefox – <https://addons.mozilla.org/en-GB/firefox/addon/hola-unblocker/>

Chrome – <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/hola-unblocker/gkojfkhleqihikafcpjkiklfbnlmeio?hl=en>

Hola Free VPN Proxy Unblocker lets you access websites blocked or censored in your country, company and school, and stream media with the free Hola Unblocker VPN proxy service. Hola VPN requires the following permissions;

- Proxy: Let Hola extension proxy your traffic through a server in another country to change your IP Address and unblock restricted sites
- AllHosts / WebRequest / WebRequestBlocking: Let Hola extension check every web request and modify it. Hola VPN is the fastest unblocker because it uses split-tunnelling technology and only proxy the minimum number of web requests needed to unblock a site
- Tabs: Let Hola track your tabs and enable VPN only on specific tabs and show popup inside the page to let you enable, disable and fix connectivity problems
- WebNavigation: Let Hola track your navigations request and enable VPN on a single site and only when it is needed
- Cookies: Let Hola access your cookies. Some sites cache your country inside cookies, and it is required to clear those cookies before you can access that site from another country
- Storage: Let Hola save local configuration and cache data

With both Firefox and Chrome the Hola Free VPN Proxy Unblocker add-on / extension adds an icon to your browsers toolbar, which allows you to turn it on and off and then when on, select which country you want your IP Address to relate to.

Google Account ID Numbers

The Google Account ID's page on our OSINT / i3 training & resource website at <https://www.uk-osint.net/gmailids.html> has been updated after Google changed how the details could be located.

If you are researching a Shared Google Drive document or the individual behind a Gmail Email Address, then if you can locate the associated Google Account User ID Number for it, then you may be able to locate public photos or online reviews linked to it, along with the account holders given name. The Google Account ID Number is usually 21 digits long and starts with a 1.

Shared Google Drive Documents

If you have a link to a Shared Google Drive Document, then by opening this link in Google Drive, whilst you are signed into Google and click on the blue circle in the top right-hand corner, to 'View Details'. Then on the right-hand side it shows the name of the documents owner, the date it was created and the date it was last modified, along with the profile image linked to their Google account. Then if you rest your cursor on the owners name on the right-hand side under the 'Details' tab, then their GMail email address becomes visible.

If you are signed into Google on Firefox, click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools' and then in the 'Search HTML' box search for "gmail.com" (without the " ") in the Inspector tab and click through all the results until you locate their GMail email address.

Or Click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools' and then in the 'Search HTML' box search for "x221" (without the " ") in the Inspector tab and you may locate their 21 digit Google Account ID Number.

If you are signed into Google on Chrome, click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools' and click into the Elements tab and then press Ctrl F and search for "gmail.com" (without the " ") in the Elements tab and click through all the results until you locate their GMail email address.

Or click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools' and click into the Elements tab and then press Ctrl F and search for "x221" (without the " ") in the Elements tab and you may locate their 21 digit Google Account ID Number.

Gmail Email Address

If you are researching a GMail email address and signed into Google on Firefox, then add the GMail email address to your contacts. Then click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools' and click into the Network tab.

Then under the Domain tab, select contact.google.com, where there is a File, starting batchexecute. Once you have clicked on this line, on the right-hand side, under the Response tab there will be a long line of text relating to your contacts, showing the email address, with the Google Account ID Number shown before it, as a 21 digit number starting with a 1.

If you have a number of email addresses listed in your contacts, then it might be easier to locate the details if you copy this text and paste into a word document and then search for the email address and you will see Google Account ID Number shown before it.

If you are signed into your Google account using Chrome then add the Gmail email address to your contacts, then select this contact and then click on F12 to open the 'Developer Tools'. Now in the search box in the Network tab search for the email address and then click on the results line shown below it, to view the searched email address under the Response tab and the Google Account ID Number, which will be shown before it, as a 21 digit number starting with a 1.

Google Account ID Number Links

Now you can use the links called Photo Album & Reviews & Map on the Google Account ID's page on our OSINT / i3 training & resource website at <https://www.uk-osint.net/gmailids.html> to view any public photos or online reviews linked to the Google account, along with the account holders given name and their profile image.

Obviously not every Google account is linked to public content.

Some New Useful OSINT Resources

This month's new OSINT resources are;

- <https://whatsmyname.app/> - a really useful site which allows you to search a number of social media sites by a username

- <https://searchpof.com/> - a really useful site which allows you to search a number of social media sites username by a username
- <http://superemojitranslator.com/emoji-translate> - a site that can translate a written message into an emoji message
- <https://meowni.ca/emoji-translate/> - a site that can translate a written message into an emoji message

Many thanks & stay safe

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