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**Newsletter
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The Third Newsletter

Well I thought there had been massive changes in the last newsletter with Echosec dropping Instagram from its free version but then Facebook did away with the www / graph exchange in the address bar to locate someone's Facebook ID.

That is the trouble with using Internet, you are always reliant on someone else's site and material, and they can change or drop things without warning. That is partially why we always try to list two or three sites on our Favorites page.

With Facebook we were able to locate a work around, within an hour or two, albeit very basic, as we like you are using these techniques on our own enquiries.

I've made quite a few changes to the Facebook page of our website, which I have written about on page 4 of the Newsletter, so make sure you check it out.

Another change is that this Newsletter will now also be sent out to all the members of the ACIA, so hopefully our new readers will find this of interest to them.

Remember if there is anything you would like covered or if you have any interesting articles you want included in future editions of the Newsletter then just email me at: info@uk-osint.com.

**site of the month
(well two this month)**

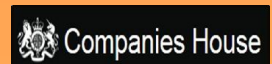
www.gramfeed.com

Identify the location of recent Instagram postings using Gramfeed, listed on page 3 of this Newsletter



www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Use the new free section at Companies House to research companies & download accounts etc, listed on page 7 of this Newsletter



This photo is of me giving a presentation at the Second Annual Special Investigators Unit Seminar for Insurance Ireland (www.insuranceireland.eu) in April 2015 at the Lansdowne Rugby Club in Dublin.

If you would like me to speak about locating information from the internet at an event for you, your company or organisation, then please get in touch by emailing me at: info@uk-osint.com.

Upcoming Courses & Presentations

In June we were back at the Civil Service Club (www.civilserviceclub.org.uk) for another 4 day open course, which was attended by a very mixed group, including delegates from the UK, Denmark, Albania and Romania.



We will be holding another 4 day open course here from the 16th – 19th of November 2015. We are also holding a couple of 2 day courses at the Civil Services Club, just covering searching & accessing social networking sites on the 29th & 30th of September and the 15th & 16th of December 2015.

So if you think any of your colleagues would be interested in attending any of our courses please get them to email me at info@uk-osint.com for full details.

OSIRA – Open Source Intelligence and Research Association

The second OSIRA conference was mixed; which I always thought it would be. There were some very interesting speakers and some very interesting attendants; such as a very nice man from the Home Office who is trying to put the police back on the right road after their disastrous Working Group recommendations.

Whilst it was clear that a lot of the work had been put into setting the legal structure of the organisation on the right footing, it was equally clear that there is still a lot left to be done before it is truly open for business as the governing or trade body of Open Source Research Professionals, which I think we need.

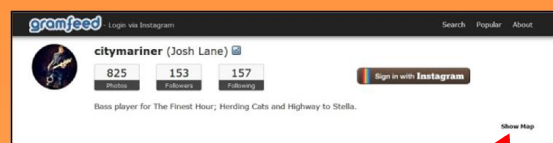
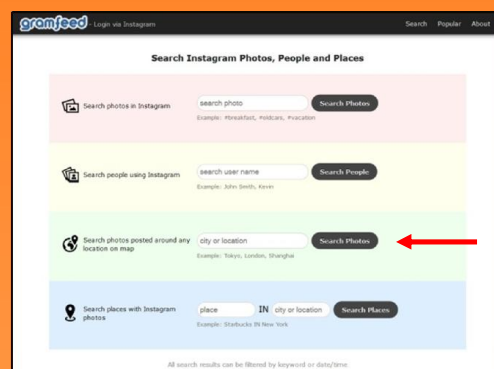
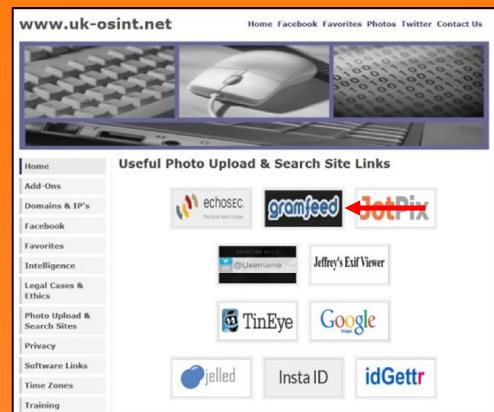
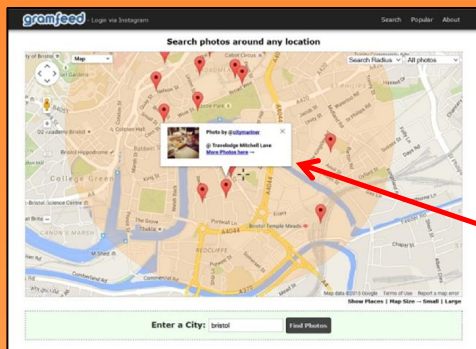
I am part of a small group of OSINT instructors who are looking into the accreditation of the different OSINT training courses for OSIRA (www.osira.net); so I am aware that things are happening and hopefully there should be more news within the next few months.

There should also be news soon on Membership, at the three levels of Practitioner (OSIP), Specialist (OSIS) and Expert (OSIE), which hopefully attendance on our training courses should help you qualify for.



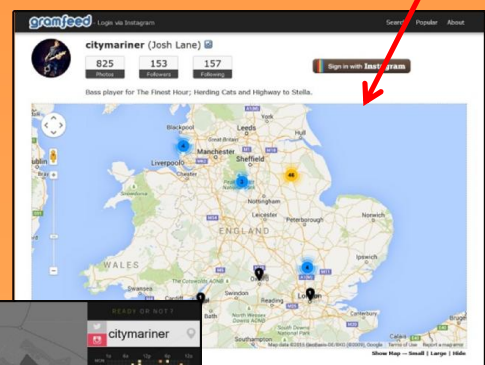
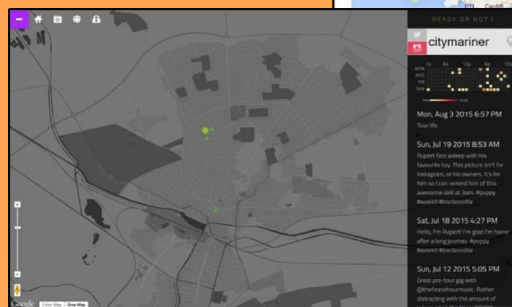
Even though Echosec has now limited access to search for Instagram postings to its Full Pro (paid for) Version, you can still make similar free enquiries via the link for Gramfeed on the Photos Upload & Search Sites page of our website; However this is limited to postings from the last 24 hours.

Put a location in the third box down, marked “city or location” and you will then be taken to a map, showing the location of the uploaded photos, with the photos shown below the map. You can then either click on the photo or the location you are interested in and go to the account details, seeing any other photos posted and the details of any followers & followings.



On the right hand side there is a “show map” button which will show you the location of any other posting.

You can also put the account name into the Teaching Privacy site, using the link on our Photos Upload & Search Sites page, which shows you a map with the locations of postings from the last 90 days. You can then zoom down to street level to view the locations where the photos have been uploaded from, via Google Streetview.



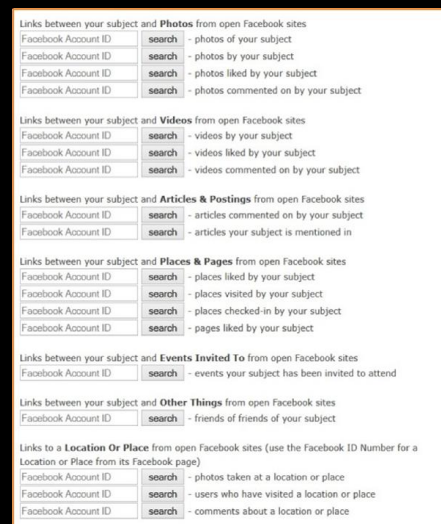
FACEBOOK

OK, it's annoying that Facebook has changed so we can no longer exchange the www with the word graph in the address bar to identify someone's Facebook ID Number but it's not the end of the world. You can copy the content from the address bar / URL when you are on a Facebook account page, and paste it into the search box at either www.lookup-id.com or www.findmyfacebookid.com to locate the Facebook ID Number for the account.

Or if you copy the content of the address bar, paste it into a fresh tab and then search the source code (right click & View Page Source) of the subjects Facebook page for the phrase "profile_id" (without the quotes) and the Facebook ID Number should be listed after that (thanks to Paul Myers (@researchclinic) for this work around).

When we have someone's Facebook ID Number we can then search them on the useful links on the Facebook page of our website, for content linked to them, most of which is not from their page but from open accounts linked to them; such as Photos Liked or Photos Commented On.

We can now also search for what links two accounts, looking for Mutual Friends, or Events they have both been invited to or Photos they have both Commented On or Liked.



What Links Two Accounts			
Friends			
Facebook Account ID	Facebook Account ID	search	- mutual friends etc
Photos			
Facebook Account ID	Facebook Account ID	search	- photos liked
Facebook Account ID	Facebook Account ID	search	- photos commented on
Facebook Account ID	Facebook Account ID	search	- photos tagged in
Articles & Comments			
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Pages & Groups			
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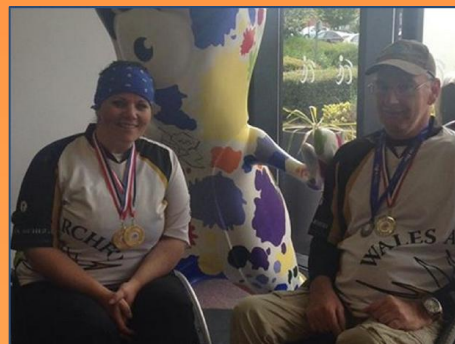
So it might be worth checking the Facebook accounts of those "independent witnesses" or for the drivers of the vehicles involved in suspicious accidents or collisions, to see if they really are unknown to each other or if they actually have lots of common links.

Amanda George

A good cause & an inspirational lady - <http://www.gofundme.com/tvyd68>

I'm not a big fan of those charity requests from friends who are on an adventure holiday but think it's less self-indulgent if they raise a bit sponsorship; so don't worry this isn't one of those.

Amanda George is a friend of mine, who was injured in a car accident whilst a Police Officer and is now in a wheelchair. After being pensioned out of her dream job as a Police Officer she has retrained as a legal officer with her own business doing wills & legal papers for people (www.professionalwillplanninglimited.com). She has also taken up competitive archery and is intent on getting into Team GB to represent us at the Paralympics in Rio next year.



Unlike the big stars of modern sport she doesn't receive any funding; so is doing this mostly with her own money and it is surprising expensive, with a bow and equipment costing close to £3,000 and even an arrow can cost £50. So please visit her collection page (<http://www.gofundme.com/tvyd68>) read her story and give her whatever you can.

If we all gave a few quid it would soon mount up and when we watch the Paralympics on the telly next year we will have someone to cheer on.

Association of Crime & Intelligence Analysts

www.acia.org.uk

The ACIA is a network of crime and intelligence analysts and researchers, and is dedicated to catering for both public and private sector analysts in a wide variety of roles.



ACIA brings together analysts and researchers from both the public and private sectors across the UK and Ireland. It enables members to develop their skills and progress their careers by linking them with like-minded individuals from a diverse range of backgrounds and organisations and by providing a range of ways by which they can swap ideas and interact.

ACIA members include people drawn from Policing, Insurance, Telecoms, Law, Banking, Military, Central Government, Local Government, Intellectual Property, Crime and Disorder Partnerships, Regulatory Authorities.

ACIA Awards 2015 are coming!

Last year's winners Danielle Williams of GMP & Emma Hughes of the NCA each took home £1,000 in Apple vouchers - who will win this year?

Nominations will be open 1st September.

The Association is proud to announce the opening of the 2015 Awards Programme.

Nominations are sought for outstanding achievements and innovative development in the field of crime and intelligence analysis.

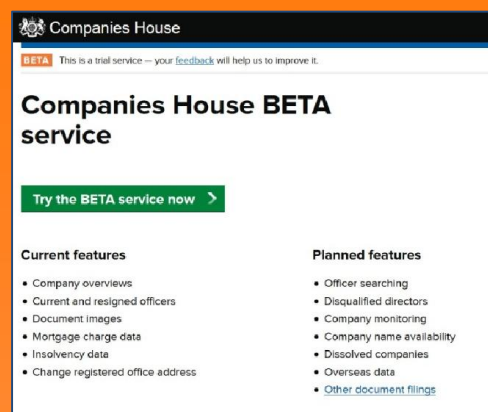
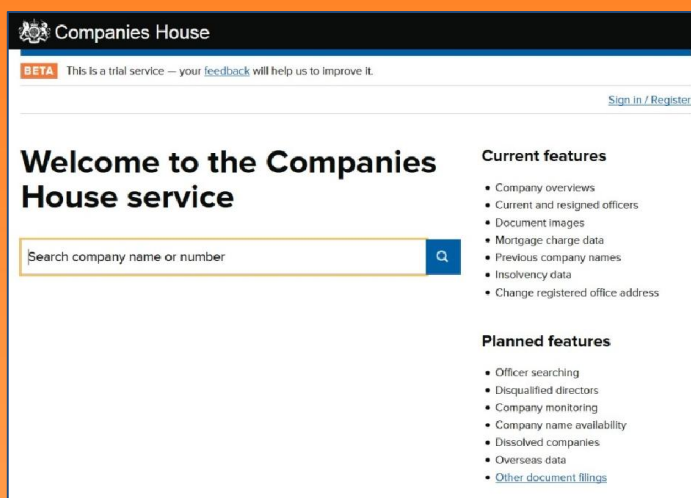
This is a great opportunity to recognise peers, employees, and leaders in the field for their accomplishments. As well as public recognition there is a great prize and the winner goes on to be entered into an international competition.

Applications are welcome from both the public and private sector and are not restricted to current ACIA members so visit <http://www.acia.org.uk/awards/> for details or email awards@acia.org.uk for a nomination form.

Changes At Companies House

Well it's not often a government department gives you free stuff but you can use the link for Companies House from the Company Section on the Favorites page of our website to visit their new free section, where you can search and download company information for free.

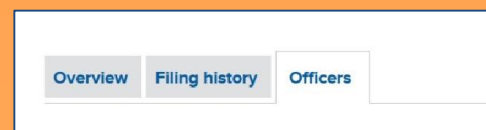
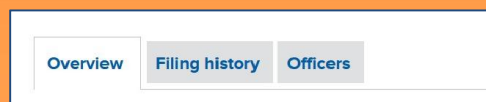
You can currently only search for UK Registered Companies, by name or number.



Then after you have selected a company, you are given an Overview of the basic company details.

The Filling History tab then allows you to download any submitted forms, such as Annual Accounts, Annual Returns etc as a pdf.

And the Officers tab has all the Directors details, which also allows you to click on an individual to see all of the companies they have held appointments with.



So this is well worth knowing about and using.

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