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Thread: [The OSINT threads are running dry](#)

junooo - September 28, 2026, 3:24 am

I fear that there is this idea around that if you only have enough things in your toolkit that you are a good OSINTER. But that's honestly script kiddie behaviour.

There is just nothing to do on HF, nothing to read. No news or interesting tools. It's all the same. Everyone just sells a list of the same 8 sites used over and over again, as if googling it is too much work. I spent a good amount of bits on some of these documents only to find out that it's just some guys's github ripped off. At that point just have it on there for free.

I am active on other platforms regarding OSINT, but I like the grey area legality and doxxing requests of HF.

I honestly have nothing else to add. I just wanted to complain: I wish OSINT was more active here.

Sift - September 28, 2026, 4:01 am

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junooo - September 28, 2026, 4:13 am

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Exactly. But people think the other way around. And are sometimes blinded by revenge over something stupid. What do you have to gain from finding out where someones family lives. Go touch grass.

RiveR29 - September 28, 2026, 4:58 am

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OSINT to me is all about just googling everything. Some people are just not prepared to look at a computerscreen for 9 hours before finding something.

And yeah, I remember the isis stuff. They also solved the MH17 crash and many other things.

OSINT is amazing. The love of my life.

DramaKing - September 28, 2026, 8:43 am

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RiveR29 - September 29, 2026, 3:50 am

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Yup. You can make basically a FOIA request but that costs between 6 to 12 euros per slip. So in the long run that would become costly for the companies. Seeing that some of our places we might meet between 500 to 5000 people a day, so from that let say 4000 people just 1% would be 40 people. 40 x 6 euros would be 240 euros, or if it was 12 euros it would be 480 euros. And at worst of

the weeks you would have to multiply that by 5 so 2400 euros a week. And thats why I would love it to be public information same with violent offences.