

## CHECK THESE SITES OUT!!!

There is something new out there for those of you who can't get enough information on who is doing what...**TWITTER**. You can send out blasts of 140 character notes to friends, family, colleagues, strangers...who ever you want. This new little social networking lets you send via email or text. Hey it has been used by my friends, NASA, Firefighters, 2008 political campaigns, corporations. It is a fun little tool and great way to keep on people without reading all that blah blah blah...it is quick and to the point or at least for some folks. Twitter has all kinds of other fun things to go with it like Twitter Karma which tells you if you are being tracked. Check it out now!

### General Search Engines

- **Google.com** – search engine
- **Dogpile.com** – search engine
- **Ask.com** – search engine
- **Icerocket.com** – search engine
- **Exalead.com** – search engine
- **Inforusa.com** – search engine
- **Info.com** – search engine
- **Alltheweb.com** - search engine owned by Yahoo
- **Msdewey.com** – you will fall in love with this one

### Non Profit Organizations

- **Guidestar.org** – search engine for non profit organizations
- **Grantsmart.com** – tax returns of non profit organizations (you get a redirect to new site noza990pt.com, same information)

### Blogs

- **Technorati.com** – robust search engine for user generated media, including web blogs
- **Blogsearchengine.com**
- **Blogs.com**
- **Journalspace.com**
- **Yahoo.com**
- **Google.com**
- **Blogdigger.com**
- **Livejournal.com**

## Public Records/Company Search Engines

- **Brbpub.com** – public records search engine
- **Zoominfor.com** – index/search engine for businesses & people
- **Secinfo.com** – public company filings, lots of reading but worth the time
- **Searchsystems.net** – state public records
- **Zabasearch.com**
- **Peoplefinder.com**
- **Ancestry.com**
- **Myfamily.com**
- **Anybirthday.com** – now passingnotes.com
- **Campaignmoney.com** – political donations, search by name or company
- **Newsmeat.com/fec/bystate** – campaign contributions

## Paid Services:

- **Irbsearch.com** – I must admit one of my favorites
- **Dnb.com** – company profiles/executives
- **Factiva.com** – articles, another favorite
- **Tracersinfo.com** - database

## SOCIAL COMMUNITIES

- **MySpace.com** – still #1 in US, but Facebook is at their heels
- **Flickr.com** – photos posted by individuals
- **Friendster.com** – Single largest network in Asia
- **Imeem.com** – San Francisco 17.8 million global visitors in January 2008
- **Bebo.com** – Popular in UK/Europe
- **Facebook.com** - #1 in Canada, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Myspace in US
- **Friendwise.com**
- **Classmatesonline.com** – find that old friend
- **YouTube.com** – videos on just about anything
- **Xanga.com** – weblog, photos, video, friends
- **Artbreak.com** – artist share and sell their work
- **Hi5.com** – 5M in India; Latin America;
- **ORKUTS** – #1 in Brazil, Google product
- **Wikia.com** – hobbies, personal interest
- **Plaxo.com** – kinda has the feel of facebook

## PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITIES

- **Linkedin.com** – my personal favorite
- **Spoke.com** – they claim you can connect with 40 million professionals
- **Zoominfo.com** – over 45 million professionals and 5 million companies
- **Ryze.com** -500,000 members in more than 200 countries.
- **MySpace.com** – yes, companies/entertainment and more advertise
- **Fastpitchnetworking.com** – market your business online
- **Wecando.biz** – sales leads and referrals
- **FohBoh.com** – a restaurant community
- **Xing.com** – Popular in Europe
- **Jigsaw.com** – directory of companies and business companies professionals

## Chat and Text messaging:

[http://searchcrm.techtargget.com/sDefinition/0,,sid11\\_gci211776,00.html](http://searchcrm.techtargget.com/sDefinition/0,,sid11_gci211776,00.html)

<http://gei.aerobaticsweb.org/smileys.html>

[www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)

<http://www.wikipedia.com>

## Other Places to check out:

- **Archive.org** – archive of 85 billion website pages, dates back to 1996. This is your digital library of the internet and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Most will know this as the “way back machine”
- **beyondweird.com/cookbook** – fun site for new ideas (lol)
- **Crimeanalysts.com** – crime mapping for various states
- **Yoname.com** – be careful if you search by email it lets the person know that they are being searched (not who is searching just that they are being searched)
- **snopes.com** – those silly emails you get about all the bad stuff. This is for all those urban legends floating around.
- **Vitals.com** – information on doctors
- **Copyscape.com** – this checks like a hash for duplicate webpages

## News searches:

- **Techdirt.com** – news blog on news stories about technology, government policy, and legal issues that may affect companies’ growth.
- **Reddit.com** – collection of online news and other fun things

- **Newsvine.com** – online news
- **Stumbleupon.com** – this site covers news, art, technology, science and many other topics plus personal recommendations from members
- **Buzzdup.com** – they cater to the tech community and users submit their favorite stories and links
- **Onlinenewspapers.com** – this is great if you like your newspaper on line...there are thousands to choose from

### **Business Searches:**

- **Manta.com** – company profiles
- **Crnz.com/directory/** – directory of 40K worldwide public companies. You can search by country or industry
- **Google translate** – you know when you are search for a company with google and it pulls up looking like this: ???100???hong kong????(search word)????(another English word you know)and more?????. Well don't forget that **[translate this page]** to the right of the header. It may not be the most perfect translation but read through and you can still get some information that may be great leads for additional research.
- **Hoovers.com** – you can get (very) basic free information or if you don't want to get a subscription, purchase an on demand full report for about \$99. They have 28 million private and public companies.

### **Parental Control Software**

- **Netnanny.com**
- **Spectorsoft.com** - Spector Pro and EBlaster (popular with probation officers to watch offenders)
- **Opendns.org**
- **K9webprotection.com**
- **Snoopstick.com**

I would recommend this article from PC Magazine for other recommendations and reviews:

<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2145416,00.asp>

## Tools for Capturing

- Acrobat – don't forget this is not perfect, watch your margins (may need to use landscape), it does not pick up multi layers, it is not only great for page captures, but capturing an entire website, [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com)
- Snagit 8 – great for capturing a region, window, full screen, webpage and webpage keeping links plus more - [www.techsmith.com](http://www.techsmith.com)
- Camtasia Studio – great for capturing video- [www.techsmith.com](http://www.techsmith.com)

## Something new and productive:

**WebCase** – new product that shows to be very exciting for the online investigator (corp edition and law enforcement edition). They have **a 30 day free trial** plus online video training. Check out their website for additional information - [www.veresoftware.com](http://www.veresoftware.com)

All,

*I hope this helps you out. If you have any questions feel free to email me at [cynthia@finnegans-way.com](mailto:cynthia@finnegans-way.com) Plus if you have any sites to share, please do. I would be happy to add it to my next updated handout. Comments are welcome as well.*

Thanks,  
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*P.S.- Folks I did my best to self-edit, but I am confident that there will be mistakes! Apologies to you all...*