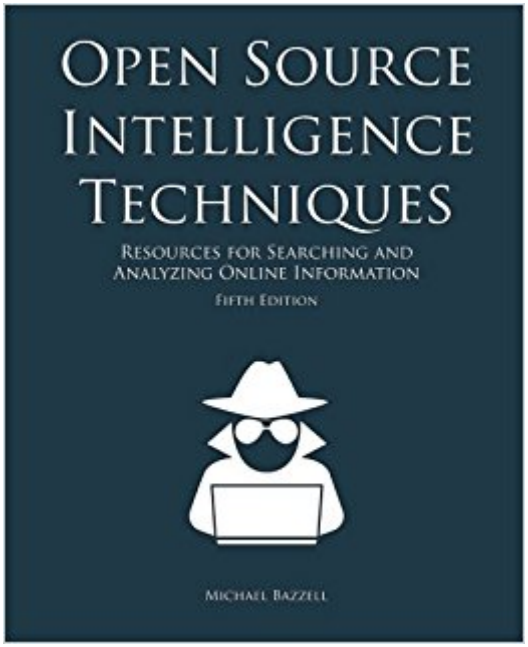
Open Source Intelligence Techniques: Resources For Searching And Analyzing Online Information



Synopsis

Fifth Edition Sheds New Light on Open Source Intelligence Collection and Analysis.Author Michael Bazzell has been well known and respected in government circles for his ability to locate personal information about any target through Open Source Intelligence (OSINT). In this book, he shares his methods in great detail. Each step of his process is explained throughout sixteen chapters of specialized websites, application programming interfaces, and software solutions. Based on his live and online video training at IntelTechniques.com, over 250 resources are identified with narrative tutorials and screen captures. This book will serve as a reference guide for anyone that is responsible for the collection of online content. It is written in a hands-on style that encourages the reader to execute the tutorials as they go. The search techniques offered will inspire analysts to "think outside the box" when scouring the internet for personal information.Ã Â Much of the content of this book has never been discussed in any publication. Always thinking like a hacker, the author has identified new ways to use various technologies for an unintended purpose. This book will improve anyone's online investigative skills. Among other techniques, you will learn how to locate:Ã Â Hidden Social Network ContentÃ Â Cell Phone Subscriber InformationÃ Â Deleted Websites & PostsÃ Â Missing Facebook Profile DataÃ Â Full Twitter Account DataÃ Â Alias Social Network ProfilesÃ Â Free Investigative SoftwareÃ Â Useful Browser ExtensionsÃ Â Alternative Search Engine ResultsÃ Â Website Owner InformationÃ Â Photo GPS & MetadataLive StreamingÃ Â Social ContentSocial Content by LocationÃ Â IP Addresses of UsersÃ Â Additional User AccountsÃ Â Sensitive Documents & PhotosÃ Â Private Email AddressesÃ Â Duplicate Video PostsÃ Â Mobile App Network DataÃ Â Unlisted Addresses & #sÃ Â Public Government RecordsÃ Â Document MetadataÃ Â Rental Vehicle ContractsÃ Â Online Criminal ActivityÃ Â Personal Radio CommunicationsÃ Â Compromised Email InformationÃ Â Wireless Routers by LocationÃ Â Hidden Mapping ApplicationsÃ Â Dark Web Content (Tor)Ã Â Restricted YouTube ContentÃ Â Hidden Website DetailsÃ Â Vehicle Registration Details

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Customer Reviews

Michael Bazzell spent 18 years as a government computer crime investigator. During the majority of that time, he was assigned to the FBIÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Cyber Crimes Task Force where he focused on open source intelligence, hacking cases, and personal data removal methods. As an active investigator for multiple organizations, he has been involved in numerous high-tech criminal investigations including online child solicitation, child abduction, kidnapping, cold-case homicide, terrorist threats, and high level computer intrusions. He has trained thousands of individuals in the use of his investigative techniques and privacy control strategies.

Intelligence analysts and investigators who use the powerful online search techniques taught by Michael Bazzell will welcome the just-released fourth edition of his book "Open Source Intelligence Techniques." But itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not just for spooks and sleuths. A very broad spectrum of society can benefit from following this guide on how to extract open, often sensitive, information about others from the Internet through use of legal, many times unknown, databases, search tricks, and roundabout methods. No illegal breaking into accounts is advocated. Just knowing how and where to search is enough. Some, no doubt, will be alarmed at learning whatÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“out thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• about them. But others should find great benefit in learning how to find out the truth, good or bad, about the people, businesses and institutions that make up our world.This is a rich update with nearly 40 pages devoted to extracting intelligence from the motherlode social network Facebook (1 Billion plus members and counting) in spite of roadblocks Facebook created when it changed its "Graph" search interface in late 2014. Bazzell has created a custom search tool that can be used free, by anyone, to conduct investigations on Facebook. And he has created Google custom search engines ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ also free -- for probing many other social resources including Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, dating sites, telephone number and address databases, and photo metadata. Maybe you would like to create your own Google custom search engine, tailored to the sites you want to explore? Bazzell shows you exactly how to do it (and itÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s not difficult).ThereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a separate section

devoted to Android "emulation." It explains how to make a laptop or desktop computer simulate a smartphone to conduct investigations with apps designed to operate only on mobile devices (e.g., Snapchat, Tinder, and Kik). He describes the impracticality of using smartphones with tiny screens and limited functions to conduct investigations that may need to be documented with screen captures, videos, and extensive notes.A large section of the book describes free Windows ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“portableÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• programs that are appropriate for intelligence gathering. Also a portable edition of Firefox browser configured for online investigations. These can be downloaded to, and run from, a USB drive or digital memory card. [Investigators with Mac and Linux systems can run the Windows programs by using virtualization software]. Bazzell makes these programs and browser add-ons available to people enrolled in his online training program through his Inteltechniques.com website. However, readers of the book, if they want them, will need to assemble the materials on their own since the book only identifies the names and functions of the programs.Bazzell draws on an 18-year police career in Illinois, where he was assigned to the FBI Cyber Crimes Task Force, in revealing hundreds of practical techniques for extracting Internet intelligence about subjects who range from the lowest fraudsters and scoundrels to everyday honest individuals who are being checked for trusted jobs and personal or business relationships. Many will be surprised, others shocked, by the clear, candid explanations of how to legally crack telephone numbers and addresses; investigate websites, domains and IP addresses; identify and track individuals who hide behind aliases; geolocate people (determine their latitude/longitude coordinates) through their smartphone interaction with various social network sites (e.g. Twitter, Foursquare, Instagram, Flickr); use maps, street view images and satellite imagery in investigations; and conduct deep investigations of most anything that appears on the Internet. Of course, thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s more. ThereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s a good tutorial on basic search engine use (many people have no clue how to construct an effective search ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Å“queryÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã Â• and, therefore, donÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t retrieve good answers). And thereÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s good coverage of the search engines themselves.The usual suspects ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ Google, Bing and Yahoo ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ are referenced throughout the book. But searchers in the future may want to also include the big Russian and Chinese search engines, Yandex and Baidu. One of BazzellÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s free custom search engines (on his website) searches all of these, plus 10 more simultaneously. He recommends using the Firefox browser.This is a book that should be within armÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s reach of every investigator, particularly in the United States inasmuch as the Internet is heavy on US-centric resources. It represents a continuing 5-Star effort by Michael Bazzell.

A whole lot of information about internet research that you will not find easily elsewhere.

I am speechless. I had written my own book on this subject and was about to publish it when I found this gem. It is great to know there is somebody out there who takes enough pride in his work to produce such a detailed and useful manual. I use the search interfaces on the accompanying website daily to uncover fraud in my line of work and have been referring others to these resources. Thank you again MIchael, and I look forward to buying all books you bring out in the future!! :-)

Like many former government employees, their best work is done after leaving government service. Thank you, Michael!

There are many books of this type out there but this book blows all of them out of the water a must read for anyone in IT Sec

Great book if you really want to make yourself invisible on the internet. Michael is an amazing Speaker and his 3 books are amazing. And it all works. I know first hand

2 chapters in and it’s already information overload. Buy this books if you work for PD, as a pi, or in police dispatch. These resources will help you locate people and posts you never would have found otherwise

...knowledge is valuable. I didn’t learn MUCH, but I did learn a couple of things. Not a bad investment..

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