

Implementing PC Security

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Personal Information on the Web

10 points

It is amazing, and maybe a little disturbing, to find how much information about you is available on the web. This lab will help you discover what information about you is available on the web, **for free** in many cases.

1. Open your web browser and go to www.google.com.
2. Enter your name in the search box. To search more accurately, surround your name with quotes.
3. If there are any sites related to you, list the web addresses below. If there aren't, complete exercise 3. (Alternative) below.

Is there any information you wish weren't available on the web? If so, describe it (generally) below.

3. (Alternative) Search for "Herb Kronholm". List the web sites that refer to me (the ones in English) **that are not related to my school web site.**

4. Enter your phone number (including area code) into the Google search box. If Google did not find your phone number, try entering your parents phone number.

Does it disturb you (or would it disturb you) to find the information related to your phone number on the web? Why or why not?

5. Use Google's map feature to locate your address. Check out the satellite feature of Google maps.
6. Use two different search engines to search for your name and phone number. Some options include: www.yahoo.com www.lycos.com www.altavista.com www.goto.com www.metacrawler.com

Which search engine had the most information about you?

7. In addition to search engines, many web sites provide access (again, often free of charge) to information that is available in public records. Use at least two of the links below to look for information on yourself.

PeopleFinders.com
Find.intelius.com
www.whitepages.com
phone.people.yahoo.com

Were you successful? What types of information did you find?

8. Do you know of any other web sites that provide personal information? If so, list them below.

These are other sites provided by students. Check some of them out.

www.ussearch.com
www.anywho.com
www.familysearch.org

*similar to PeopleFinders
basic info, links to ClassMates and US Search
Church of Latter Day Saints sponsored, limited
effectiveness*