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Do you need to locate someone and all you have is a phone number? Did you know that it is possible to take advantage of many online tools, some of them free, in order to do a reverse phone number search and find the name and address of the person that you are looking for.

The first thing you need to do is to determine whether or not the phone number of the person is a landline or a cell phone number. Fonefinder.net is a free tool that allows you to quickly find this out.

The next step is to use Google. One of the best sources to do a free reverse look-up for landline numbers is the Google search engine. If you type in the phone number in the format (XXX) XXX-XXXX, the name and address of the owner will often come up in the search engine results. This is often all that is necessary to find the information that you are looking for but if this does not produce a result then there are other tools to consider.

Some of these services are available for free. Here are a few to consider:

Anywho.

<http://www.anywho.com/rl.html>

This site also allows you to type in a phone number for free and search for a matching name and address.

PhoneNumber.com

http://www.phonenumber.com/reverse_phone.xhtml

SmartPages.com

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<http://www.smartpages.com/whitepages/?wppage=reverse-phone>

Whitepages.com

<http://www.whitepages.com/1129/reverse-phone>

Reverse Phone Directory.

<http://www.reversephonedirectory.com/>

This site allows you to search one phone number in several different online directories, including

"White Pages," "Phone Number," and "InfoSpace."

Please bear in mind that the information is only available of the name of the person to whom the phone number is registered. Also none of these sites provide information for cell phone numbers or unlisted numbers.

Okay, so how then do we go about locating the owner of an unlisted number? And what about cell phones – is it possible to find out who a particular cell phone number belongs to? Reverse cell phone lookup has always been more difficult than reversing landline numbers.

Well you could consider one of the many commercial "private detective services" that will help locate someone for you. Prices vary but typically you could pay \$85 or more for this type of service. Usually the company will offer a refund if they cannot obtain the information for you.

There is one another option and that is to become your own private detective! The key here is to learn how to access the various online databases that are used by private investigators, law firms, police departments, businesses and individuals all around the world. Examples of some of these online databases include State and County public records, Court records, credit reports and so on. These records will often yield the information that you are looking for.

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Reverse Dictionary – Ever asked yourself "Whats the word for..."

By Jarrod Hunt

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I just happened to stumble on a pretty interesting tool today.

I was trying to find a word for "People that are behind the times" for my previous blog post. I did a couple of searches in Google without avail and eventually started scouring for a tool that did a reverse lookup on a word. A tool where I would give the definition, and it would give me some words that matched that definition. What I discovered was Onelook.com's Reverse Dictionary.

Reverse Dictionaries allow you to "Describe a concept" in order to find words that match that description.

Cool Stuff, especially for all of us non-harvard graduates.

What I find the most interesting though is all of the uses for this tool. It is actually a very smart search engine. You would be suprized the sort of answers you could get from asking a variety of questions. Here are some of potential applications that OneLook describes:

- Find a word, when you know its definition, [or a portion of the definition].
- Explore related concepts. Baseball, clouds, cities.
- Generate a list of words in some category. I.E. Large Birds, Green fruit, Canadian authors.
- Answer basic indentification questions. What is the capital of Vietnam, Who is big birds friend on Sesame Street. What is the longest River in the world

In actuality Onelook is indexing much more then just dictionaries to find these answers. They index encyclopedia's and other reference sites as well.

I dont know about you guys, but if I had a very large amount of money, I might consider trying to buy their technology. There are a lot of times I wish the major search engines could do some of the stuff that they are. Ask.com (askjeeves) does some of this, but you cant get lists from Ask, its usually websites that come up that require you to sift through several pages to find your answers.

For all of you content mongers out there, this sort of technology could feed some very interesting sites.

I would love to see some sort of API.

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