Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) Collection on Organizations

Identify what information can be collected online regarding your firm which could potentially be exploitable:

Organization Website _____

(mission statement; size; location(s); key personnel with bio and pictures; career opportunities)

Wayback Machine _____

https://archive.org/web/

(changes in website over time)

Job Postings _____

(revealing details regarding IT systems/programs, qualities of ideal candidates)

Glassdoor.com _____

(employee morale in the organization)

Confidential Documents _____

(google search “name of organization” and “pdf”)

Google Earth _____

(facility access controls/businesses in immediate area)

Social Media _____

(Pictures uploaded by employees)

Identification of Insiders _____

(LinkedIn/organization website/google searches)

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Additional OSINT Resources

opencorporates – the largest open database of companies in the world
https://opencorporates.com/

Hoover Online - free and subscription-based information on companies
https://www.hoover.com

Dun & Bradstreet – frequently updated information on worldwide companies; free as well as fee-based services
https://www.dnb.com

Corporate Information - free and subscription-based information for companies across all countries
https://www.corporateinformation.com/

Privco.com – predominantly fee based, focus on private companies
https://www.privco.com/

Bloomberg – news stories on companies as well as related financial data
https://www.bloomberg.com

Secretary of State Websites - very useful for researching companies incorporated within a specific state
https://www.thebalancesmb.com/secretary-of-state-websites-1201005

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) – information on all publicly held corporations to include public filings
https://www.sec.gov

GuideStar – the world's largest information resource on nonprofit organizations
https://www.guidestar.org/

Directory of Associations - list of all local, state, national and international Professional Associations and Chambers of Commerce
https://www.directoryofassociations.com/

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Education Corner – lists over 7,000 colleges and universities across the U.S. providing their profile and associated links
https://www.educationcorner.com/colleges-universities.html

U.S. Municipalities - identification of state by state municipalities and links to their websites
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Lists_of_towns_in_the_United_States

U.S. State Governments – links to state government programs and offices
https://www.usa.gov/states-and-territories

U.S. Federal Government – links to all federal government departments and agencies
https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies

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