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# Internet Research Skills for Financial Investigators™

E-Learning Timeframe: 40-60 hrs | complete within 1 year

With economic or financial crime costing the UK billions per year, it has become essential for Financial Investigators to be able to effectively locate information online, both swiftly and safely.

While general Internet research appears simple, the Web can be very difficult to navigate when searching for timely, accurate and actionable intelligence. Further, the complexities of the Internet can produce missing information, and the safety, integrity or privacy of investigators may be compromised if they are unaware of the inherent risks that come with online investigation.

This comprehensive Internet research and intelligence e-learning programme will equip Financial Investigators with the knowledge and techniques required to use the Internet as an Open Source Intelligence, research and investigation tool.

## COURSE OUTLINE

### MODULE 1

Investigators are guided through many of the advanced search features of both popular and lesser-known search engines and similar search portals. Learn about:

- “Boolean” and “Enforced Term Operators”
- Meta search tools
- Web directories
- Deep Web search
- Browser options and configuration
- Internet global language distribution
- Differences between the Internet and the World Wide Web

### MODULE 2

Building on Module 1 skills, this second module introduces investigators to the principles of open source research and the intelligence analysis process.

- Guidelines for the critical analysis of Internet-sourced information and dissemination of research results
- The structure of Hypertext Markup Language (HTML)
- How search engines index individual documents
- Tools for website scanning, downloading and translating
- The Internet Archive
- Identification of, and search for, IP addresses
- WHOIS lookups
- Online data storage tools (critical to the preservation and integrity of online-sourced materials and evidence)

## PRICE

Course: **£366/person**

(plus VAT where applicable)

Corporate rates, group discounts & licensing options are available. Contact us directly for a quote.

## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER

- Contact the National Crime Agency:  
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- Contact us:  
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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Only UK-based investigators in the Financial Services industry are eligible

## TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Students must have a computer capable of accessing:

- The World Wide Web
- Email

Students must have a basic working knowledge of:

- A Web Browser: Internet Explorer, Safari, or Mozilla Firefox
- A PDF Reader (Adobe Reader v7.0 or above)  
[Download for free](#)

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### MODULE 3

While delving into online environments that may be interactive, avoid detection by anticipating pitfalls and concealing your identity with:

- **Use of proxy servers and Web-based anonymising tools**

Piece together a “big picture” from fragmented information gleaned from “user-generated content” sites, such as:

- **Forums, discussion groups, blogs**

Understand the online “footprint” that is left behind when navigating through the Web. Ensure online safety and security while doing investigations, with:

- **Desktop firewalls**
- **Browser security updates**
- **Spyware detection and removal utilities**

Demonstrations, case studies, and interactive practical exercises accelerate learning, along with the examination of Web server log files and temporary Internet files.

### MODULE 4

Focusing on the future of the Information Age, investigators will explore Web 2.0 & 3.0 technology and take advantage of the attitudes and practices of the new generation of Internet users.

- **Email tracing, automated feeds, online chat and instant messaging**
- **Online media**
- **Mobile communication technology, wireless Internet access and Internet-specific crime trends**
- **Online gaming sites, where real money expended in a virtual environment creates a new area of engagement for the justice system**

Examine personal privacy and data security, in relation to:

- **Identity theft – including phishing, pharming, blue-jacking and others**
- **Online auctions**
- **Investigative aids, such as RSS feeds and other automated search technology**

Utilise essential “aide memoirs” which provide a framework for all online financial investigations.

- **“Online Investigator’s Checklist™”**
- **“Online Research Framework™”**



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### WHO BENEFITS?

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- **Investigative Professionals**
- **Financial Service Institutions**
- **Accountancy Firms**
- **Insurance Providers**
- **Gaming Agencies**
- **Investment Managers**
- **Law Enforcement**
- **Regulators**
- **Debt Collectors**
- **Legal Practitioners**



TII's extensive global network of online research professionals has created, and maintains, a huge collaborative database of the world's best tools and resources for online Open Source Intelligence (OSINT) and research professionals.

The **Premium Resources Knowledge Base** contains thousands of resources for locating people, places, things, social media content, live streaming data, images, videos, live online communication, geo-location tools, proxy servers and more!

TII's Premium Resources Knowledge Base is the definitive gateway to the best online research resources available, accessible through a custom-designed, powerful and interactive interface.

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#### ADVANTAGES OF E-LEARNING

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- Higher retention
- Reduced training time
- Flexible, self-paced learning
- Access to a qualified personal instructor
- Cost-effective
- Content is delivered in smaller, manageable units
- Location & time is at the convenience of the student
- Travel & associated expenses are eliminated

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#### CURRENCY OF MATERIAL

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TII courses are continually updated to stay accurate and current; however, Internet content changes very quickly, so some information may become obsolete prior to course completion. Errors, broken links or outdated material should be reported to your course instructor and will be remedied immediately.

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**Disclaimer:** Please note that our courses do NOT provide guidance on law and legislation in relation to information gathered during the course of an online investigation. Please ensure that you are familiar with appropriate legislation governing collection, analysis, dissemination and storage of information obtained online relating to individuals, groups and organisations prior to proceeding with any online investigation.

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## About TII:

With a global client base ranging from government agencies to members of the Fortune 500, Toddington International Inc. ("TII") has been enabling its customers to find and use online information more effectively since 1997.

Backed by over a decade and a half of experience providing advanced Internet intelligence services to a range of law enforcement agencies, in addition to private sector clients in the financial services, petrochemical, pharmaceutical and manufacturing industries, TII develops and delivers comprehensive, highly acclaimed classroom-based and e-learning programs that enable frontline investigative and research professionals to **find better online information, in less time, at less cost, with less risk™**.

Our team of trusted associates includes highly qualified investigators, intelligence analysts, psychologists, educators, legal practitioners and other professionals, all of whom maintain the highest standards of integrity.

*"The success of every student is our priority, and we work diligently to produce and maintain the very best training materials in a format that is effective, enjoyable, interesting and easily understood."*

Julie Clegg, President, TII



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