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Intelligence: OSINT

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This Webinar focuses on the concept of OSINT and how to become familiar with this Methodology that is drastically changing Intelligence since several years

OSINT (Open Source Intelligence) was probably in use since forever, therefore 25 years ago it was turning Very popular due to to enhance capabilities provided by modern open sources of information. Therefore after 9/11 it was promoted the idea to create *Open Source Intelligence Agencies* and *Special Directorate* on existing ones (e.g. CIA). US DNI and DoD jointly defined OSINT as an analysis “**produced from publicly available information that is collected, exploited, and disseminated in a timely manner to an appropriate audience for the purpose of addressing a specific intelligence requirement**”. It is evident that nowadays the capabilities provided by this methodological approach are impressive and could be used by a large set of users including **Governmental & International Agencies, Military Users, Companies**, etc.

OSINT sources have the interesting characteristics that they are legally accessible to the public without violation of any regulations, law or privacy, opening this activities to private companies interested in taking advantage of exploiting these resources to acquire information about competitors and markets.

At the same time, it is necessary to consider that **OSINT** could be used by antagonists to support their activities, for instance by **Penetration Testers, Black Hat Hackers** using social engineering attacks. In similar way **Privacy-conscious People** use it to control how *outsiders* can get into their computing devices and to check their online exposure level respect security gaps by eliminating private data inadvertently published. In facts, also *Terrorist Organizations* use extensively **OSINT** to plan their attacks.

So as in all **Intelligence Analysis Activities**, it is very important to develop **Capabilities** to act in different ways to **maintain a competitive advantage** respect other players and to pursue the goal of your own organization.

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