

Internet As An Investigative Tool

***Cut Costs, Save Time,
Know More & Do More***

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Top Ten Tools, Techniques Concepts & Methods

- ◆ **Precision searching & search commands**
- ◆ **Metasearch**
- ◆ **Automatic information gathering & alerts**
- ◆ **Free public records**
- ◆ **Free software & services**
- ◆ **More efficient use of software**
- ◆ **PROActive information management**



Precision Search

Quote marks/exact phrase

Minus sign - To eliminate pages with -words

OR – Search one or more keywords

link: Shows other sites that LINK TO the target site

site: Restricts search to the target site

Advanced Search Form

Metasearch Examples

General Metasearch

People Metasearch

Social Net Metasearch

**Combined
De-duplicated
Search
Results**

**Search
Engine
1**

**Search
Engine
2**

**Metasearch
Site**

**Search
Engine
3**

**Search
Engine
4**

Automatic Information Gathering & Alerts

Custom Home Page on the Web

The easiest and fastest way to implement these tools is to set up a custom [iGoogle](#) or [MyYahoo](#) page.

Google News Alerts

Sent by email when news articles appear online that match the topics you specify. Advanced news search is available. [Google News](#)

Really Simple Syndication (RSS) Feeds

RSS feeds can be set up easily if you have a custom page like [MyYahoo](#)

Set Up A Mobile Alert

Register your cell phone in your Yahoo Account and receive [Mobile Alerts](#)

Fee v Free

A Mindset???

Aviation License - Knowx.com vs FAA Airmen search

Federal Court Records – Accurint vs PACER (8¢ search)

Corporate “Insiders” Hoovers.com (D&B) vs SEC.gov

Neighbors – Accurint vs WhitePages.com

Profession and Trade Licenses – LexisNexis vs CLEAR

SSDI - Knowx.com vs Rootsweb.com

It may take more time to go to individual sites but the sources of public records usually provide more complete and up-to-date results.

Freeware On My Laptop...

- ◆ AVG antivirus
- ◆ CCleaner
- ◆ Disk Investigator
- ◆ Google Desktop
- ◆ OpenOffice
- ◆ Spybot Search & Destroy
- ◆ Winpatrol

Best place to find, review and download freeware: download.com

Browser Shortcuts & Tools

Highlight and copy (**Ctrl+C**)

Switch windows (**Alt+Tab**) to a document

Paste (**Ctrl+V**) selected info from Internet into document

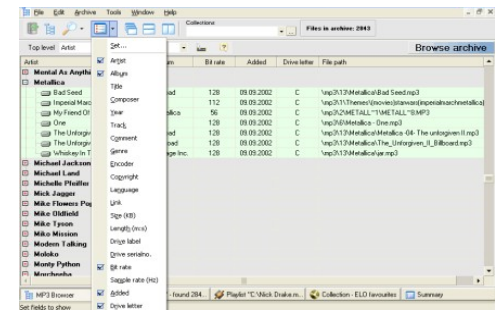
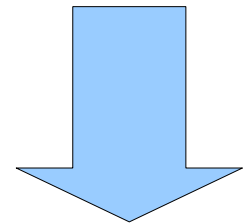
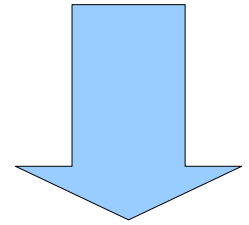
Keyboard Shortcuts: **Firefox & Internet Explorer Toolbars, Google Add-ons? Mozilla & Internet Explorer Extensions**

Browser Toolbars

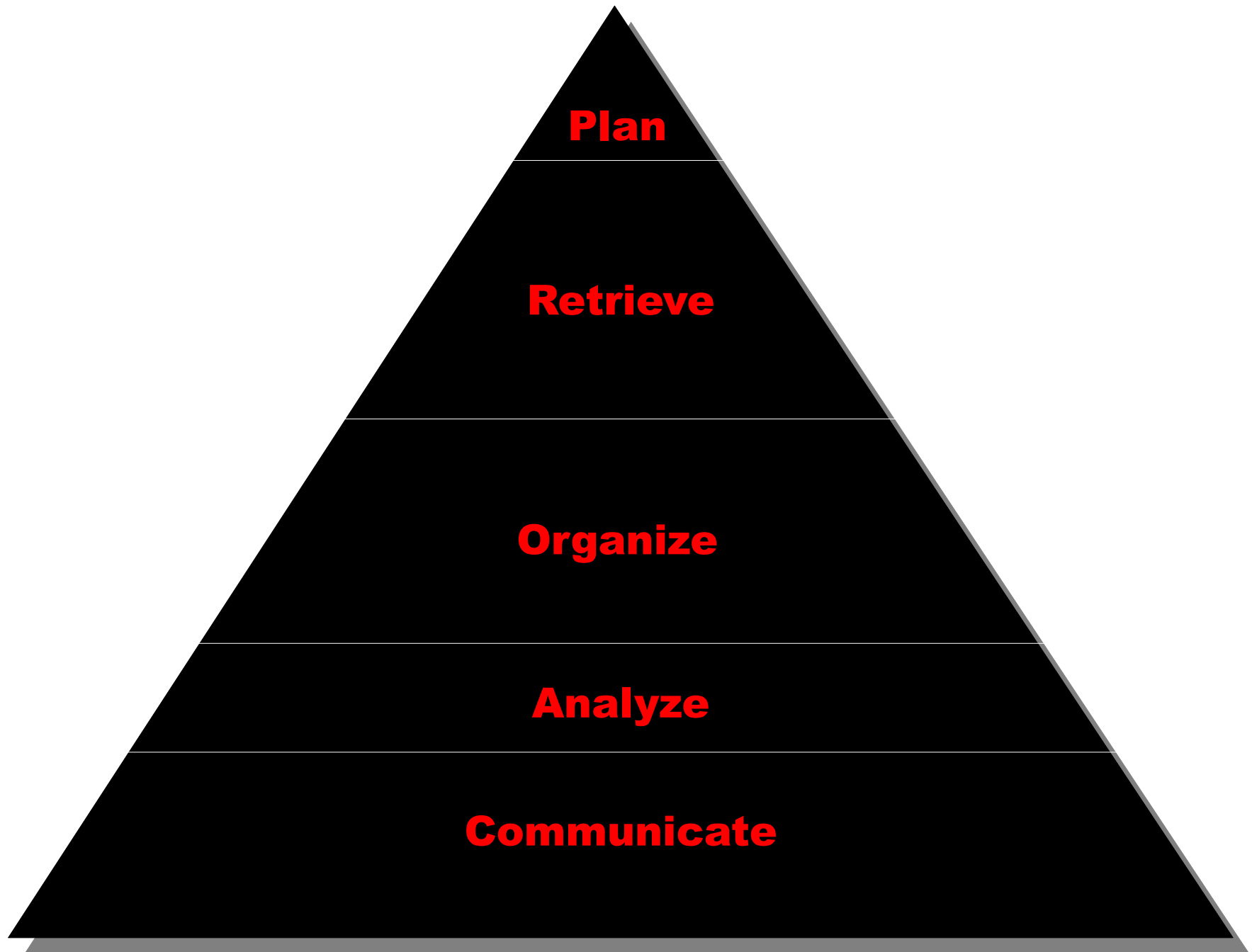
- ◆ **Advanced Searchbar**
- ◆ **Alexa**
- ◆ **Google**
- ◆ **Investigative Toolbar**
- ◆ **Public Records**
- ◆ **Firefox Super Search**

Tools For Internet Capture

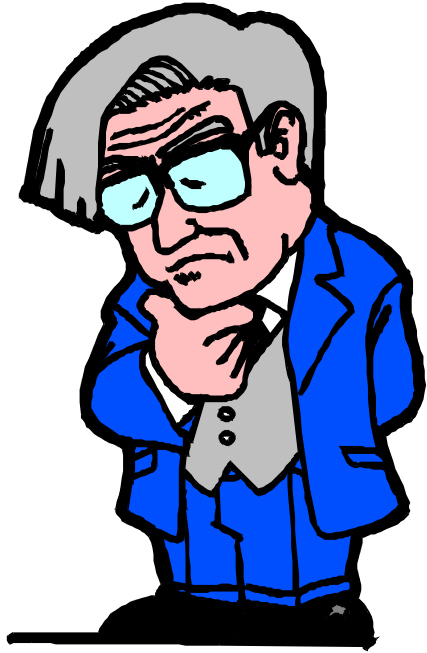
- ◆ Document Conversions
- ◆ Download Managers
- ◆ Firefox add-ons
- ◆ Internet Explorer add-ons
- ◆ pdfdownload
- ◆ Screengrab



PROActive Process



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