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## Beware of "People-Finder" Sites

Everyone knows there's a vast amount of information on the Internet, but not everyone is aware of how much of their own personal information is easily available. "People-finder" or "white pages" sites such as Spokeo and Pipl offer up a surprising amount of information about ordinary individuals – where they've lived, who their relatives might be, even what their house is worth (see accompanying article).

Because the information is taken from public sources, it's perfectly legal. That doesn't make it any less creepy when you search for yourself on one of these sites and can easily find detailed information. And, given what a treasure trove such sites could be for identity thieves, there's good reason to get your name removed from them. So how do you do it?

First, visit various people-finder sites and find out if your personal information is listed. You have to go to each individual site and ask to have your name taken off. Here are a few to consider: Spokeo, Pipl, Rapleaf, Intelius, PrivateEye. Opt-out procedures can vary from relatively quick online processes to tedious.

For websites that don't offer a removal option, send them an email. Clearly state in the email that you want to all of your information removed from their site. Sending the email to several people at the website may help to get a quicker response. As a precaution, if these sites ask for an email address where they can reach you, don't give out the address you use for your personal correspondence – set up a junk mail address and use that one instead. When it comes to these sites, the less information they have to link your online life to your real life, the better.

Remember that search engines often collect your information when you register at a website, or sometimes even when you purchase online. And with the growing number of people-finder sites, it's more important than ever to be careful what you post on the Internet to protect your personal information.

*This article and "New Banking Attack" were condensed from **trendmicro.com**. Trend Micro provides the core technology behind OCS OfficeScan, the optional anti-virus utility that runs transparently for OCS subscribers.*

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HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY THE OCS CENTRAL SYSTEM  
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## What's My Home Worth?



It used to be that the only way to monitor your home's value was to periodically contact a real estate agent, who could then access the local MLS (Multiple Listing Service) to check recent listings and sales to help establish current market value.

It's much easier now, thanks to the handy website at **zillow.com**. Tapping many of the same databases that agents use, Zillow can show listings and recent sales surrounding your property and help assess your home's current value.

In today's volatile market, Zillow provides an easy (and free) way to keep a general watch on the trends in your neighborhood. A Realtor will ultimately be the best source when you're ready to buy or sell, but Zillow can definitely help with your preliminary research.

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## New Banking Attack

It's no wonder that paying bills and banking online is growing in popularity. After all, it's easier for many people than writing a check, addressing and mailing an envelope, or driving to the bank. Unfortunately, for the same reasons online banking sites are also becoming prime targets for cybercriminals.

For example, the new "OddJob" Trojan virus actually lets a hacker piggyback on a live banking session, enabling them to perform whatever operations the victim is authorized to do. The hacker can also keep the banking session open after the victim tries to close it.

Risking your use of the Internet without quality anti-virus protection is like leaving your doors unlocked in a dangerous neighborhood. The Internet can be amazingly useful, but as in anything else realistic precautions must be observed.

## Online Backup: A Bandwidth Hog

OCS has been in the computer business for nearly 30 years, and for each and every client we have always stressed the importance of regular backup.

New Internet-based technologies like Carbonite, Mozy and DropBox make this process extremely easy, since once the user is signed up it's all automatic and he/she doesn't have to

do anything.

However, these backup companies don't have to pay for the bandwidth their customers consume. In a recent example, an OCS subscriber was surprised to receive a customer service call regarding his unusual spike in bandwidth usage. He had started using DropBox to synchronize large files between multiple computers, which multiplied his bandwidth usage.

Like Netflix, online backup is an idea that the Internet was never designed or intended to be used for. If you decide to give these services a try, be sure to monitor your bandwidth usage and decide whether the extra charges are worth it.

### Tired of satellite or Clearwire? You're not alone ...

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- Springville
- Pleasant Valley
- River Island
- Globe Drive
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- Lindsay
- Exeter
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- Visalia East
- Yokohl Valley
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- Delano East



### Fan Mail

"OCS is beyond comparison with any other ISP. Excellence in service and customer care are rare these days." -LN

"Our company has several business clients who are having too many problems and reliability issues with [another wireless ISP], and we like to refer them to OCS because we know your reputation." -KM

## OACYS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

Plan Name	Average Speeds			B-M-W <sup>1</sup>	One-Time Fees			Monthly Service
	Min	Typ	Max		Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	
1 Bandwidth-Mailboxes-Webpace (see notes)								
<b>DIALUP</b>	26K	40K	53K	1-5-5	25.00	-	-	24.95
<b>Accelerator</b>	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
<b>WIRELESS   STANDARD 2.4 GHz</b>								
<b>24 Basic</b>	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	49.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>24 Premium</b>	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	79.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>24 Business</b>	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>WIRELESS   SPECIAL CASES 900 MHz (where available)</b>								
<b>900 Basic</b>	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	59.95 <sup>4,5</sup>
<b>WIRELESS   MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)</b>								
<b>58 Premium</b>	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	99.95
<b>58 Business</b>	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95
<b>58 Professional</b>	500K	2M	3M	25-25-25	25.00	100.00	100.00	159.95
<b>58 Corporate</b>	750K	3M	4M	30-30-30	25.00	100.00	100.00	199.95
<b>58 Enterprise</b>	1M	4M	5M	40-40-40	25.00	100.00	100.00	249.95

All plans include automated central email virus scanning, email spam filtering, and website parental controls. Some plan types permit webpace for personal use only. Wireless installation and deposit package may be paid in installments upon request. All speeds are symmetrical (same for upload and download) within the OACYS network only. All plans terminate at OACYS Porterville headquarters and transport to the Internet via dual T3s over dedicated OC12 fiber optic circuit. All plans subject to change without notice. Pricing and terms are current at the date of this newsletter and supersede previous versions. For footnotes 2,3,4,5 surcharges may apply. Please check with our office for additional details.

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