



The source of EMAILS and the owners of WEBSITES

A very useful tool to **trace website owners** and to confirm any **suspicious about emails**, especially spam scam emails. Practise on your own website domain name, or your friends emails to see what it turns up.

1. Go to a website – **whois.domaintools.com** – which will open up as a search box next to a button marked LOOK UP.
2. Paste in your domain name/website address or IP address that you want checked and click LOOK UP.
3. In the case of IP addresses you will instantly see **the country** involved with the IP address.
4. In the case of domain names or website addresses **you will find out the name, address, telephone number and email address** of the “registrant”, i.e. the owner of that domain name/website.

Emails

Emails are sent from IP addresses – they are the multiple numbers in 4 groups separated by dots – e.g. [123.23.234.456]

If you check the IP address of the sender of an email you can find out which country the IP address is located in. If it turns out to be USA, UK, Europe, Australia then it may be OK – you need to work that out for yourself. If you get an email purporting to be from Lloyds Bank and the IP address turns out to be from Korea – the chances are its suspicious.

To find the IP address:-

1. On an unopened email right click and select message options
2. Go to internet headers and read through to find the IP address shortly after the words RECEIVED FROM.

Or on an opened email - Go to File - Properties - Details – View Source and find the IP address.

WEBSITES or DOMAIN NAMES

I have a website www.thefraudadvisor.co.uk and from that lot my domain name is **thefraudadvisor.co.uk**. I use an email address of info@thefraudadvisor.co.uk and from that the domain name is **thefraudadvisor.co.uk**.

This searching tool is completely free, you do not have to register your details and therefore is very useful. So play around with it – check out MY details and YOUR details to see what you get back.

If you are in business or ever do online shopping you can use this to ensure you are trading with someone in a trusted country, and not from say Russia, China, Korea, and many countries in Africa.

Any questions get hold of me through my website, where you will find quite a lot of other info.

Regards,

Dick Bollard. 18th February 2011.