



Instagram is primarily a mobile app-based service for sharing images with comments.

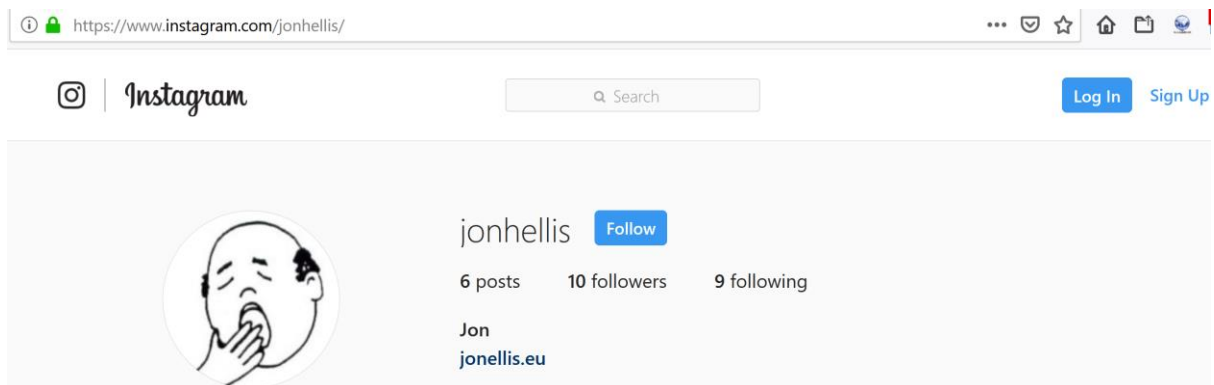
You do not need an Instagram account to search Instagram, but third party search tools may require an account to function.

On a web browser <https://www.instagram.com> does not provide a search facility, so you need to address the users account directly.

The format of an Instagram user's web address is as follows:

<https://www.instagram.com/jonhellis>

This will open the users Instagram page, if it exists.



An added bonus here, is that you will now be provided with a 'Search' box to search for other user accounts.

It is important that you establish the Instagram users **Profile Page** ID. You'll need this if the user you are investigating changes their account handle.

The process is as follows:

1. Right click on a clear area of the Instagram users page
2. Press Control + F to open a Find window
3. Enter the term '**profilepage_**' but do not press enter
4. You will see '**profilepage_**' highlighted; immediately after this is the numeric Profile Page ID of the user – see below

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