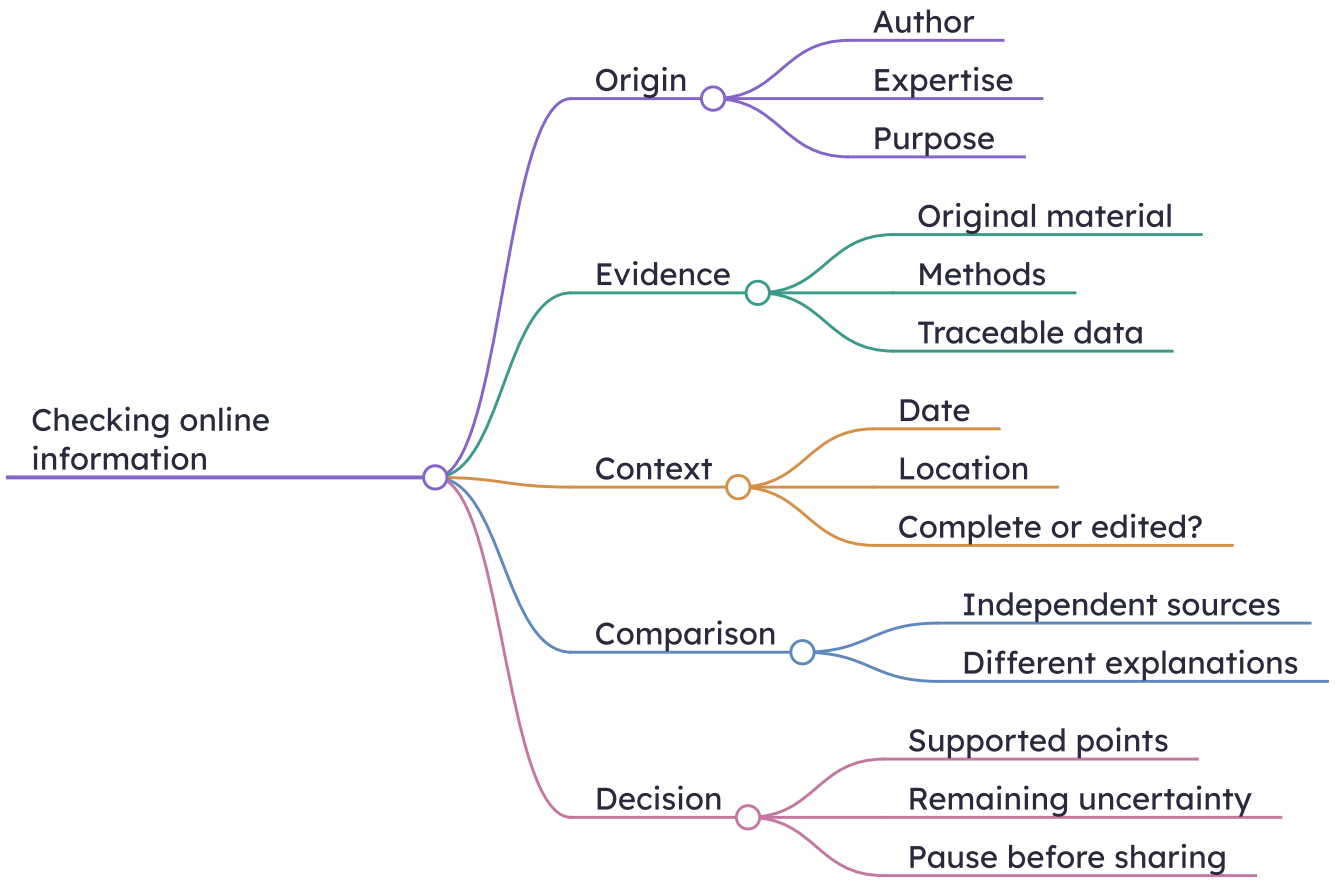
Checking online information

Trace a claim to its evidence, date, purpose, and original context.



Read one branch at a time. Then cover the details and explain them in your own words.

Understand the topic

Evaluate a source in relation to the question you want answered. Identify who produced the claim, when it appeared, and what evidence supports it. Several websites may repeat one original source rather than provide independent confirmation. An authentic image can mislead if its date or location is misrepresented.

How the map is organized

Separate origin, evidence, context, comparison, and the decision to share. Uncertainty is a valid outcome.

> **Watch out for this**
> Popularity is not independent verification. Check whether apparent confirmations all trace back to one unsupported post.

Try it yourself

Choose a public claim without personal information. Find the original source and date, then record two supported points and one unresolved question.

Two questions to answer

Ten sites copying one claim provide…

Repeated publication does not make evidence independent.

How can an authentic photo mislead?

The accompanying context may be false even when the image is genuine.

Sources

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