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LinkedIn Toolbar







(taken from LinkedIn.com)

LinkedIn is an online network of over 20 million professionals that continues to grow daily

You create a professional profile summarizing and highlighting your accomplishments

You create a network of former colleagues, partners, clients, etc. It is essentially a network of trusted contacts that allows you to also connect with your contact's contacts, thus expanding your reach.







(taken from LinkedIn.com)

Using your network you can:

Search for jobs

Be found by hiring managers

Connect with those who can potentially help you in your job search







Go to <u>www.linkedin.com</u> and <u>sign up</u>.

Fill in basic information about yourself including your name, e-mail address and either where you currently work or if you are looking for work. If you are looking for work, it will ask you what industry you work in.





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You will then see a page asking how you want to use LinkedIn.

If you selected that you are Looking for work, it will automatically default your choices to the ones that are recommended. The ones that are suggested that you check off are shown on the next page.













You will then receive a confirmation e-mail and will be asked to verify your password.

Once you have confirmed your password, you will be shown a page that will allow you to search for connections based on your address books in Outlook, Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo, etc.

It is recommended that you do this, since you never know where a connection may lead you, but searching for connections this way is left to your discretion.





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You can also search for connections based on where you went to school and where you last worked. Again, it is recommended that you do this.







Once you have searched for possible connections, you should take some time to work on your profile. On the upper left hand side of the site, you will see a menu where you can select Profile. There you can Edit your Profile and you can also select View My Profile so that you will see what others see when they search for you.



In your profile, you should add everything that might be job search related or that you have put on your resume. You should include former positions, information about schools you attended, information on organizations you are involved with or volunteer with.

You may even upload a photo, but be sure that it is a business photo, preferably one that was professionally taken. Remember that this could be seen by potential hiring companies!

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You can also include a summary. We recommend that you copy and paste the summary that is used on your resume if you are in the job search mode.

LinkedIn essentially provides you with your very own professional web page. The site allows you to customize your address so that it includes your name, which is recommended. While you are still Editing your Profile, select the button to Edit your Public Profile Setting

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Next you will want to scroll down and make sure that the setting for your Public Profile is set at Full View. This ensures that those conducting searches for connections or potential hires will be able to see your entire profile.

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(taken from Guy Kawasaki's LinkedIn Blog)

Work on adding connections – this will increase your visibility to those doing searches for candidates

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Complete your entire work history bio – this way you will show all your experience and credentials for those who are doing searches on LinkedIn. We recommend that you again copy and paste from your resume.

Be sure to allow for a Full View on your <u>Public Profile</u>. This will come up when someone Googles you, allowing you to help control what people see about you.

(taken from Guy Kawasaki's LinkedIn Blog)

Perform searches on who works or has worked at prospective companies as well as prospective hiring managers to learn more about them. You may find you have a connection (mutual contact), similar hobbies, or went to the same school.

You can even do searches to see who previously held the position you are interviewing for by doing searches of the job title and the appropriate company and unchecking the box that says "Current Titles Only."

(taken from Guy Kawasaki's LinkedIn Blog)

You can do similar searches on prospective companies to look at how long people stay at the company or to see what their turnover is in certain positions.

You can do an advanced search using company name and unchecking "Current Companies Only."

(taken from Guy Kawasaki's LinkedIn Blog)

When you are putting together your target list of companies you might want to work at, you can also do the advanced search to look at what companies people with similar skill sets or titles as you are working at.

Put in titles and/or keywords into the advanced search to see who comes up and where they are working.

LinkedIn offers a toolbar you can download called the <u>JobsInsider</u>.

This toolbar works with your Internet Browser and popular job search sites to allow you to see if you have any connections at companies that are hiring.

The JobsInsider can be downloaded here.

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Once downloaded, go to one of the sites it works with (Monster, CareerBuilder, HotJobs, Craigslist, SimplyHired, Dice and Vault) and type in your appropriate search information.

The LinkedIn Toolbar should automatically pop-up on these sites (if not find this button **2005Insider** on your Internet Toolbar and select it).

Once you put in your search criteria and select a job that interests you, the JobsInsider will appear to the left and show you

- If anyone is in your network at the hiring company
- If you have any connections at the company
- If you have any friends that have connections at the company.

Simply click on the appropriate link to find out your connections.

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