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Introduction to LinkedIn Job Networking Web Site

Overview: This class will introduce students to the LinkedIn (pronounced Linked-In) professional networking web site. This site is designed to assist anyone in building a network of trusted professional contacts throughout the business world – no matter what your career or job status.

Student Skill Level: Intermediate/Advanced

Requirements

- Active Email account (to create a LinkedIn account)
- Good mouse skills (ability to move the mouse on the computer screen and click or double click as required with minimal assistance)
- Familiarity with Internet (frequent use of browsing web pages, clicking links)

Length: 3 hours (including 10 minute break)

Objectives

- Social Networking and Job Searching: What's the big deal?
 - Importance in today's economic market
- Define: What is LinkedIn?
 - o View a partial profile
- Create LinkedIn Profile (optional)
 - o LinkedIn Features
 - Manage Profile
 - Build Connections
 - Join Groups
 - Find Jobs
 - Gain Industry Insight (Q&A with colleagues)



Social Networking and Job Searching

So what's the big deal with social networking (online) and job searching? Well, there are a myriad of ways to meet people and find common interests – not just socially, either. It's very normal to talk about work or the job search, so why not share some professional interests online? It makes sense.

Currently, the biggest social networking site is **Facebook**. **Twitter** is also quite popular, and quite different. However, they are both web sites devoted to communication and "personal" access. Many celebrities have both Facebook and Twitter sites, and many of them actually use them from time to time (as opposed to having administrators).

Of course, celebrities are not the only ones on Facebook or Twitter – millions upon millions of people use these sites daily to keep up with family and friends, share information, play games, "write" on "walls" on the sites, and other things.

So what does this have to do with LinkedIn? I'm glad you asked.

LinkedIn started in 2003 as a **business-oriented** networking site. It focuses on **connecting people in professions**, rather than just in a social way. Many companies are looking for prospective employees to have LinkedIn profiles, and it can be another way to "meet" people in the job you'd like to do.

Business and **industry** are the priorities on LinkedIn – not games or other things. It's been described as "Facebook for grownups," because of its single-minded focus on job networking and contacts. It is an excellent way for people to "put their best foot forward" online and start making connections that could lead to employment opportunities.

Economic Outlook: Unemployment Numbers

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate is at about **3.5% as of the end of September 2022 – 5.8 million people** over 16 looking for work. The BLS defines "unemployed" as "people who are jobless, looking for jobs, and available for work" (BLS, How the Government Measures Unemployment, 2009). Notice this number doesn't count the number of people currently working part time who are trying to find full time work.

In summary, there are many, many people looking for work these days, even more than the unemployment rate suggests. It is a priority for you, the job seeker, to make yourself stand out in this climate. There are multiple ways to do this, and you should not overlook the opportunity LinkedIn provides. Creating a profile is easy (especially if you have an up-to-date resume handy!) and allows you to start managing your online presence or "personality." It doesn't matter what industry you're interested in, LinkedIn can help introduce you to other like-minded professionals!



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What is LinkedIn? How do I find a profile?

LinkedIn has about 810 million members with over 185 million in the US alone. This includes executives from all Fortune 500 companies. There are over 57 million companies listed on LinkedIn, with more than 15 million open job listings. LinkedIn is arguably the world's largest gathering of decision-makers and professionals. According to the platform, 4 out of 5 LinkedIn members drive business decisions in some form. (Aslam, 2022)



Be great at what you do.



Get started – it's free. Registration takes less than 2 minutes.

First Name	
Last Name	
Email	
Password (6 or mor	e characters)
Join Now	By clicking "Join Now" or using LinkedIn, you agree to our User Agreement and Privacy Policy.

To get a feel for this site, let's take a look at its directory. We can type in a particular name (if we know there is a profile for that person), or we could	Find a colleague:	First Name	Last Name	Search
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Kara S has a profile on LinkedIn. Type her name into the search box. Remember to use the **Tab key** on the keyboard to move from first to last name and click the **Go** button.

Linkedin

Search for someone by name:	Kara	\$ Go

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This is the brief profile you'll see if you

information that will be available to others if YOU decide to sign up. The idea is to be able to put out professional information that could help you network with other professionals or land a job.

Kara S [·] Librarian Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area Libraries	Name Search: Search for people you know from over 225 million professionals already on LinkedIn. First Name Last Name Example: Kara Stock
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Email address	Carol B Chief Operating Officer: Buffalo and
Password	Becca Bi Reference and Instruction Librarian at
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Click the Join Now button.	Password (6 or more characters) Join Now By clicking "Join Now" or using LinkedIn, you agree to our User Agreement and Privacy Diricy.
Depending on your current employment status certain parameters change. For example, if you are currently employed , you see the following forms to fill; Company, Title, Country, and Zip	I am currently: Employed *Company:
Code.	*Job Title:
	*Country: United States

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e.g. 94043 (Only your region will be public, not your ZIP code)

However, if you are currently looking for work , your options change to: Industry, Country and Zip Code.	l am currently:	Looking for work
"Industry" is a very broad concept that helps you narrow down potential interests and abilities.	* Industry:	
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work, not necessarily the industry you are coming from. For example, if you were a clerk and want to be a mechanic, you should choose the "automotive" industry rather than the "administrative" industry.		e.g. 94043 (Only your region will be public, not your ZIP code)
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The next step in setting up your account is locating contacts. LinkedIn helps you find other users by searching through your **email** contacts **first**. If you'd rather search for contacts **later**, you can also click **Skip this Step**.

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Before you can begin using all the features LinkedIn offers, you need to verify that you are a real person (not a computer program) by **confirming** your email.

Confirm Your Email Address

A confirmation email has been sent to Your email link in the email to activate your account.

Click on the confirmation

Sign in to your email and check your Inbox. To: Your email You should have a message from LinkedIn. Subject: Please confirm your email address It should look similar to this. LinkedIn Click once on the **Click Here** link in order to confirm your email address and account. Click here to confirm your email address. If the above link does not work, you can paste the fo After you've clicked **Confirm**, you will be prompted to sign in on the LinkedIn page. Email address: Type in your email address (if it's not Password: already there) and your new LinkedIn password. Click the Sign In button. Join LinkedIn

LinkedIn Features

With LinkedIn you may:

- Edit your Profile
- Network: Find and be introduced to potential clients/subject experts
- Find jobs
- Join Groups: Engage in discussions related to your field



Customize your Profile

When you first signed up you were required to enter basic information relating to your employment status and geographic location. Don't stop there. You want to put your best face forward, so beef up your profile with educational background, employment history as well as a profile picture.

This profile should reflect your most current resume.

To edit your profile, from the home page, mouse over the link **Profile**; once you're in the right place on the screen, you'll see options: You can **edit** or **view** your profile, or even make/receive recommendations about/from colleagues.



Top Ten Mistakes People Make on LinkedIn

From the web site: Grow My Company, Christine Pilch mentions some big mistakes:

- 1. **Unprofessional photo**. LinkedIn is not Facebook. This is not a place where you should have on a baseball cap or be dressed inappropriately for your position. You should be represented exactly as people see you in your day-to-day work environment. If you're a police officer, you should be in uniform, and a banker better be in a suit and tie.
- 2. Not using a custom URL. You can change your URL where it says Public Profile/edit. Use your name, because this is a public link that you can use in marketing materials. Do this now before somebody else takes it.
- 3. **Incomplete employment history**. Your employment history is a powerful tool for people to find you. It is common for people to search employees of companies they worked for in the past to reconnect with old friends and associates. If you're not there, you can't be found as easily.
- 4.Not listing your specific URLs. Don't be satisfied with the default, "My Company," or "My Blog." By simply dropping down to "Other," you can customize these links to read your company's name. IE, "<u>Grow My Company</u>."
- 5. **Using your company email address as your contact email**. Unless you own the company, you should use a personal email address. If you ever leave the company, and no longer have access to that email address, you will lose everything that you've built on LinkedIn.
- 6. Not adding your LinkedIn profile address to your email signature. You've done all this work, flaunt it. Let everybody you email have easy access to the most complete info they could possibly find about you.
- 7.**No recommendations**. This makes people wonder why nobody has recommended you. Let friends, co-workers, clients, and employers sing your praises. These recommendations are extremely valuable insight for anyone considering hiring you for any reason.
- 8.**Incomplete educational information**. Like former employment, this is a strategy to be found. People search for people they went to school with. It's an instant bond and common ground.
- 9. **Neglecting your connections**. A critical key to your network is a robust and diverse list of connections. LinkedIn is built around establishing connections, so you are of little value to the LinkedIn community as a whole if you don't actively and consistently mine connections. This is not something that just happens. They won't come just because you built it. Work it, work it!
- 10. Not monitoring the answers component. Answering and asking intelligent questions provides an opportunity of you to raise awareness of yourself.

http://growmyco.typepad.com/lawfirm/2008/12/top-10-mistakes-people-make-on-linkedin.html

Add/Build Connections

One of the driving elements of LinkedIn is to **build and maintain** connections in your profession. LinkedIn understands the importance of having a network of colleagues and classmates to help you in your working life.

When you first signed up, LinkedIn offered assistance in locating profiles by checking your email contacts. However, what do you do if you don't know anyone personally with an account, or for privacy reasons, did not allow LinkedIn to view your email contacts? LinkedIn helps you by identifying colleagues and classmates you **may** know based on your profile – for example, by considering what company or school you attend (or attended).



LinkedIn defaults to searching through your email account. They make you put in an email address and then a password. I'm not fond of this method.



Now I can see all of the profiles on LinkedIn that match one of the schools I attended. I can **invite** them to **connect** with me as an alumnus of the college.

When you send invitations, you are allowing others to view **your** complete profile.

	Brian C ⁺ , ' ^{3rd} Team Leader for ' Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area	25
 ○ Connect 		

Groups

Not only can users build connections with other individual users, but you can **join groups** related to your field, or that interest you. With **Groups** you may:

-Quickly discover the most popular discussions in your professional groups.

-Have an active part in determining the top discussions by "liking" and commenting.

-Follow the most influential people in your groups by checking the Top Influencers board or clicking their profile image to see all their group activity.

-See both member-generated discussions and news in one setting.

-Easily browse previews of the last three comments in a discussion.

-Find interesting discussions by seeing who liked a discussion and how many people commented (LinkedIn, Learning Center, Groups).

To find or join a group, simply move your mouse over the **Interests** link at the top of the page. Click **Groups**

I immediately see **Groups I May Like** (from my profile information). If none of these fit me, I can click on the **More** link and search for groups.

Enter keywords in the search box. (I typed in "librarian")

*Note: LinkedIn is an International Network; you can also limit your search by Language.



Library Professionals Network

Join

You may further limit your search by category if you'd like.

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PUBLIC	Marketing Public Libraries Think Tank A public library marketing or up dedicated to information and idea sharing. 10 discussions this conthet 1.948 members	*

Click the **Join** button to get updates and follow group discussions. Remember, just like **Connections**, you need to be approved by the group administrator in order to join. In our example, I would really need no verification. Verification of credentials applies more to alumni groups, rather than professional groups. Each one is different.

Unable to locate a group that interests you? You also have the option to Create a Group.

In the Groups page click the tab Create a Group. By filling in the form, you create a profile for your group. When you are finished click Create a Group.	* Group Owner Email: *Access:	 Open Access: Any LinkedIn memb Request to Join: Users must requ
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		Create Group or Cancel

Jobs

One of the most distinguishing elements of the LinkedIn Social	
Network is its focus on the professional, working world.	
Through the Jobs link we are able to find available jobs.	2020-0
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the service included in the free version. If you wish to post a	
job, you will be charged a fee, similar to placing an ad in the	
newspaper or yellow pages.	

Search for jobs by either using the **basic** or **advanced** search. **Advanced search** allows you to be specific and limit your search by Date Posted, Experience level, Company Name, Job Title, Industry, Location, and Functions of work.

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Posted:	July 12, 2013
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Introducing Channels on the new LinkedIn Today!

Stay informed about the things you're interested in. Follow Channels to get articles from both Influencers and top news sources.

Here are 5 Channels you may like





637,049 followers



My Best Career Mistake 183,459 followers



Technology 1,322,982 followers



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Follow Influencers on the new LinkedIn Today!

Get exclusive insights and professional advice from top industry-leading professionals.

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