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A Short Guide to Facebook Etiquette



Every day 325 million people log onto Facebook, and that's only half of the blockbuster site's 750 million active users. These folks spend over 700 billion minutes per month being social. Facebook was founded by Mark Zuckerberg in 2004, and, in less than a decade, has become a part of our culture. It's a resource for friends, family, and even prospective employers. A faux pas can have far-reaching ramifications, so dust off your sensitive side and absorb some social media protocol.

Discretion is The Better Part of Valor

Using discretion is the most important rule to remember on Facebook. Facebook walls are generally public spaces. Don't make comments that are too personal or share information that could prove embarrassing later on. A lack of caution can even invite security problems such as identity theft. A good rule-of-thumb: use Facebook messages or email for anything you wish to remain private.

Ditto for Photographs

A photo could cast you or the other subjects in an unflattering light that a current boss or future employer might find objectionable. Only tag a photo of a friend with their permission.

Someone Has Written on My Wall

When someone has taken the time to write on your wall, it is considered polite to reply to their comment. If you have been asked a question, you should definitely be sure to respond. After all, it is a social medium. Comments and banter make Facebook lively and enjoyable. Remember, the more you ignore the posts on your wall, the less people will bother to post.

What Exactly Does Friend Mean?

Some people approach Facebook with aim of accruing as many friends as possible, yet it really shouldn't be a contest. You are not obligated to acknowledge a friend request, whether it comes from a stranger, an acquaintance, or someone you would prefer not to become part of your digital life. Accepting friend invitations from strangers should certainly be done cautiously. There are more than a few unsavory folks with Facebook accounts. If you want to friend a stranger yourself, perhaps in a gaming situation, add a note of explanation to your friend request.

I Woke Up, I Brushed My Teeth, I Ate Breakfast

Don't share too much. Ask yourself whether anyone is likely to care about or be interested in your comment before you hit enter. By and large, most people aren't concerned about the minute-to-minute details of your life...and that might even include your mom!

The Nuances of the Poking Feature

The poking feature is meant as a cute way to say hello to someone. There seems to be a lot of disagreement about whether it is too nerdy and "uncool" for use or whether it should simply be used sparingly. At one point in the Facebook timeline, the poke was used as a means to flirt with a friend. Apparently that has since fallen into disfavor.

Watch Your Mouth!

Although Facebook is a very public medium, it fosters a sense of intimacy. Falling under the spell of that intimacy is a bad idea. Excessive profanity, racially disparaging comments, gossip, and argumentative behavior are not appropriate for the public domain online any more than they are in the real world.

Ask Tech Support



Question: What are the advantages and disadvantages of using WEP versus WPA encryption for a wireless router? Is there a difference in speed or security between these two types of encryption?

Answer: WEP stands for Wired Equivalent Privacy, and uses a 10 character key to encrypt the network. Because the key is static and doesn't change, it is possible for it to be cracked easily, literally in minutes. WEP was the type of encryption included with the first generation of wireless networking equipment. Today it is considered to be flawed and outdated technology, but is better than nothing at all.

It will keep casual snoopers and novice hackers out of your wireless network. Using encryption with a longer key length will provide stronger security, but with a slight performance impact.

WPA stands for Wifi Protected Access, and is much more secure, because it utilizes a passphrase supplied by the user as well as shared keys, which change, making it much harder for someone to break into. At the minimum, WPA security with a password of at least 10 characters is suggested.

Kingdom's DSL modems come with WPA-PSK (Pre-Shared Key) by default. Encryption mechanisms used for WPA and WPA-PSK are the same. The only difference between the two is in WPA-PSK, authentication is reduced to a simple common password, instead of user-specific credentials. The Pre-Shared Key (PSK) mode of WPA is considered vulnerable to the same risks as any other shared password system - dictionary attacks for example.

Sites to See



<http://consumerist.com/2011/07/the-post-apocalyptic-clownscape-that-was-six-flags-new-orleans.html>

The Post-Apocalyptic Clownscape that was Six Flags New Orleans

This web page offers three links to collections of photos from Six Flags New Orleans. After Hurricane Katrina, pump systems failed, leaving the site in up to seven feet of water for weeks. The ruined park site eventually became the property of the city of New Orleans. The front gate is open to local teens and urban explorers who have made statements of their own.

The photography is surrealistic, haunting, and well-done. The page links to Love These Pics, Time Photos, and Fox 8.

<http://www.tweaktv.com/tweak-my-tv/>

TV Tweak, the Trusted Source for Calibration

Tweak MY TV is a database of User Menu settings that improve HDTV factory settings and enhance picture quality. The calibrations are culled from data collected in the field by Tweak technicians performing professional calibrations. All you will need, beside the Tweak web site, is your television model number, your remote control, and approximately five minutes. Plug the numbers from the database into your TV, and your picture should outshine its fresh-out-of-the-box image. A forum helps out when questions pop up.

<http://www.bhsi.org/index.htm>

Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute

Volunteers put together this site with just about anything you would want to know about bicycle helmets. It includes tips on fitting helmets, reviews of helmets, lists of helmet laws, and technical information about helmets. The site covers recalls, has a buyers' guide, and there are extensive sections on classroom materials for teachers, as well as pamphlets and promotions. There is also information on child carrier seats and trailers. A newsletter is offered by email sign-up.

http://www.archive.org/details/silent_films

Internet Archives: Silent Films

This collection of feature and short silent films is part of the Internet Archive. The films are uploaded by archive users, who also have the opportunity to review and rate them with zero to five stars. Some of the gems you can enjoy star actors Charlie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle, and Mary Pickford by directors like D.W. Griffith and Hal Roach. The films are a peek into the movie industry from 1902 through the 1920's. Browse the collection by subject/keyword or choose film from lists sorted by most popular or most downloaded. Just to whet your appetite, check out the 1902 Thomas Edison film Jack and the Beanstalk and the 1915 serial Les Vampires.

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Online Gaming Setup

Kingdom technicians will install and configure a gaming console or PC for online gaming, with wired or wireless access. Does not include networking to other consoles or PC's.

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Mini-Tutorial: WordPad, the Windows Word Processor

Surfing, email, and photos – that’s what takes up most of the time we spend on our computers, with some games thrown into the mix. Obviously, computers can do more than entertain us. When practical needs arise, like writing a letter, turn to WordPad, the basic word processor included in Windows. With WordPad you can create, edit, and print letters and other documents. You can change how the text looks, move sentences and paragraphs around, and copy and paste text within and between documents. Here is some information to get word processor novices started.

Opening WordPad.

1. Click Start button
2. Click Programs
3. Click Accessories
4. Click WordPad

There are four main parts to the WordPad window.

1. **Toolbar.** The toolbar contains buttons for basic commands, including saving and printing. To determine the function of a button, hover your mouse pointer over it. A box pops up showing the function of the button.
2. **Format bar.** The format bar contains buttons you can use to format the text in your document. This is the place to go when you want to choose the font, color, and alignment of your text.
3. **Ruler.** Use the ruler to check the layout and placement of text in your document.
4. **Document area.** This is where you type your document, make changes to the text, and apply your formatting.

How to type text.

1. To begin, type in the document area of WordPad. A flashing vertical line, the cursor, indicates where the next text you type will appear. To move the cursor with the text, click where you want the cursor to appear.
2. Do not press Enter to begin a new line. Just keep typing. WordPad automatically starts a new line when you reach the end of the one you’re working on, wrapping the text around at the correct point. When you want to start a new paragraph, press Enter

To save your document.

1. From the File menu, click Save.
2. In the Save in box, click the location where you want to save the document.
3. In the File name box, type a name for your document.
4. Click Save.

Save the document about every ten or fifteen minutes while you are working on it. This is a good habit to get into in case your computer encounters a problem. Regular saves mean that none of your work will be lost.

Printing your document.

1. On the File menu, click Print.
2. In the Print dialog box, use the Page Range box and the Number of copies box to specify which pages you want to print as well as how many copies.
3. Click Print.