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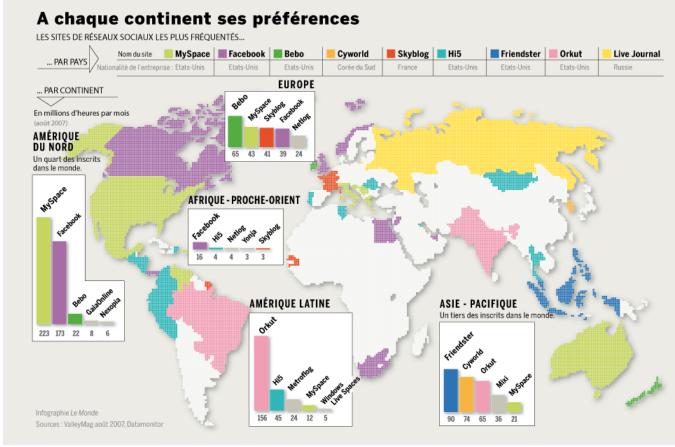
Social Networking Websites

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ABOUT



Social Networking By Country

Le Monde (1/14/08)

According to Le Monde's survey in 2008, the top four most popular social networking sites are: 1) MySpace, 2) Facebook, 3) Orkut and 4) Friendster.

People use social networking websites for: chatting, blogging, meeting new friends and dates, discussing products, rating services, learning, news, navigation, social support and problem solving.

Social networks rely on the "Network Effect" - the tendency for products or services to become more valuable as more people use them.

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SOCIAL NETWORKING FRIENDSTER



Friendster (2002) http://www.friendster.com

TAG: "Helping people stay in touch with their friends"

ABOUT:

First online social network, founded by Jonathan Abrams in 2002. Friendster has seen a rapid decline since 2005, but is still popular in Southeast Asia (default languages include Indonesian and Vietnamese).

NOTES:

Built around the idea of meeting friends of friends ("degrees of separation").

FEATURES:

HTML customization, notification of upcoming birthdays and events, and the ability for users to view everyone who as looked at their profile recently.

TO JOIN:

Visit <u>friendster.com/join.php</u> You will need to supply Friendster with your e-mail address, date of birth, gender and country. All of this is standard on all social networking sites. Registration is free, but remember: you're storing personal data on someone else's server.

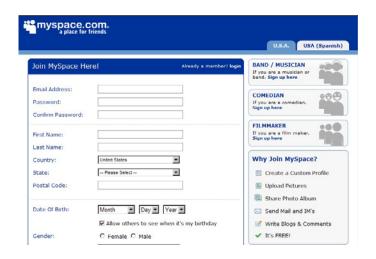
PRIVACY SETTINGS:

Log into your account and click "Settings" at the top of the page. Mark settings for:

- 1) Require e-mail address or last name
- 2) Approve comments automatically? Never.

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SOCIAL NETWORKING MYSPACE



MySpace (2003)

http://www.myspace.com
http://www.myspace.com/nysoclib

TAG: "A Place for Friends"

ABOUT:

Founded in 2003 by Tom Anderson and Chris DeWolfe, purchased by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation for ½ billion dollars in 2005. 9% of all MySpace users are over the age of 55.

NOTES:

Similar to Friendster, but with the added ability of strangers to contact you based on similar interests: movies, books, etc. Ability to create fictitious pages. Extremely popular in United States: during March 2007, one out of every five Americans online visited MySpace.com.

FEATURES:

Automatic first friend (Tom Anderson), streaming audio and video & HTML customization. MySpace Groups offer the ability for musicians to upload 6 MP3 files of their songs.

TO JOIN:

Click "Sign Up" button on main page. There is a separate login page for Bands/Musicians, Comedians and Film Makers.

PRIVACY SETTINGS:

Log in and click on "Privacy" link at top of page. Select "Privacy" under Setting Descriptions.

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SOCIAL NETWORKING FACEBOOK



Facebook (2004)

http://www.facebook.com

http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-York-NY/ New-York-Society-Library/30543132488

TAG: "A social utility that connects you with people around you"

ABOUT:

Founded in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, initially just for Harvard University students. Yahoo offered Mark Zuckerberg \$1 billion for Facebook in 2006, but he turned the offer down. 11% of all FaceBook users are over 35.

NOTES:

Popular in Canada & United Kingdom, and with older Internet users because of its clean interface and increased privacy features. Value placed on "truthful" information.

FEATURES:

News Feed (updated streams of what your friends are doing), a Wall (message board), online games (chess and Scrabble), and ability to 'poke' or give virtual 'gifts' online.

TO JOIN:

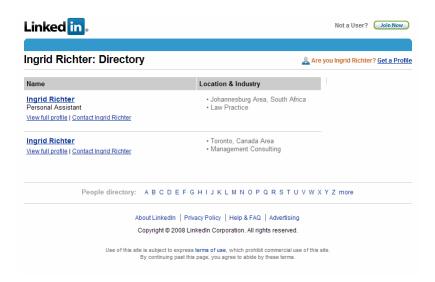
Enter name, e-mail and birthday on main page at facebook.com. If you are a business, click on "Businesses" link at bottom of page.

PRIVACY SETTINGS:

Log into your account and select "Privacy" at the top of the page. Select "Profile" and "Only Friends" for all of the settings. To remove your birthday, click "Edit" and select option under birthday.

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NETWORK & CHAT



LinkedIn (2003) http://www.linkedin.com

Professional contact database based on "relationships matters." Has seen a 182% growth from 2005 to 2008.

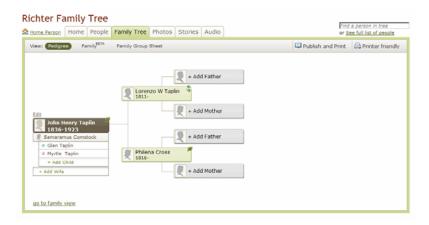


Twitter (2006) http://www.twitter.com

Answers the question: "What are you doing now?" Stay in touch with your friends via quick updates of up to 140 characters via e-mail, cell phone or web. BBC news twitters their headlines: http://www.twitter.com/bbc

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PAST HISTORY



Ancestry (1999) http://www.ancestry.com

Ancestry.com is a subscription-based genealogy research website. Commercial in nature, but many of the features are available for free. Create family trees and share information with other members of your family. Includes sections for adding photographs and stories of relatives.

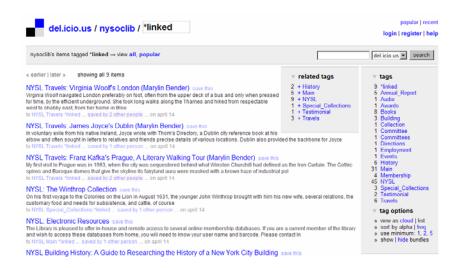


Classmates (1995) http://www.classmates.com

Founded in 1995 by Randy Conrads. Find classmates and plan for upcoming reunions. Commercial in nature, but much of the content is available for free. Good resource for finding female friends – entries list maiden name and current last name.

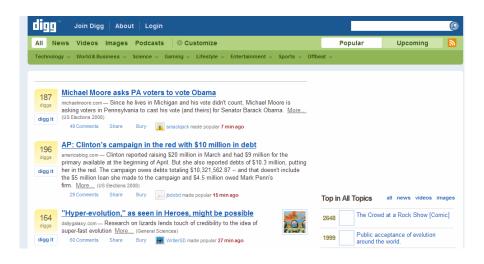
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SOCIAL NETWORKING BOOKMARKS & NEWS



Del.icio.us (2003)
http://del.icio.us/nysoclib

Founded in 2003 by Joshua Schachter; acquired by Yahoo! in 2005. Share web bookmarks online. Use tags to sort bookmarks into different categories. Share your bookmarks (or keep them private) and see who has similar bookmarks.

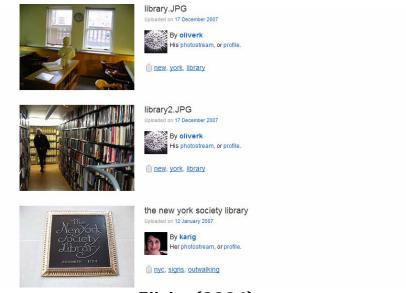


Digg (2004) http://digg.com/

Founded in 2004 by Kevin Rose, Owen Byrne, Ron Gorodetzky, and Jay Adelson. News filter/social networking site. Members submit and vote on popular news stories. Top stories are broadcast weekly on Diggnation at Revision3.

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PHOTOS & VIDEO



Flickr (2004) http://www.flickr.com

Share and store photos online. Find public domain (Creative Commons License) photos to use on your website.



YouTube (2005) http://www.youtube.com

Create and share video clips online. Created by Steve Chen and Chad Hurley in 2005. Purchased by Google in 2006.

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JUST FOR FUN



LibraryThing (2005) http://www.librarything.com

Answers the question "What's on your bookshelf?" Created by Tim Spalding and co-owned by AbeBooks. Catalog your entire collection of books (first 300 free), write reviews and share favorite books online.



Second Life (2003) http://www.secondlife.com

Create an avatar (graphical representation of yourself) and explore a virtual world. Chat with other people around the world and meet friends virtually. Not a video game, since there are no quests or goals to solve. Access to Second Life is free, but you'll need a higher-end computer with a good graphics card and a broadband connection to the Internet.

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