Minimizing your Facebook Profile

Facebook has hundreds of privacy and sharing options. To control how your personal information is shared, you should use the settings shown below (such as Only Me, Friends Only) for (1) Privacy, (2) Connecting, (3) Tags, (4) Apps/Websites, (5) Info Access through Friends, and (6) Past Posts.

Centralize Your Default Privacy
This setting will apply to status updates and photos you post to your profile from a Facebook app that doesn’t have the audience selector, like the Facebook App for iPhone. Change to “Friends Only”

How You Connect
- Who can look up your profile by name or contact info?
- Who can send you friend requests?
- Who can send you Facebook messages?
- Who can post on your Wall?
- Who can see Wall posts by others on your profile?

How Tags Work
- Profile Review of posts: friends tag you in before they go on your profile (note: tags may still appear elsewhere on Facebook)
- Tag Review of tags that friends want to add to your posts
- Profile Visibility of posts you’re tagged in once they’re on your profile
- Tag Suggestions when friends upload photos that look like you
- Friends Can Check You Into Places using the mobile Places app

Info Accessible Through Your Friends
- Uncheck ALL Boxes

Limit The Audience for Old Posts on Your Profile
- Limit Old Posts to Friends Only

Choose Your Privacy Settings: Apps, Games and Websites
- Limit Use of Apps
- Disable Personalization
- Disable Public Search

How You Connect: How Tags Work
- Limit the Audience for Past Posts
- How Tags Work
- Choose Your Privacy Settings: Apps, Games and Websites
Do not login to or link third-party sites (e.g. twitter, bing) using your Facebook account. “Facebook Connect” shares your information, and your friends’ information, with third party sites that may aggregate and misuse personal information. Also, use as few apps as possible. Apps such as Farmville access and share your personal data.

Switching to Timeline
Timeline is a new profile format by Facebook. For your protection, switch to Timeline and protect your profile data before Facebook implements this change site-wide without your consent.

Cover Photos are always visible to PUBLIC. Do not use facial images as your cover photo.

Summary Panel provides a brief look into your profile. The visibility follows user’s privacy setting.

Stories are activities, such as a status update, published in chronological order. The visibility of activities is controlled by user’s privacy setting.

Profile Settings
Click “About” on your Timeline. Apply and save settings shown to ensure that your information is visible to only people of your choosing.

Deactivating / Deleting Your Facebook Account
To deactivate your Facebook account, go to Account Settings and select Security. To reactivate your account log in to Facebook with your email address and password.

To delete your Facebook account, go to Help Center from the account menu. Type Delete into the search box. Select How do I permanently delete my account then scroll down to submit your request here. Verify that you want to delete your account. Click Submit. FB will remove your data after 14 days post security check.

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