

Career and Social Networking Sites

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Social and professional networking sites you can use to enhance your career and assist with your job search. Please use caution when using any social/professional networking site.

[LinkedIn](#)

How to use the full power of LinkedIn to job search, including effectively use your connections and using all the information available on LinkedIn when you're applying for jobs.

[Facebook](#)

Should you use Facebook for professional networking, and, if so, what is the best way to use it?

**See "6 Career-killing Facebook mistakes" on Thaddeus Stevens' Website*

[Gadball.com](#)

Gadball.com users can create a Profile on GadBall, then interact with other users, get recommendations, network, create a resume, and search for and apply for jobs.

[KODA](#)

KODA is a job site with a different twist on social recruiting. It's like a a hybrid of social Facebook and professional LinkedIn.

[MySpace](#)

MySpace is a social networking website offering users the opportunity to connect through personal profiles, blogs, groups and other features. MySpace is one of the most popular social networking site, and currently has over 100 million accounts.

[Ning](#)

Ning is an online service to create, customize, and share a social network. Users have used Ning to create online social networks about tons of subjects, including jobs and the job search.

[Twitter](#)

Twitter is a social networking and microblogging service utilising instant messaging, SMS or a web interface. Twitter is open ended and people and companies use it in a variety of ways, including to job search.

[Doostang](#)

Doostang is an invite-only community founded by a Stanford MBA and an MIT engineer, that connects young professionals to career opportunities through social networking.

[85 Broads](#)

Students and alumnae from the world's leading colleges, universities, and graduate schools are invited to join 85 Broads. Acceptance to join our global network is determined by the merits of the application submitted. Exceptional women who have not attended college or university but have demonstrated their success will also be considered for membership.

[Brazen Careerist](#)

Brazen Careerist is a social networking site and career management tool. Users can create a profile, post status updates and there's a wall for comments. There is also a jobs, companies and networks section.

[Jobirn.com](#)

Jobirn.com provides applicants with real time chat with employers(HR and recruiters), plus you can search and apply for jobs, and get recommendations from referrers.

[Jobster](#)

Create a profile that includes a YouTube-hosted video information about your background, tags, and a personalized url you can use to share your digital resume with employers.

[Koda](#)

Koda is a social recruiting site where job seekers can connect with companies.

[MyWorkster](#)

Professionally network with students, graduates, and employers. Plus resume posting and job search tools.

[Ryze](#)

Network to grow your career and to find a job. Free networking-oriented home page and messaging.

[Alumni Networking](#)

Contact the Career Services or Alumni Affairs office at your college or university to find alumni career networking contacts.

[Alumni.Net](#)

Find fellow alumni from company, high school, univeristy, and other organization affiliations.

[Bright Circles](#)

Bright Circles alumni community lets current and former employees from leading companies and organizations stay in touch.

[Classmates.com](#)

Find high school, college, military and workplace (in the Work and Careers Directory) connections. Friends and colleagues are ideal job search networking resources.

[Fast Company](#)

Company of Friends is a community of self-organizing groups of business leaders and innovators. Members help each other improve their careers, companies, and communities.

[Friendster](#)

Friendster is a social networking site where you can meet new friends and connect with old ones, stay in touch and browse to find people with similar interests.

[MeetingWave](#)

MeetingWave's is designed is to help job seekers arrange face-to-face meetings with new people to expand their business and social networks.

[Meet-Up Work and Careers](#)

The Meet-Up social networking site enables users to find groups of people with interests that match theirs. Check the Work and Careers category or browse a variety of other topics.

[Monster Networking](#)

Register with Monster to search for job search networking contacts by keyword, occupation, company, school or location. Keep track of career networking contacts and messages. Additional benefits (for a fee) like Instant Messaging for VIP Members.

[Vault Message Boards](#)

Online discussion forums for a variety of career topics, undergraduate and graduate schools, industries and companies. These are an excellent sources for networking to find career and company information.