

Introduction to Facebook

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In this class you will learn:

- What is Facebook
- What are the Pros and Cons of Facebook
- How to Sign Up
- How to Interact on Facebook
- What are the Security and Privacy Issues



What is Facebook

- Social Network
 - Wikipedia: "A social network service essentially consists of a representation of each user (often a profile), his/her social links, and a variety of additional services."
- Started in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, a Harvard student, it now has 600 million active users



Pros of Facebook

- It is a multi-layered experience ... some aspects of it you'll come to really enjoy.
- Networked communication is not going away. You can become familiar with the communication platform of the day.

 It is already a becoming a dominant source of information and a place for engagement and interaction.



Possible Cons of Facebook

- Can be a time waster; addictive
- Privacy concerns
- TMI too much information
- You want to put the past behind you
- Viruses



How do different age groups interact with Facebook?

13-19

- Arranging social activities
- Talking, socializing
- Playing games
- Sharing photos (girls do this primarily)

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- Sharing the craziest photos of themselves in the most unexpected locations
- Gather the most friends
- Write ridiculous things about "what happened last night".



How do different age groups interact with Facebook?

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- Announcing babies, setting up play dates
- Networking for jobs
- Reconnecting with gradeschool friends they haven't seen in decades.
- Posting embarrassing back-in-the-day photos

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- Staying in touch with friends and relatives you care about but rarely see.
- Announcing events
- Sharing family photos
- Political activism
- See in real time what is happening in friend's and family's lives.



How do Businesses/Non-profits Use Facebook?

- Engaging with their customers/supporters
- Information dissemination
- Recruit volunteers
- Fundraising
- Goodwill



Navigating Through Facebook

Go to Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com



Signing Up

- You will need to enter the following information:
 - Full Name
 - E-mail address (unique)
 - Password
 - Date of Birth
- Go to your email and click on the confirmation link.



Privacy and Security





Privacy

- Control who sees what on your profile
 - Everyone, Friends of Friends, Friends
- Configure your Account and Privacy settings
 - Use https://www.facebook.com
- Check how your profile looks from other's view
- You can block individual people from finding you, seeing your profile and communicating with you

Resources concerning Privacy

 Facebook: Controlling How You Share (Also Includes How-to Videos)

https://www.facebook.com/privacy/explanation.php

Facebook Privacy Policies:

https://www.facebook.com/policy.php

Recommended Privacy Settings

http://www.connectsafely.org/Safety-Advice-Articles/facebook-privacy-chart-for-teens.html



Viruses and Scams

- Rogue applications and survey scams
- Like-jacking
 - when you click the video you are actually "liking" the page
- Real viruses



Resources concerning Security

- Sophos.com: Facebook Security Best Practices <u>http://www.sophos.com/security/best-practice/facebook/</u>
- Sophos Naked Security
 http://nakedsecurity.sophos.com
- Sophos Facebook Page
- A Parent's Guide To Facebook: ConnectSafely.org

http://www.connectsafely.org/Safety-Advice-Articles/facebook-for-parents.html



Etiquette



"Huh. So Iran just friended us on Facebook ... Like, do I accept?"



Photos and Tagging

- Adjust privacy and notification settings so you know when you are tagged in a photo.
- Don't tag photos of your friends on Facebook that could get them in trouble.
- Don't tag your friends in unflattering photos.



https://www.facebook.com/dcn.org

