

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION:
*THE KEYS TO LOCATING PARENTS AND THEIR ASSETS***

What's the use in having a thoroughbred racehorse if you can't find the track? Learn how to get those new cases up and running and learn how to inject new life into those old slow-moving cases with new location tools. Come to this session to learn more about the tried and true methods of locating parents and their assets as well as exploring some exciting new methods—such as social networking sites.

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Location, Location, Location

Keys to Locating Parents and Their assets

ERICSA 2010

Lexington, Kentucky

“When it Comes to Supporting Children, We Don’t Horse Around!”

Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) - Tried and True

- 🐾 Great to automate
- 🐾 Provides income, address, assets
- 🐾 Constantly improving



SSA Title II Pending Claims

- 👉 Participants who file for retirement, disability, or dependents
- 👉 Daily match with FCR
- 👉 Garnishable – Send IWO
- 👉 SSA holds IWO until awarded
- 👉 Attach initial lump sum

SSA Paid out \$57.8M in March 2010



National Change of Address (NCOA)

- 🐾 Not a 'locate' tool
- 🐾 Match with USPS address change reports
- 🐾 48 months of reports
- 🐾 Formats addresses to meet postal discount
- 🐾 Considered verified
- 🐾 Save\$ money



Print Programs

- 👉 New option
- 👉 Formatted reports sent to States
- 👉 Use until automation in place
- 👉 Helps with automation design
- 👉 Need separate CFI transmission
- 👉 Send Options form



Still Improving

🐾 Cell Phone

- Standardized process
- Uses State Services Portal (SSP)
- Pilot by end of 2010

🐾 Department of Defense (DoD)

- Identifying State's data needs
- Use SSP for requests
- Returns income details









Skip Tracing Basics

Skip Tracing is the ability to think through and analyze the circumstances of each situation individually in order to reach your goal



Gather as much info as possible

 	Entire Name	Names of Ex Spouses	Nicknames or Aliases	High School(s) attended
	Universities Attended	Military Service	Personal Hobbies	Known Relatives
	Known Associates, Friends and Coworkers	City, State of birth	City, State raised in	Current and Previous Addresses
 	All known phone numbers	Professional Background	Companies Worked For	Organizations involved with

Then get started!!

- 👉 **Whitepages.com or 411.com**
Directory Assistance, Free People Search
- 👉 **Zabasearch.com**
Free People Search
- 👉 **Zoominfo.com**
Person & Employer Search Engine
<http://www.zoominfo.com>
- 👉 **Find people on Social Networking Sites**
- 👉 **Try Wink.com or Spock.com**
<http://www.spock.com>



Don't give up....

- 🐾 Use Blog Search Engines
- 🐾 Craigslist.com
- 🐾 Online Classified Search
- 🐾 Domainserch.com
- 🐾 Reverse Address and Phone Number Lookup Search
- 🐾 Contact Neighbors, Known Relatives, Mutual Friends, Associates & Contacts



It's amazing what you can find!

- 👉 Military Locators & Searches
- 👉 Inmate Searches & Lookups
- 👉 Find a Person's Forwarding Address
- 👉 Google the Person
<http://www.google.com>
 - Google Maps
 - Google Images
- 👉 Pipi.com <http://www.pipi.com>
- 👉 Spokeo at www.spokeo.com





*You can't stay in your
corner of the Forest
waiting for others to come
to you. You have to go to
them sometimes.*

A.A. Milne

Pooh's Little Instruction Book

Social Networking

- 👉 Phenomenon of online social networking
- 👉 Profiles: User's Personal profiles
- 👉 Security: All social networks should provide the ability to set profiles to private or block users
- 👉 Search: The object of a social network is to find friends and expand relationships



Popular Sites



👉 My Space



👉 Twitter



👉 Facebook



👉 LinkedIn



👉 You Tube



Facebook: Types of Accounts

- 👉 **Public Account/Business Account: Rub is a Fan**
- 👉 **Personal Accounts: Rub is a Friend or you can poke someone.**
- 👉 **Fictitious Accounts: Same as the personal account**



Business Accounts

- 👉 Designed to provide information about the office
- 👉 Clients able to contact us for information
- 👉 Most people do not know you are looking for them so using this type of account can be ok
- 👉 Problem: Their site is listed as private.
- 👉 Will they accept you as a friend?



Personal Accounts

- 👉 Can search for individuals
- 👉 Problems arise when the person marks their account as private
- 👉 Ways to get the person to befriend you
- 👉 Ability for them to see your personal information
- 👉 Threats from unhappy individuals



Fictitious Accounts

- 👉 Controversial issues about false information
- 👉 Need to keep the information as real as possible
- 👉 Using a picture on the account is helpful
- 👉 Keeps people from getting your personal information



Information Available

- 👉 People list their hometown, High School, day and month of birth
- 👉 Jobs and average income
- 👉 Truck driver bragging about all the stops he made across the US
- 👉 Pictures of assets
- 👉 People bragging about their occupations and successes



Policy for Each Account

- ❧ Twitter prohibits it's users from sending deceptive or false information
- ❧ Linkedin is for professionals and they require that you do not send or download information that will be injurious or harmful to others
- ❧ My Space requires that all the information placed on the site is truthful, factual, and trustworthy
- ❧ Facebook specifies that users will not provide false personal information



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His profile was a picture of his work van and the van had a phone number on it. He's runs his own plumbing business. Megan then did a reverse lookup of the number o the van and got a good address for him. His profile status said; "Work, Work, Work, basically I'm a workaholic with an affinity for xxxxx watches.....It is wrong that my jeweler has my phone number but my mother doesn't?" These watches by the way sell for a minimum of \$1,000 each.

He listed his previous three employers and through facebook talk, spoke often about his plumbing and excavation work and the hassles of waiting for "10 hours per week" in City Hall to obtain permits. He spoke of his home purchases for renovations and the problems he sometimes has with the banks "messing up his loans". He also loves when it snows because he has two plows, "what else would he do with an F450 Dump Truck?" he noted to one of his friends.

And finally, he was hoping for at least 12 inches of snow from last week's storm as it will allow him to buy the new truck his wife wants."

But he has a DRO warrant.....

So the Sheriff's deputies got the infor and added a fake user of their own. A very attractive, single female in need of a furnace cleaning and plumbing work. He quickly accepted her as a friend and agreed to meet her at her residence a fictitious one, to do the work. But when he appeared, he was arrested. He now sits in MCCF with a security/bail upon him of \$26,0o00 placed by our judge, and a hearing scheduled in April

We also served him with the Philadelphia paperwork to allow them to reopen the case they have.

Social Networking often involves grouping specific individuals or organizations together. While there are a number of social networking websites that focus on particular interests, there are others that do not. The websites and usually have open memberships. This means that anyone can become a member, no matter what their hobbies, beliefs, or views are, however, once you are inside this online community, you can begin to create your own network of friends and eliminate members that do not share common interests or goals.

The friends that you can make are just one of the many benefits to social networking online. Another one of those benefits includes diversity because the internet gives individuals from all around the world access to social networking sites.

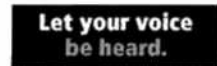
There are dangers associated with social networking including data theft and viruses, which are on the rise. The most prevalent danger though often involves online predators or individuals, who claim to be someone that they are not. Just use common sense and listen to your inner voice; it will tell you when something doesn't feel right about the online conversations taking place.

MySpace, FriendWise, FriendFinder, Yahoo! 360, Facebook, Orkut, and Classmates.

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FBI Takes Dive into Social-Networking

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WASHINGTON --

The Feds are on Facebook. And MySpace, LinkedIn and Twitter, too.

U.S. law enforcement agents are following the rest of the Internet world into popular social-networking services, going undercover with false online profiles to communicate with suspects and gather private information, according to an internal Justice Department document that offers a tantalizing glimpse of issues related to privacy and crime-fighting.

Think you know who's behind that "friend" request? Think again. Your new "friend" just might be the FBI.

The document, obtained in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, makes clear that U.S. agents are already logging on surreptitiously to exchange messages with suspects, identify a target's friends or relatives and browse private information such as postings, personal photographs and video clips.

Among other purposes: Investigators can check suspects' alibis by comparing stories told to police with tweets sent at the same time about their whereabouts. Online photos from a suspicious spending spree - people posing with jewelry, guns or fancy cars - can link suspects or their friends to robberies or burglaries.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco-based civil liberties group, obtained the Justice Department document when it sued the agency and five others in federal court. The 33-page document underscores the importance of social networking sites to U.S. authorities. The foundation said it would publish the document on its Web site on Tuesday.

With agents going undercover, state and local police coordinate their online activities with the Secret Service, FBI and other federal agencies in a strategy known as "deconfliction" to keep out of each other's way.

"You could really mess up someone's investigation because you're investigating the same person and maybe doing things that are counterproductive to what another agency is doing," said Detective Frank Dannahey of the Rocky Hill, Conn., Police Department, a veteran of dozens of undercover cases.

A decade ago, agents kept watch over AOL and MSN chat rooms to nab sexual predators. But those text-only chat services are old-school compared with today's social media, which contain mountains of personal data, photographs, videos and audio clips - a potential treasure trove of evidence for cases of violent crime, financial fraud and much more.

The Justice Department document, part of a presentation given in August by top cybercrime officials, describes the value of Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, LinkedIn and other services to government investigators. It does not describe in detail the boundaries for using them.

"It doesn't really discuss any mechanisms for accountability or ensuring that government agents use those tools responsibly," said Marcia Hoffman, a senior attorney with the civil liberties foundation.

The group sued in Washington to force the government to disclose its policies for using social networking sites in investigations, data collection and surveillance.

Covert investigations on social-networking services are legal and governed by internal rules, according to Justice Department officials. But they would not say what those rules are.

The Justice Department document raises a legal question about a social-media bullying case in which U.S. prosecutors charged a Missouri woman with computer fraud for creating a fake MySpace account - effectively the same activity that undercover agents are doing, although for different purposes.

The woman, Lori Drew, helped create an account for a fictitious teen boy on MySpace and sent flirtatious messages to a 13-year-old neighborhood girl in his name. The girl hanged herself in

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October 2006, in a St. Louis suburb, after she received a message saying the world would be better without her.

A jury in California, where MySpace has its servers, convicted Drew of three misdemeanor counts of accessing computers without authorization because she was accused of violating MySpace's rules against creating fake accounts. But last year a judge overturned the verdicts, citing the vagueness of the law.

"If agents violate terms of service, is that 'otherwise illegal activity'?" the document asks. It doesn't provide an answer.

Facebook's rules, for example, specify that users "will not provide any false personal information on Facebook, or create an account for anyone other than yourself without permission." Twitter's rules prohibit its users from sending deceptive or false information. MySpace requires that information for accounts be "truthful and accurate."

A former U.S. cybersecurity prosecutor, Marc Zwillinger, said investigators should be able to go undercover in the online world the same way they do in the real world, even if such conduct is barred by a company's rules. But there have to be limits, he said.

In the face-to-face world, agents can't impersonate a suspect's spouse, child, parent or best friend. But online, behind the guise of a social-networking account, they can.

"This new situation presents a need for careful oversight so that law enforcement does not use social networking to intrude on some of our most personal relationships," said Zwillinger, whose firm does legal work for Yahoo and MySpace.

Undercover operations aren't necessary if the suspect is reckless. Federal authorities nabbed a man wanted on bank fraud charges after he started posting Facebook updates about the fun he was having in Mexico.

Maxi Sopo, a native of Cameroon living in the Seattle area, apparently slipped across the border into Mexico in a rented car last year after learning that federal agents were investigating the alleged scheme. The agents initially could find no trace of him on social media sites, and they were unable to pin down his exact location in Mexico. But they kept checking and eventually found Sopo on Facebook.

While Sopo's online profile was private, his list of friends was not. Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Scoville began going through the list and was able to learn where Sopo was living. Mexican authorities arrested Sopo in September. He is awaiting extradition to the U.S.

The Justice document describes how Facebook, MySpace and Twitter have interacted with federal investigators: Facebook is "often cooperative with emergency requests," the government said. MySpace preserves information about its users indefinitely and even stores data from deleted accounts for one year. But Twitter's lawyers tell prosecutors they need a warrant or subpoena before the company turns over customer information, the document says.

"Will not preserve data without legal process," the document says under the heading, "Getting Info From Twitter ... the bad news."

Twitter did not respond to a request for comment for this story.

The chief security officer for MySpace, Hemanshu Nigam, said MySpace doesn't want to be the company that stands in the way of an investigation.

"That said, we also want to make sure that our users' privacy is protected and any data that's disclosed is done under proper legal process," Nigam said.

MySpace requires a search warrant for private messages less than six months old, according to the company.

Facebook spokesman Andrew Noyes said the company has put together a handbook to help law enforcement officials understand "the proper ways to request information from Facebook to aid investigations."

But the government warned prosecutors to advise their own witnesses not to discuss cases on social media sites and to "think carefully about what they post." "Knowledge is power. ... Research all witnesses on social networking sites."

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It also cautioned federal law enforcement officials to think prudently before adding judges or defense counsel as "friends" on these services.

"Social networking and the courtroom can be a dangerous combination," the government said.

On the Net:

Justice Department cybercrime section: <http://www.justice.gov/criminal/cybercrime/>

Electronic Frontier Foundation: <http://www.eff.org>



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List of social networking websites

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This is a **list of major active social networking websites** and excludes dating websites (see List of online dating websites). For defunct social networking websites see List of defunct social networking websites

Please note the list is not exhaustive, and is limited to **some** notable, well-known sites.

Name 	Description/Focus 	Registered users 	Registration 	Global Alexa Page ranking ^[1]
Advogato	Free and open source software developers	13,575 ^[2]	Open	128,340 ^[3]
Amie Street	Music		Open	24,784 ^[4]
ANobii	Books		Open	10,734 ^[5]
aSmallWorld	European jet set and social elite world-wide	550,000 ^[6]	Invite-only	8,583 ^[7]
Athlinks	Running, Swimming	68,496 ^[8]	Open	73,295 ^[9]
Avatars United	Online games.		Open	294,575 ^[10]
BabyCenter	Mothers, Parenting, Pregnancy		Open	1,018 ^[11]
Badoo	General, Popular in Europe	37,000,000 ^[12]	Open to people 18 and older	179 ^[13]
Bebo	General	40,000,000 ^[citation needed] ^[14]	Open to people 13 and older	341 ^[15]
Bigadda	Indian Social Networking Site.	3,000,000 ^[16]	Open to people 16 and older	3,176 ^[17]
BigTent	organization and communication portal for groups		Open to people 18 and older (13-18 parental permission encouraged)	34,047 ^[18]
Biip	Norwegian Community.	13,476 ^[citation needed]	Requires Norwegian phone number	27,415 ^[19]
BlackPlanet	African-Americans	20,000,000 ^[20]	Open	2,350 ^[21]
Blogster	Blogging service that lets users "add friends" or establish business connections to their profiles.	58,344 ^[22]	Open	47,946 ^[23]
Bolt.com	General		Open	111,069 ^[24]
Books iRead	All about Books, Reviews, Recommendations and Authors	4,000,000	Open	
Broadcaster.com	Video sharing and webcam chat	322,715 ^[25]	Open	183,917 ^[26]
Buzznet	Music and pop-culture	10,000,000 ^[27]	Open	736 ^[28]
CafeMom	Mothers	1,250,000 ^[29]	Open to moms and	4,333 ^[30]

			moms-to-be	
Cake Financial	Investing		Open	481,922 ^[31]
Care2	Green living and social activism	9,961,947 ^[32]	Open	2,594 ^[33]
Cellufun	mMobile social game network, Number 8 US mobile website ^[34]	3,000,000 ^[35]	Open to people 14 and older	118,033 ^[36]
Classmates.com	School, college, work and the military	50,000,000 ^[37]	Open to people 18 and older ^[38]	799 ^[39]
Cloob	General. Popular in Iran		Open	712 ^[40]
CollegeBlender	A social media-based online community for college students, faculty, and alumni.		Requires an email address ending in .EDU	553,453 ^[41]
CouchSurfing	Worldwide network for making connections between travelers and the local communities they visit.	1,560,459 ^[42]	Open	3,711 ^[43]
DailyBooth	Photo-blogging site where users upload a photo every day		Open	5,460 ^[44]
DailyStrength	Medical & emotional support community - Physical health, Mental health, Support groups		Open	22,054 ^[45]
Decayenne	European and American social elite		Invite-only	154,733 ^[46]
deviantART	Art community	9,040,962 ^[47]	Open	97 ^[48]
DigitalVerse.org	Poets		Open to people 14 and older	190 ^[49]
Disaboom	People with disabilities (Amputee, cerebral palsy, MS, and other disabilities)		Open	112,712 ^[50]
Dol2day	Politic community, Social network, Internet radio (German-speaking countries)	40,200 ^[51]	Open	554,616 ^[52]
DontStayIn	Clubbing (primarily UK)		Open	19,022 ^[53]
Draugiem.lv	General (primarily LV, LT, HU)	2,400,000 ^[citation needed]	Invitation only	2,081 ^[54]
Elftown	Community and wiki around Fantasy and sci-fi.	185,000 ^[55]	Open, approval needed	17,681 ^[56]
Epernicus	For research scientists		Open	293,955 ^[57]
Eons.com	For baby boomers		Open to people 13 and older	27,320 ^[58]
Experience Project	Life experiences		Open	3,452 ^[59]
Exploroo	Travel Social Networking.		Open	209,868 ^[60]
Facebook	General.	350,000,000 ^[61]	Open to people 13 and older	2 ^[62]
Faceparty	General. Popular UK.	200,000 ^[63]	Invitation only to people 18 and older	28,760 ^[64]
Faces.com	British teens		Open to people 13 and older	120,665 ^[65]

Fetlife	People who are into BDSM	32,500 ^[66]	Open to people "of [legal] age to see adult content"	7,833 ^[67]
Fillos de Galicia	Galicia and Galician diaspora	6,772 ^[68]	Open	1,630,495 ^[69]
FilmAffinity	Movies and TV Series	250,000 ^[70]	Open	3,916 ^[71]
FledgeWing	Entrepreneurial community targeted towards worldwide university students		Open to university students	1,793,990 ^[72]
Flixster	Movies	63,000,000 ^[73]	Open to people 13 and older	1,018 ^[74]
Flickr	Photo sharing, commenting, photography related networking, worldwide	32,000,000 ^[75]	Open to people 13 and older	33 ^[76]
Fotolog	Photoblogging. Popular in South America and Spain	20,000,000 ^[77]	Open	227 ^[78]
Foursquare	Location based mobile social network	170,000 ^[79]	Open	4,539 ^[80]
Friends Reunited	UK based. School, college, work, sport and streets	19,000,000 ^[81]	Open to people 13 and older	10,231 ^[82]
Friendster	General. Popular in Southeast Asia. No longer popular in the western world	90,000,000 ^[83]	Open to people 16 and older. No children allowed	146 ^[84]
Frühstückstreff	General	14,800 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	1,253,155 ^[85]
Fubar	dating, an "online bar" for 18 and older	1,200,000 ^[86]	Open	9,476 ^[87]
Gaia Online	Anime and games		Open to people 13 and older	1,071 ^[88]
GamerDNA	Computer and video games	310,000 ^[89]	Open	22,887 ^[90]
Gather.com	Article, picture, and video sharing, as well as group discussions	465,000 ^[91]	Open	3,974 ^[92]
Gays.com	Social network for LGBT community, Guide for LGBT bars, restaurants, clubs, shopping	100,000 ^[93]	Open. Global	74,664 ^[94]
Geni.com	Families, genealogy	15,000,000 ^[95]	Open	5,815 ^[96]
Gogoyoko	Fair play in Music - Social networking site for musicians and music lovers		Invite only while in beta	119,272 ^[97]
Goodreads	Library cataloging, book lovers		Open	2,543 ^[98]
Google Buzz	General		Open	
Gossipreport.com	Anonymous gossip		Open to people 16 and older	1,245,494 ^[99]
Grono.net	Poland	2,000,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	2,958 ^[100]
Habbo	General for teens. Over 31 communities worldwide. Chat Room and user profiles.	117,000,000 [101][102][103]	Open to people 13 and older	6,545 ^[104]
hi5	General. Popular in India,Portugal, Mongolia, Thailand, Romania, Jamaica, Central Africa and Latin	80,000,000 ^[105]	Open to people 13 and older. No	51 ^[106]

	America. Not popular in the USA.		children allowed	
Hospitality Club	Hospitality	328,629 ^[107]	Open	38,258 ^[108]
Hyves	General, Most popular in the Netherlands.	9,000,000 ^[109]	Open	225 ^[110]
Ibibo	Talent based social networking site that allows to promote one's self and also discover new talent. Most popular in India.	3,500,000 ^[111]	Open	695 ^[112]
imeem	Music, Video, Photos, Blogs	24,000,000 ^[113]	Open	407 ^[114]
Indaba Music	Online collaboration for musicians, remix contests, and networking.	350,000 ^[115]	Open and Global	55,062 ^[116]
IRC-Galleria	Finland	505,000 ^[117]	Open to Finnish speaking people 12 and older	3,302 ^[118]
italki.com	Language learning social network. 100+ languages.	450,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open. Global.	14,610 ^[119]
InterNations	International community		Invite-only	26,688 ^[120]
Itsmys	Mobile community worldwide, blogging, friends, personal TV-shows	2,500,000 ^[121]		206,437 ^[122]
iWiW	Hungary	4,000,000 ^[123]	Invite-only	532 ^[124]
Jaiku	General. Owned by Google		Open to people 13 and older	15,661 ^[125]
JammerDirect.com	Creative resource website		Open to the General Public	930,958 ^[126]
kaioo	General, nonprofit	30,000 ^[127]		386,200 ^[128]
Kaixin001	General. In Simplified Chinese; caters for mainland China users		Open to the General Public	61 ^[129]
Kiwibox	General. For the users, by the users, a social network that is more than a community.	2,400,000 ^[130]	Open to people 13 and older	104,563 ^[131]
Last.fm	Music	30,000,000 ^[132]	Open to any age or gender	310 ^[133]
LibraryThing	Book lovers	400,000 ^[134]	Open to people 13 and older	4,529 ^[135]
lifeknot	Shared interests, hobbies		Open to people 18 and older	602,117 ^[136]
LinkedIn	Business and professional networking	53,000,000 ^[137]	Open to people 18 and older	42 ^[138]
Listography	Lists. Autobiography		Open	197,009 ^[139]
LiveJournal	Blogging	17,564,977 ^[140]	Open (OpenID)	81 ^[141]
Livemocha	Online language learning - dynamic online courses in 22 languages - world's largest community of native language speakers.	3,000,000 ^[142]	Open	4,079 ^[143]
LunarStorm	Sweden	1,200,000 ^[144]	Open	65,874 ^[145]

MEETin	General		Open	173,717 ^[146]
Meetup.com	General. Used to plan offline meetings for people interested in various activities		Open to people 18 and older	739 ^[147]
Meettheboss	Business and Finance community, worldwide.		Open	107,180 ^[148]
Mixi	Japan	24,323,160 ^[149]	Invite-only	85 ^[150]
mobikade	mobile community, UK only		Open to people 18 and older	1,851,728 ^[151]
MocoSpace	mobile community, worldwide	3,000,000 ^[152]	Open to people 14 and older	3,685 ^[153]
MOG	Music		Open to people 14 and older	4,221 ^[154]
MouthShut.com	Social Network, social media, consumer reviews		Open	2,545 ^[155]
Multiply	"Real world" relationships. Popular in Asia. Not popular in the western world	10,000,000 ^[156]	Open to people 13 and older. No children allowed	246 ^[157]
Muxlim	Muslim portal site	50,000 ^[158]	Open to people 13 and older	59,099 ^[159]
MyAnimeList	Anime themed social community	160,000 ^[160]	Open to people 13 and older	6,096 ^[161]
MyChurch	Christian Churches	144,295 ^[162]	Open	94,510 ^[163]
MyHeritage	family-oriented social network service	30,000,000 ^[164]	Open	2,953 ^[165]
MyLife	Locating friends and family, keeping in touch (formerly Reunion.com)	51,000,000 ^[166]	Open	1,481 ^[167]
MyLOL	General. Popular in the United States, Europe and Australia	32,000 ^[168]	Open to ages 13 and up.	152,787 ^[169]
My Opera	Blogging, mobile blogging, sharing photos, connecting with friends. Global	3,000,000 ^[170]	Open	NA (Alexa only records data for second-level domains)
MySpace	General. Losing ground to Facebook in recent years	130,000,000 ^[171]	Open to ages 13 and up.	11 ^[172]
myYearbook	General	20,000,000 ^[173]	Open to age 13 and up & Grades 9 and up	851 ^[174]
Nasza-klasa.pl	School, college and friends. Popular in Poland	11,000,000 ^[175]	Open	110 ^[176]
Netlog	General. Popular in Europe, Turkey, the Arab World and Canada's Québec province. Formerly known as Facebox and Redbox. ^[177]	59,000,000 ^[178]	Open to people 13 and older	130 ^[179]
Nettby	Norwegian Community		Open	2,719 ^[180]
Nexopia	Canada	1,400,000 ^[181]	Open to people 13 and older ^[182]	24,071 ^[183]

NGO Post	Non-Profit news sharing and networking, mainly in India	15,000 ^[184]	Open	70,134 ^[185]
Ning	Users create their own social websites and social networks		Open to people 13 and older	132 ^[186]
Odnoklassniki	Connect with old classmates. Popular in Russia and former Soviet republics	45,000,000 ^[187]	Open	92 ^[188]
OkCupid	Social networking and dating		Open to people 18 and older	1,261 ^[189]
OneClimate	Not for Profit Social networking and Climate Change		Open to People of all ages and locations	307,773 ^[190]
OneWorldTV	Not for Profit Video sharing and social networking aimed at people interested in social issues, development, environment, etc.		Open	27,434,227 ^[191]
Open Diary	First online blogging community, founded in 1998	5,000,000 ^[192]	Open to people 13 and older	39,290 ^[193]
Orkut	General. Owned by Google Inc. Popular in Brazil and decreasingly, in India. ^[194]	100,000,000 ^[195]	Open to people 18 and older, (Google login)	60 ^[196]
PartnerUp	Social networking site for entrepreneurs and small business owners	150,000 ^[citation needed]	Open and Free	29,221 ^[197]
Passportstamp	Travel		Open	366,598 ^[198]
Pingsta	Collaborative platform for the world's Internetwork Experts		Invite-only, only Internet Experts	1,668,955 ^[199]
Plaxo	Aggregator	15,000,000 ^[200]	Open	1,533 ^[201]
Playahead	Swedish, Danish,Norwegian teenagers		Open	63,081 ^[202]
Playboy U	Online college community		Open to college students with .edu e-mail address	433,970 ^[203]
Plurk	Micro-blogging, RSS, updates. Very popular in Taiwan		Open	1,072 ^[204]
Present.ly	Enterprise social networking and micro-blogging		Open	4,893,711 ^[205]
Qapacity	A a business-oriented social networking site and a business directory		Open to people 16 and older	96,847 ^[206]
quarterlife	A social network for artists, filmmakers, musicians, and creative people		Open to people 14 and older	88,516 ^[207]
Qzone	General. In Simplified Chinese; caters for mainland China users	200,000,000 ^[208]	Open to the General Public	NA (Alexa only records data for second-level domains)
Ravelry	Knitting and crochet	331,000 ^[209]	Invite-only while in beta	7,811 ^[210]
Renren	Significant site in China. Was known as 校内 (Xiaonei) until August 2009.	15,000,000 ^[211]	Open	103 ^[212]

ResearchGATE	Social network for scientific researchers	140,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	51,885 ^[213]
ReverbNation.com	Social network for musician and bands	25,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open to people 16 and older	6,187 ^[214]
Ryze	Business	500,000 ^[215]	Open	19,839 ^[216]
ScienceStage	Science-oriented multimedia platform and network for scientists		Open	36,537 ^[217]
Scispace.net	Collaborative network site for scientists		By invitation, but can request an invitation	1,231,795 ^[218]
ShareTheMusic	Music Community. Sharing and listening to music for free and legally		Open	471,712 ^[219]
Shelfari	Books		Open	19,681 ^[220]
Skyrock	Social Network in French-speaking world	22,000,000 ^[221]	Open	111 ^[222]
SocialVibe	Social Network for Charity	435,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	41,927 ^[223]
Sonico.com	General. Popular in Latin America and Spanish and Portuguese speaking regions.	17,000,000 ^[224] ^[225]	Open to people 13 and older	507 ^[226]
Stickam	Live video streaming and chat.	2,000,000 ^[227]	Open	2,742 ^[228]
StudiVZ	University students, mostly in the German-speaking countries. School students and those out of education sign up via its partner sites schülerVZ and meinVZ.	15,000,000 ^[229]	Open	195 ^[230]
StumbleUpon	Stumble through websites that match your selected intrests	8,822,921 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	255 ^[231]
Tagged	General. Subject to quite some controversy about its e-mail marketing and privacy policy	70,000,000 ^[232]	Open	117 ^[233]
TalentTrove	Online Talent Network		Open	21,177 ^[234]
Talkbiznow	Business networking		Open	283,770 ^[235]
Taltopia	Online artistic community		Open	52,759 ^[236]
Taringa!	General	350,000 ^[237]	Open to people 13 and older	126 ^[238]
TeachStreet	Education / Learning / Teaching - More than 400 subjects		Open	61,492 ^[239]
TravBuddy.com	Travel	1,588,000 ^[240]	Open to people 18 and older	11,789 ^[241]
Travellerspoint	Travel		Open	13,731 ^[242]
tribe.net	General		Open	5,706 ^[243]
Trombi.com	French subsidiary of Classmates.com	4,400,000 ^[244]		7,283 ^[245]
Tuenti	Spanish-based university and High School social network. Very Popular in Spain	4,500,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Invite-only	291 ^[246]

Tumblr	General. Micro-blogging, RSS		Open	245 ^[247]
Twitter	General. Micro-blogging, RSS, updates	75,000,000 ^[248]	Open	14 ^[249]
Vkontakte	Social Network for Russian-speaking world including former Soviet republics. Biggest site in Russia	63,119,433 ^[250]	Open	182 ^[251]
Vampirefreaks.com	Gothic and industrial subculture	1,931,049 ^[252]	Open to users 13 and over	7,577 ^[253]
Viadeo	European Social Networking and Campus Networking in Seven Languages	6,000,000 ^[254]	Open	1,724 ^[255]
Vox	Bloggng		Open	1,319 ^[256]
Wakoopa	For computer fans that want to discover new software and games	100,000 <i>[citation needed]</i>	Open	9,420 ^[257]
Wasabi	General		Open	95,188 ^[258]
WAYN	Travel and lifestyle	10,000,000 ^[259]	Open to people 18 and older	2,974 ^[260]
WebBiographies	Genealogy and biography		Open	734,214 ^[261]
WeOurFamily	General with emphasis on privacy and security		Open, subscription-based	685,337 ^[262]
Wer-kennt-wen	General, largest German Social Network		General	7,500,000 ^[263]
Windows Live Spaces	Bloggng (formerly MSN Spaces)	120,000,000 ^[264]	Open	NA (Alexa only records data for second-level domains)
WiserEarth	Online community space for the social justice and environmental movement ^[265]	34,240 ^[266]	Open to people 16 and older	77,143 ^[267]
Xanga	Blogs and "metro" areas	27,000,000 ^[268]	Open	768 ^[269]
XING	Business (primarily Europe (Germany, Austria, Switzerland) and China)	8,000,000 ^[270]	Open	269 ^[271]
Xt3	Catholic social networking, created after World Youth Day 2008		Open	459,914 ^[272]
Yahoo! 360°plus Vietnam	Owned by Yahoo!. General & blogging. Popular in Vietnam.	1,500,000	Open (Yahoo! login)	NA (Alexa only records data for second-level domains)
Yammer	Social networking for office colleagues		Must have company email	32,993 ^[273]
Yelp, Inc.	Local Business Review and Talk		Open	343 ^[274]
Youmeo	UK Social Network (focus on data portability)		Open	1,680,191 ^[275]
Zoo.gr	Greek Web Meeting point	890,000 ^[276]	Open	8,057 ^[277]

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