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## #1 Professional Social networking Site!

# Linked in.

Make your professionalism Visible on LinkedIn and grow your network





### facebook

Keep personal and privacy settings to Facebook

### Nearly 740 million members in 200 countries and regions worldwide





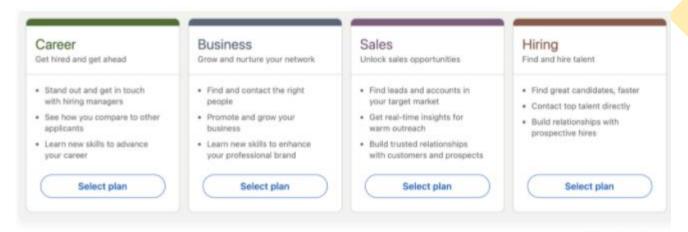






### Over 55 Million Companies in Linkedin...

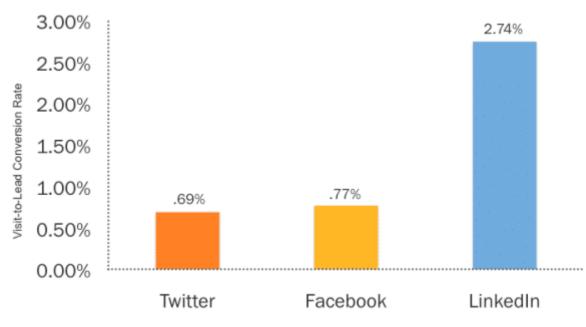
- 47% Linkedin Users carry takehome > \$75k (more than the median US salary)
- 57% users are male
- Over 39% users pay for Linkedin Premium
- 87% recruiters use Linkedin
- India is one of the fastest growing base ...moving towards 100 Mln users...



LinkedIn plans

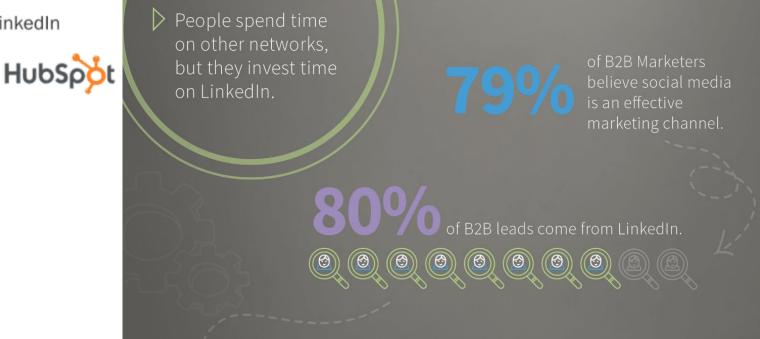


### LinkedIn Best Social Network for Lead Generation



This study by HubSpot.com included 5.198 B2B and B2C businesses

 277% more effective than Facebook and Twitter / HubSpot







### How are you leveraging your social media?

Start with an end in mind!

#### Target

Are you looking at it as a tool for building your business, your corporate network, your corporate profile?

#### Sales or Career Options

What are your networking objectives – and how are you building your network

#### Planning

Are you planning your profile and your positions to enable your network pull?

#### Execution

Are you executing for your network and for your target audience? ...in a way that it serves your objectives?



How I leveraged my linkedin profile xlashwini 2008 Job Hunt

My Industry Visibility

My YouTube Network build

...and more...

QR Code Scan in conferences!

Ultimate networking tool/ the go-to man for connections!

# Are you ready?!!



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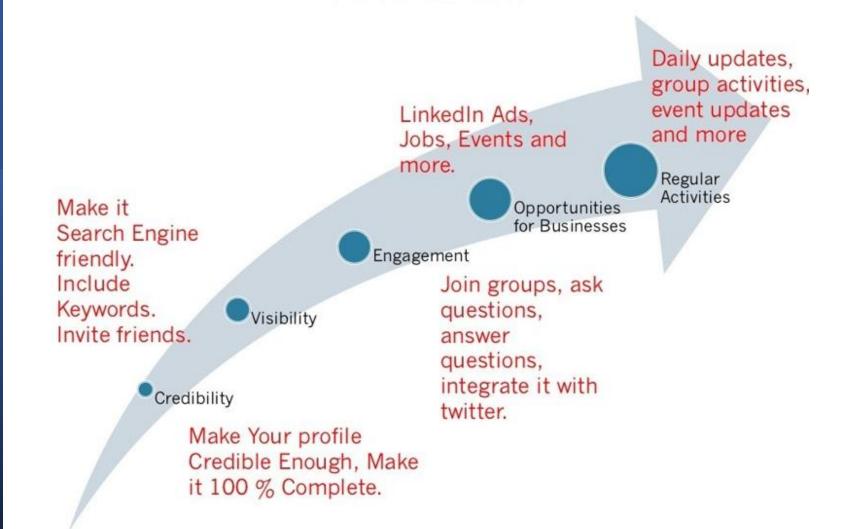
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### Your Linkedin Roadmap...



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Job Search	Recruiter; Hiring Managers; HR Professionals  With target Job Descriptions, Key words  Best-in-Class Candidate?/ Skilled  Specialist	
Sales & Prospecting	Existing Customers/ Clients; Prospective customers/Clients  Less interested in your sales skills — more interested in your industry knowledge, capacity to give a solution to their problem-at-hand, industry perceptions about you	Experienced, Strong Recommendations and Proof-of-execution, Good Industry Perceptions
Reputation Management & Personal Branding	Specific to your Brand objective.  Cross-Eyed PhD -> leveraged on my PhD academic success: and focused on professionals in my network who aspired to add a PhD	Positions me as a Professional with strong academic credentials
	Solar XL -> shares tech tips, tricks & traps in solar PV installations. Targets – solar user/installer community	Positions me as a Solar Technology expert
	Runner-Blogger-Memory Skills -> shares life hacks & success tips for a general executive audience	Positions me as a Successful Professional with inspirational content
	the Strategy befo	re the Siege

What is your targeted Desired

Who is your Audience & their current perception

What is your Goal





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# Tips for Winning Headlines







# Trick 1 for Winning Headlines

### Headline Formula Options:

Role | Skill/Achievement | Convo Starter

Or

Skill/Achievement | Role | Convo Starter

Built As

Adjective-Skill | Adjective-Skill | Adjective-Skill



# Trick 1 for Winning Headlines

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# Trick 2 for Winning Headlines

Plug as many keywords as appropriate in the headline (140 characters via Mobile Linkedin)

Do not waste valuable headline real-estate on "looking for opportunities" – this is seldom the search keywords of potential recruiters.

Focus on keywords that focus on skills, expertise, experience that are searched for.



# Trick 3 for Winning Headlines

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Format

Format the headline for IMPACT

- Use Bullets
- Use text formatting

#### **URL for creating text formatting**

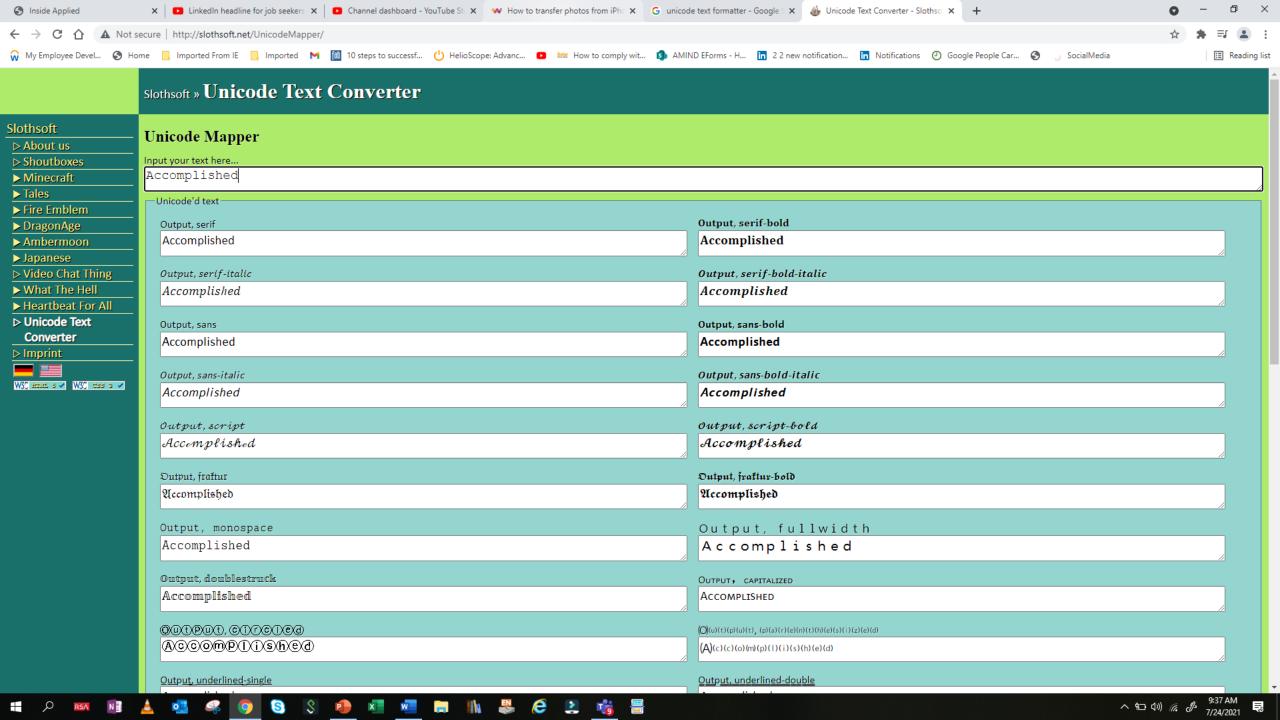
http://slothsoft.net/UnicodeMapper/

Plug in the text you wish to create a formatted image for. Text Converter gives you the formatted image in different fonts. Select an image, copy it (Ctrl+C) and paste it in the headline (Ctrl+V).

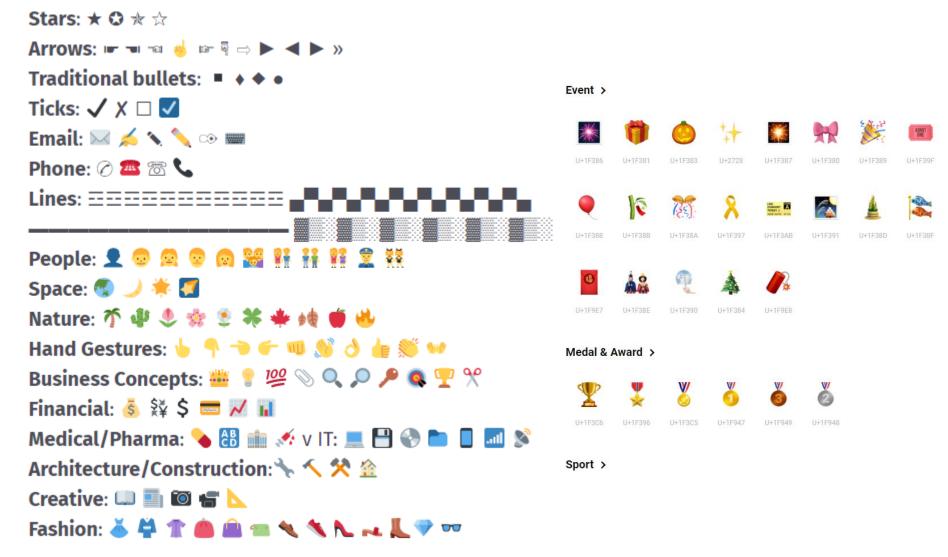
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Also – the keywords should not be replaced by a Unicode image – they will not be searchable!



### https://unicode-table.com/en/emoji/ URL for full Unicode symbol library





# 4 Traps to avoid for winning Headlines

Avoid

Avoid sounding desperate, tasteless or boring

Avoid

Inappropriate and too many keywords (linkedin algorithm will lower your search rank)

Limit

Use of bullets to 1-2 (more than 2 is too many)!

Limit

Overformatting your text ( keywords should not be formatted –they will not be visible in the search)!



### **Life Hacks...Branding Tips**

### Watch





Connect









### Headline Generator

Bullet	Adjective	ROLE	Bullet	Skill	Suffix	Bullet	Convo- Sparker

Select bullets from the bullet library and paste in the headline generator

Select the adjective and role from the option sheet on next page and paste in the headline generator

Select the skill and suffix from the option sheet on next page and paste in the headline generator

Select an appropriate conversation starter & paste in the headline generator

### Headline Generator (page 2)

Adjective	Role
Certified Disruptive Evolutionary Engaging NExciting Experienced SExecutive Energetic CEffective Dynamic CInfluential Professional TEGifted Expert Professional CENTRAL PROFESSIO	CEO Sales Professional HR Manager Account Manager Marketing Professional Speaker Writer Customer Service Corporate Executive Technology Consultant Project Manager Cross-functional manager

### Headline Generator (page 3)

Skill/Competence/Application/Methodology	Suffix
Digital Marketing Branding	Expert Advisor
App Developer Cloud Computing	Advocate Artist
Business Development Customer Care	Athlete Believer
Content Creator Internet of Things	Builder Catalyst
Product Marketing Prospecting	Champion Change Agent
Scientist Social Selling	Consultant Developer
Strategic Relationship Google Analytics	Leader Enthusiast
SaaS Financial Forecasting	Evangelist Guru
Client Engagement Information	Optimizer Specialist
Technology	Strategist
Marketing	

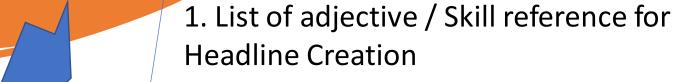
### Headline Generator (page 4)

Extra-curricular Activity		Add-on Conversation starters
Foodie	Marathon Runner	Making things happen
Volunteer	Youtuber	Shaping organizations with innovation
Blogger	World Traveler	Value Creator
Geek	Technology Whiz	Business Turnaround Specialist
Memory Athlete		Excel   Inspire   Grow

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- 2. My Sample bullet library with URL of a Unicode Character Library for the icons
- 3. Unicode Text Formatter Generator URL links ...and more





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#### Sorav Jain 🛅 🗘 (YOU)

Thinker in Chief @ echoVME, Digital Marketing Consultant, Faculty, Speaker, Trained 1000+ Professionals on Social Media

Chennai Area, India · Marketing and Advertising Similar · 24 500+



#### kavita choudhary (1st)

Done Internship in Events. at K & V Media Private Limited
Bhopal Area, India · Public Relations and Communications
▶ 7 shared connections · Similar · ﷺ 102



Sorav V. 3rd

Team Coach at OPKeServices PVT LTD Ludhiana Area, India · Marketing and Advertising Similar

Look at the above pictures and say which one is clear and evident.



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#### Right picture is worth a thousand words!

## Upload your profile photo

 Profile is 14 times more likely to be viewed if you have a profile photo!



**Vipin Katara** · 1st Ex-General Manager at Bharat Electronics Ltd Bangalore Urban, Karnataka, India · **Contact info** 





Wendy Yamazaki · 2nd

Senior Director (Government Relations and Regulatory Strategy, APAC) at London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG)

#### Profile Pictures

#### Do's

- Have a professionally taken picture
- Look straight into the camera
- Use a plain, indistinct background
- Dress Professionally
- Zoom in close, frame your face!

## Don't

- Use a picture taken at a wedding/ casual setup
- Wear sunglasses / look away from the camera
- Have a distracting/busy background
- Use a logo or a cartoon character
- Use a full-length shot or have others in frame besides you!

#### 10 tips for a perfect headshot

- 1. Hire a professional photographer
- 2. This is NOT a passport MUG-shot photo
- 3. Use Lots of Light
- 4. Use a non-descript background
- 5. Dress to Impress
- 6. Adjust yourself!

- 7. Keep camera close to eye-level
- 8. Crinkle, Smile & Jut!
- 9. Limit PhotoShop!
- 10. Crop your photo for the head-shot..

## Photo for your Linkedin Profile

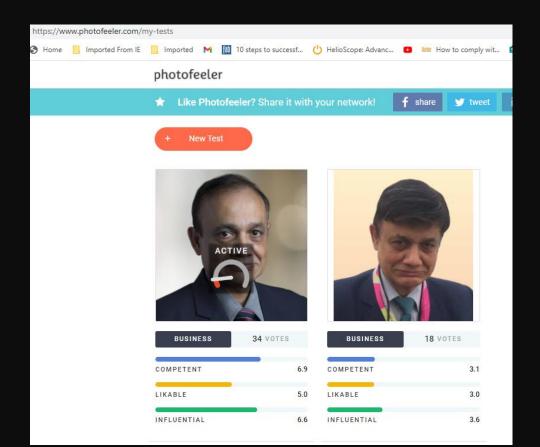
• Which is a better photograph?

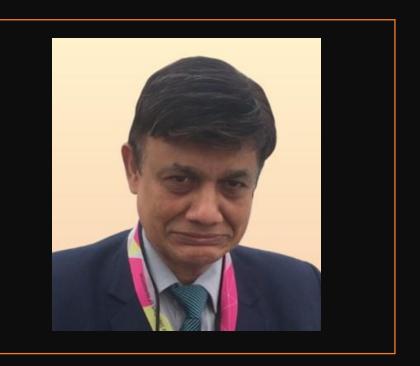




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# Linkedin Banners with



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## Reinforce your brand with Background Banner!

- Choose images that inspire you or reflect your PROFESSIONAL brand
- THINK how you want to be seen on LINKEDIN



#### Some ideas for the banner...

- An image of the products that you sell
- A picture of your office
- A team photo
- A picture of you at a podium, or presenting in front of an audience...
- An illustration or photo that shows an analogy of what you do ( lighthouse –consultant; magnifying glass-analytics etc..)



My banner is a collage- it shows me as an industry speaker, reader/blogger, runner, and a solar specialist! With my tag line: Excel, Inspire & Grow!

## How to make your banner!

• Hire a professional graphic designer!

#### OR

- Do-it-Yourself with:
  - Canva or any other graphics package you are familiar with
  - PowerPoint (my way)
  - Google for Banner images that you can use



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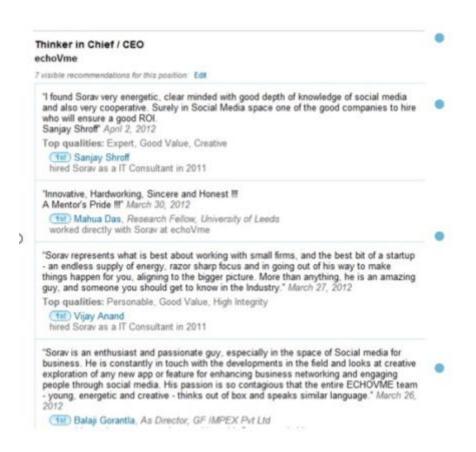
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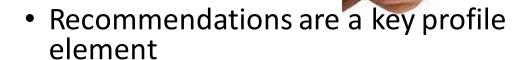
#### Linkedin Profile Checklist

Name	Spelled correctly? Consistent with your business card/social media? No symbols, characters.	
Headline	Relevant? Captures top keywords? Compelling? Searchable by humans and computers?	
Profile Picture	Proper headshot? Do you look warm, friendly, competent, professional? Background neutral-not distracting?	
Banner	• Customized to <b>your</b> brand, subtly suggesting who you are to your profile reader?	
Contact Info, customized URL	Correct location, industry, contact info? Links to your websites? Customized Linkedin public URL?	
About Section	• Is your summary an authentic professional manifesto? Engaging, easy to read? Rich in keywords? Do YOU feel a sense of pride when u read it?	
Experiences (current+2 at least)	Packed with keywords? Description explains accomplishments / performance highlights?	
Education	Builds academic history- milestones?	
Licenses & Certifications	• If you have it, list it!	
Volunteer Experience	Build your profile as a mission driven generation – share how u give back!	
Skills & Endorsements	Core Competences, strengths, skills? With appropriate keywords to facilitate search and discovery?	
Recommendations	References from key people? And have you given recommendations to other professionals?	
Accomplishments	Honors / awards? Languages? Publications? Organizations? Courses?	
Connections	Network skills? Strengths?	
Following Influencers, Groups, Companies, Schools	• At least 5 influencers, schools, companies of your interest? How close to 100 linkedin groups with your target audience and large memberships?	



### Recommendations / Referrals It is a networked world!!





Referral

- You might have your boss / colleagues appreciating you verbally, take the opportunity to request them to write a recommendation for you
- Recommendations on Linkedin are considered highly credible and helps professions in jobs, services, decision factors & more...
- Golden Rule: Recommend people to get recommendations – and be shameless, ask for recommendations.

#### Add your Skills...

Skills & Expertise Edit

+ Add a skill

Social Media Relations Online Training Social Media Marketing Public Speaking Internal Communications Search Engine Positioning digital marketing internet marketing SEO search engine optimization digital marketing trainer social media speaker Small Business Online Marketing Online Video Marketing Small Business Marketing Social Marketing Corporate Blogging Social Media Blogging Live Blogging Blogger Marketing Marketing Strategy Strategic Marketing Consultancy SMM New Media Marketing Interactive Marketing Online Brand Building

Find out all those attributes that defines you professionally. Remember these words must belong to the industry you specialize in. This helps enhance the visibility on Linkedin Search Engine!

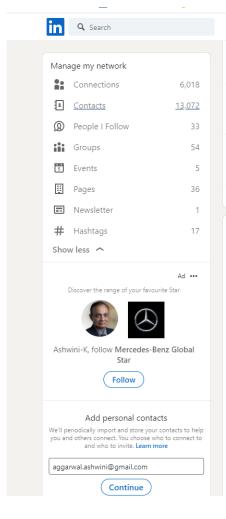
# Add videos, presentations, apps on linkedin...

- Contribute on slideshare...
- Link videos from your blogs, YouTube channels
- Build content for your audience...
- Highlight books you read...professional events you attend...



# Connect using email addresses

- Collect email addresses from the visiting cards you have collected till date and send them a Linkedin invite
- Scan the cards with a document scanner make a .csv file and upload in Linkedin
- Let Linkedin leverage your gmail or yahoo or your outlook account to get all those you were in touch via email to join your network!





#### See who you already know on LinkedIn

Syncing your contacts is the fastest way to grow your network

We'll periodically import and store your contacts to suggest connections and show you relevant updates. You control who you connect to, and you can manage your contacts anytime. Learn more

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Or use one of these

## Use your linkedin url in your email/cards/social media...

Warm Regards,

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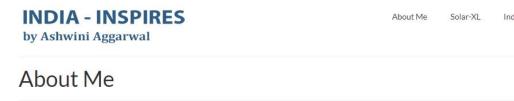
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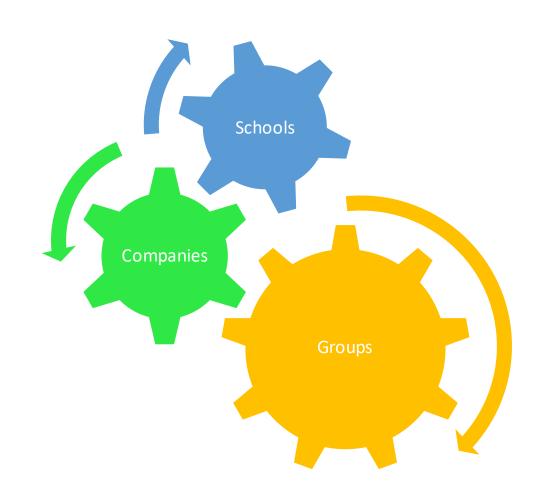


# Use LinkedIn Groups to Build Connections



### Build your Networking Engine!

- Identify groups that are in your industry using search terms
- Join them / Introduce yourself/ listen/engage regularly
- Expand your connects to cover
  - Companies of interest
  - Influencers
  - Schools



#### Create Content...

 Post your blog or articles in your network/ groups to catch network attention

 Post Regularly – and capture positions to build your brand

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YouTube
Linkedin
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Twitter
Linkedin
Ashwini
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# Post polls ...to catch industry attention!

#### Most Popular Discussions



Follow Garima

#### What is the Biggest ERP Challenge Your Organization Faces?

Lack of project resources 0 (0%)

posted 3 months ago \* 3 votes

Not enough executive support

Lack of employee buy-in 2 (66%)

Too small of a budget 0 (0%)

Lack of ERP (33%) « your vote expertise

Santosh Bojan 13 days ago • Lack of executive support may be the root cause for at least some of the people that identified employee buy-in as their biggest problem.









See more »

#### Be Regular...and pro-active...

- Update your status frequently
- Personally welcome and acknowledge your new connections. This strategy is central to developing relationships & standing apart from others who are just collecting connections
- Participate in groups and engage with comments
- Share jobs and thought notes relevant content will help you build an audience
- Don't stop at sharing content engage with the audience and be an opinion maker than just a broadcaster
- Follow groups and get introduced
- Identify engaged respondents, influencers, alumni search, 2<sup>nd</sup> level links and expand your network
- Figure out on daily basis who checked profile and try adding those links

#### Linkedin for Business...



Jobs

• Do job posting and get genuine resumes as per your target profile



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 Linkedin Ads reach your target audience, professionals as per age, company, designation, location...and more



Premium Accounts • There are accounts for professionals, sales individuals & job seekers. Allows you to send inmails to individuals...and analyse who visited your profile...



Company Pages • List your company details & products/services you offer. You can ask recommendations for the services/products listed.





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10 profile Do's & Don'ts

- Do use a professional headshot
- Don't use Linkedin Default headline
- Do use eye-catching symbols sparingly
- Do include your contact info
- Do add media samples
- Don't stuff keywords
- Don't go back 30 years
- Do get recommendations
- Do Tell a Story



## If you do not expand your network, you lose opportunities

- 1. Import your address book
- 2. Import a contact list
- 3. Let Linkedin help you connect
- 4. Join one hundred groups
- 5. Start a Linkedin Group
- 6. Make connecting a process
- 7. Link to your profile (business card, email, website, bio, socialmedia, marketing literature...)
- 8. Don't join open networking groups, lists
- 9. Linkedin Open Networker? Decide between a strong network vs Gigantic network
- 10. Use an App like Sales Navigator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H\_kuFQBeX8E



# Linked in Leverage...freeware...

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- My Blog <u>www.India-inspires.com</u>
- SlideShare
- Unicode bullet library
- Headline Generator
- PhotoFeeler.com
- Background image libraries
  - Pixabay
  - Freeimages
  - Search Google...for more!

