# Social Networking & Personal Branding Tips

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## **Social Networking Starting Points**

- 1. Have a purpose for using each social networking platform. Know your audience and your message.
- 2. Assume that everything you post online is public. Search engines can access all messages and profiles.



- 3. Do not request followers, friends or connections until your profile is complete.
- 4. Don't just promote yourself, promote other people's stuff, and share information.
- 5. Google yourself. Set up Google Alerts for your name, nicknames, and company name.

### **Introverts Guide to Networking (On & Offline)**

- 1. Use online networking to introduce yourself to new contacts.
- 2. Be an information broker. Share news articles and blogs with contacts.
- 3. Be a matchmaker. Introduce your contacts to others they should know.
- 4. Ask good questions. You have the strength of being a good listener.
- 5. Find your networking style. Communicate and connect in a way that works for you.

# **Build Your Brand Through Online Activities**

#### **Know Yourself ~**

Who are you and what do you offer? How does social networking help your goals?

#### Be Yourself ~

Be a thought leader. Talk about, write, tweet, and repost information on a specific topic.

#### **Express Yourself ~**

All your profiles should have consistent messages, appearance, and names/labels.

#### **Panel Moderator Bio**



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