

ONLINE REPUTATION & DIGITAL IDENTITY

Did you know?

- an estimated 70% of employers screen candidates using social media before hiring
- 85% of employers say a positive online reputation influences hiring decisions

DO:	DON'T:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set your social media profiles to private, unless the account is for professional use • Google yourself, i.e. search for your name through internet search engines to make sure you are comfortable with what results are viewable • Use your real name in your email address • Set up a professional voicemail greeting on your mobile phone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profile pictures are public by default. Do not post an inappropriate profile picture and check your previously posted profile pics, too • Online posts are very likely to be publically searchable so don't comment online unless your comments are appropriate, civil, and reflect professional expertise

POPULAR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS WITH EMPLOYERS:

				
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LEVERAGING YOUR DIGITAL IDENTITY:

- Many employers are looking to hire employees that understand **social media marketing**. Talk this skill up in your interview!
- Consider developing an employer focused **e-portfolio** including copies of your resume, reference letters, certifications, list of professional presentations, and samples of work or accomplishments relevant to the job
- Participate in **digital networking** online through professional organizations and civic groups that match your career goals and follow this up with in person volunteerism and community involvement
- Subscribe to **Google Alerts** – You can choose to be alerted when your name appears online or get alerts on a topic relevant to your career field. Once activated, Google will send you relevant items as they are posted online

WANT TO READ MORE?

How to “clean up” your social media presence before a job-search:

<https://transparency.kununu.com/how-to-clean-up-your-social-media-presence-before-your-job-search/>

5 Ways To Establish A Personal Brand On The Internet:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ashleystahl/2018/03/08/5-ways-to-establish-a-personal-brand-on-the-internet/#248e2dd02eba>

Contact StudenLife@nccc.edu to schedule an individual resume or cover letter review session, or to schedule a mock interview.