Social Media Google SEO



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Advanced Social Media: Some Best Practices For Accountants

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Introduction (Part 1)

- Thanks
- Handouts, "college style"
 - http://www.617-PATRICK.com/gscpa.html

Goals/Objectives

- You will learn more about
 - LinkedIn (40%)
 - YouTube (15%)
 - Facebook (10%)
 - Twitter (25%)
 - Amber Alert great Twitter story
 - Others (10%)
 - Blogging
 - Google Advertising

Business Problems 20 Years Ago

- Want something?
 - Who do I know that ...
- Business cards
 - People move...
 - Can't be searched
- Advertising
 - expensive
 - TV commercials
- Word of mouth

LinkedIn

- Scale of 1-10
 - 10 is expert
 - 1 never used it

Strategies For Using LinkedIn?

- Rolodex that gets updated when people move
- 2. Powerful research tool
- 3. "Friends of friends" network
- 4. More ...

LinkedIn Strategy #1

- 1. Rolodex that gets updated when people move
 - Maintain relationships
- 2. Powerful research tool
- 3. "Friends of friends" network
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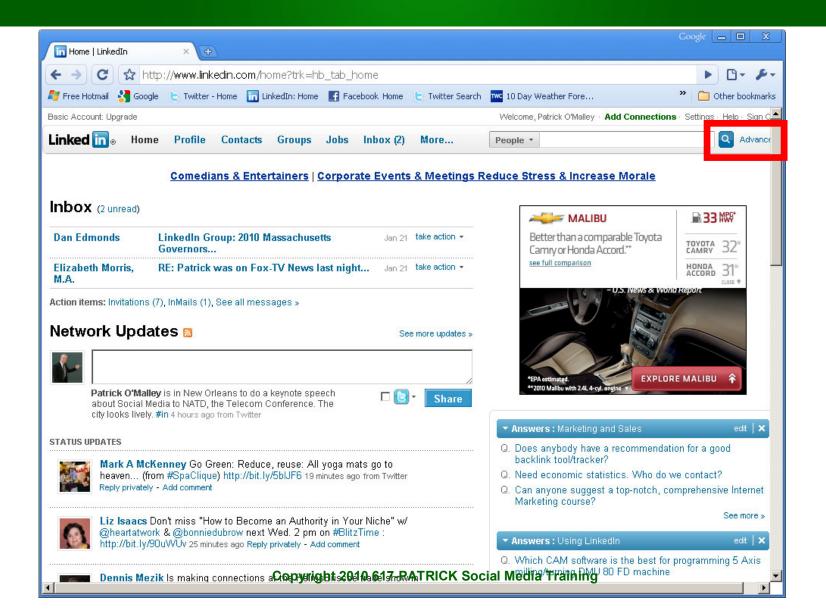
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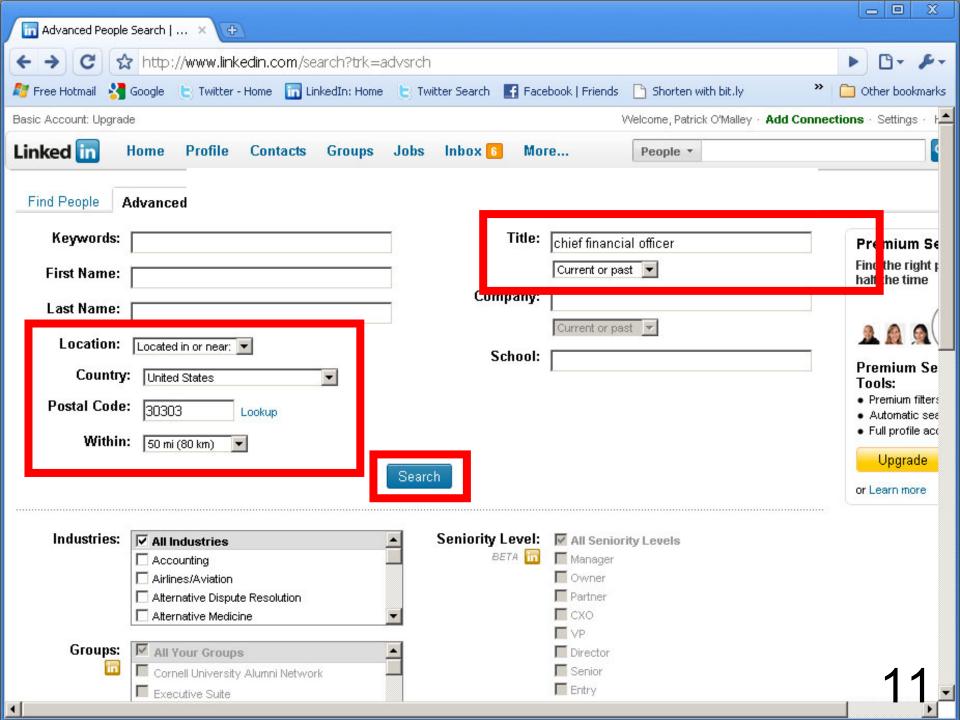
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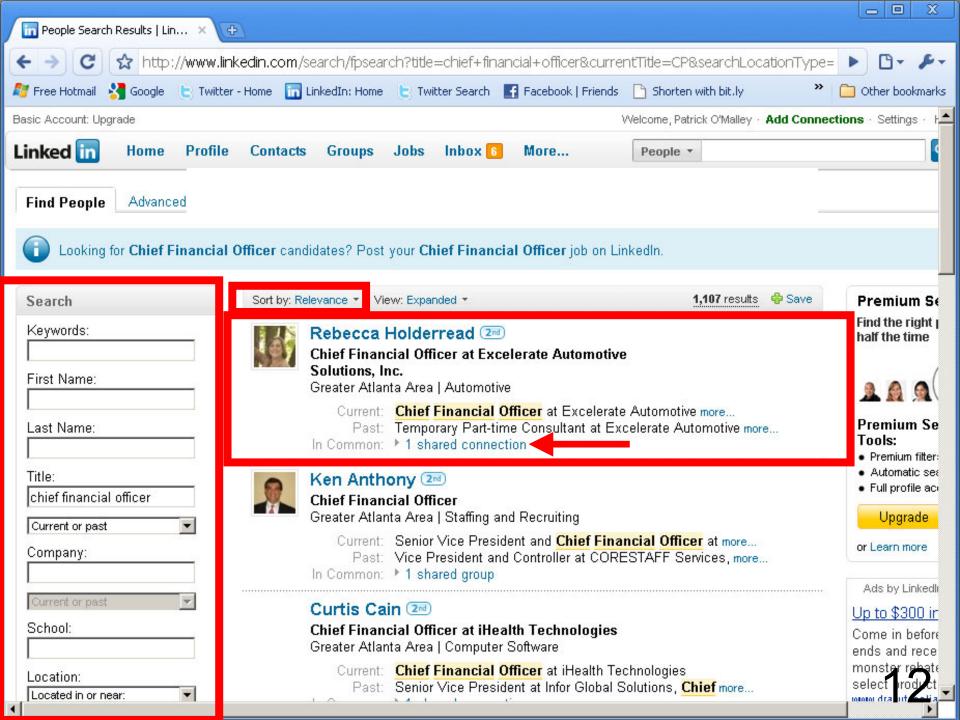
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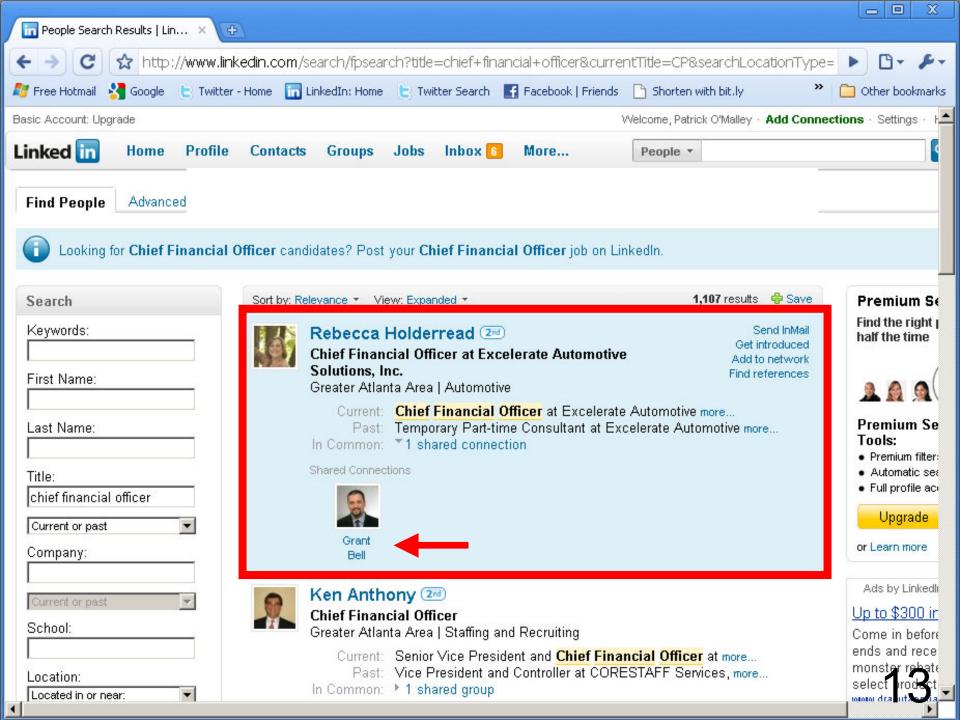
- If you care...
- Example
 - Chief Financial Officer

LinkedIn Advanced Search









Homework - Search People

- You can search LinkedIn profiles
- "People" in upper right should say "Search Profiles"
 - By name
 - By company, position, skill
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/05/04/linkedin-training-tip-search-people-search-profiles/

LinkedIn Strategy #3

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Selfish view of LinkedIn

You

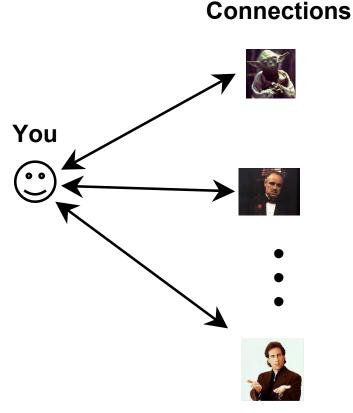


Patrick O'Malley Social Media Speaker

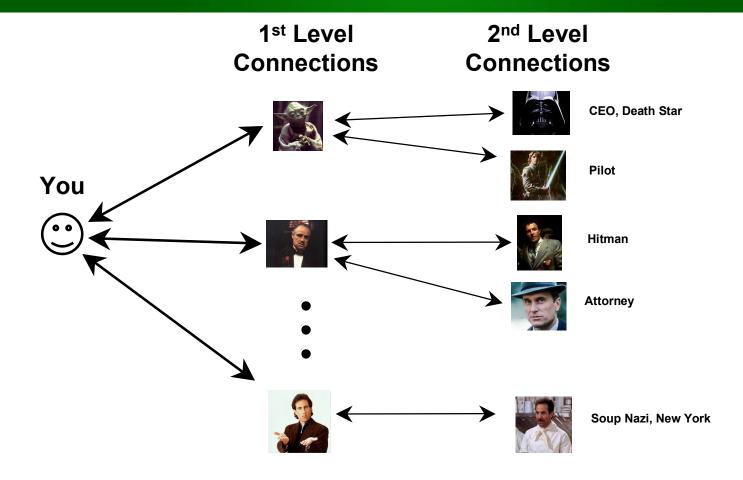
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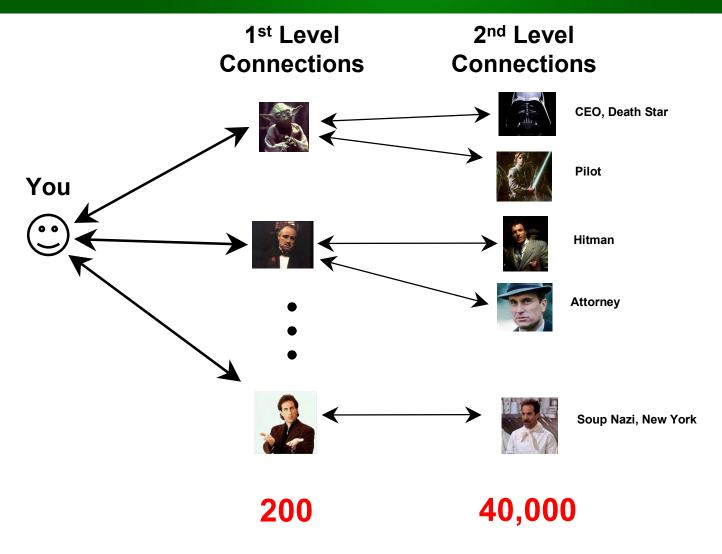
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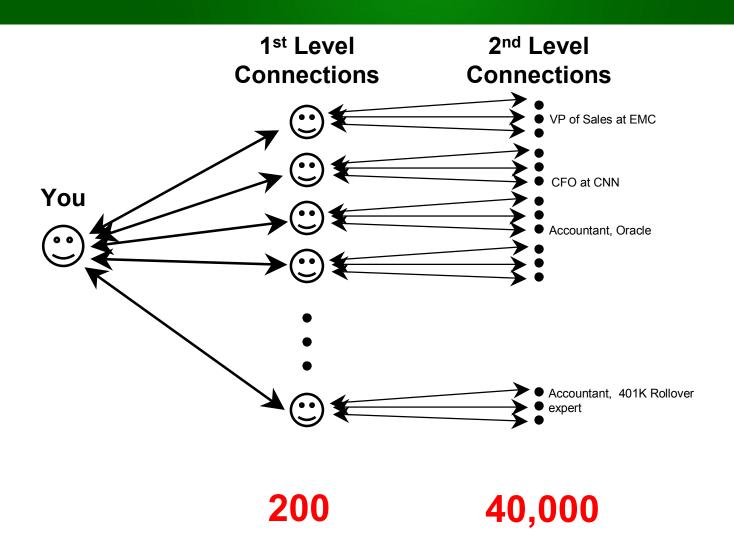
"Rolodex" view of LinkedIn



1st Level







Advanced LinkedIn

- You can only see 1st, 2nd, and 3rd level connections
 - Avoid paying LinkedIn \$25
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2010/02/02/linkedinexpert-tip-find-out-of-network-without-paying-25-dollars/

Who Would You Connect To?

- Who would you connect to?
 - Former workers
 - College roommates, friends, social club members, teammates
 - High school friends
 - Neighborhood groups
 - Parent groups
 - Military friends
 - Childhood friends, i.e. Cub Scout, Girl Scout, Baseball, Gymnastics, ...
 - People you met at conventions
 - Relatives
 - Others

Miscellaneous LinkedIn Features

- Questions & Answers
 - Show potential clients your expertise
- Groups
 - Yours
 - Your customers
- Events
- Lots more...

Profile Tips

- How many know how to spell your last name?
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/01/27/missing-linkedin-tip-we2%80%93-misspell-your-last-name-in-your-linkedin-profile/
- Maiden name
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/04/15/linkedin-training-bestway-to-put-your-maiden-name-linkedin-profile/

Professional Headline – <u>not</u> title

- 10-15 word marketing slogan
- Things to include?
 - Job
 - What you do, flavored
 - Company
 - City
- Choice
 - "Accountant, Patrick O'Malley and Associates"
 - "Tax accountant at the best CPA firm in Smyrna, GA"
- http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/05/07/linkedin-training-tip-professional-headline-should-be-a-marketing-phrase-not-your-job-title/

- Build your profile to be found
- Add keywords
 - What is your potential customer looking for?
 - Certified Public Accountant
 - CPA
 - Tax accountant
 - 401 K and 401K
 - IFRIS
 - What else?
 - Put these keywords anywhere
 - Summary field, within current job

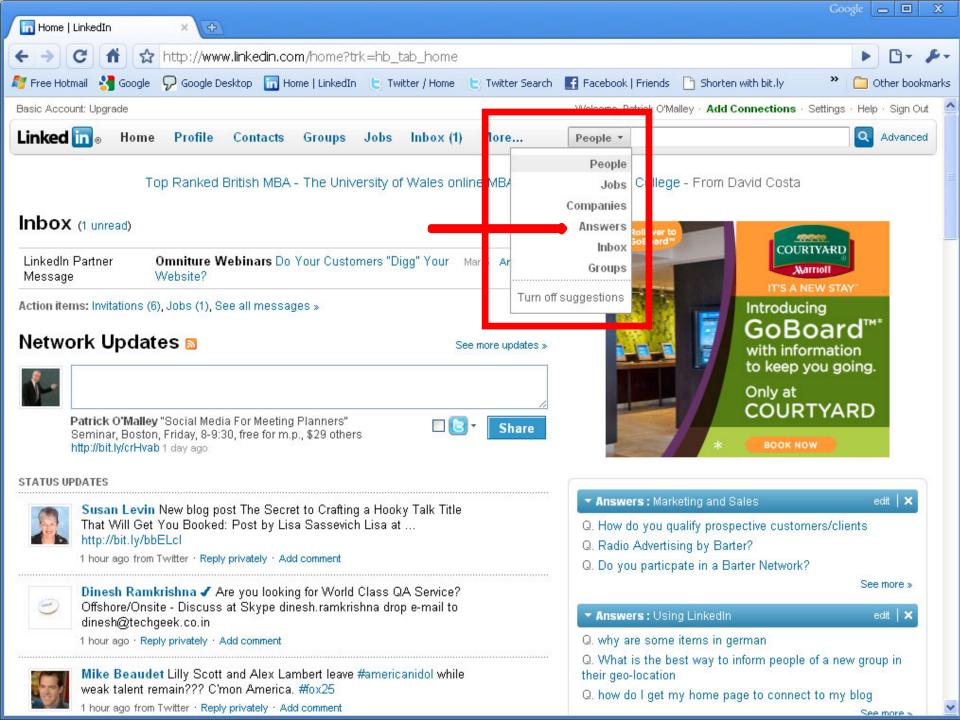
- Don't invite people you don't know!
 - If 5 people say "IDK" you, you are "blacklisted"
 - http://www.patrickomalley.com/linkedin-speaker-why-email-IDK-1.html
 - ** changed in the past month so you can invite people more liberally now
- Privacy settings (block people from "browsing" your network)
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/05/29/linkedin-training-tip-hiding-your-connections/

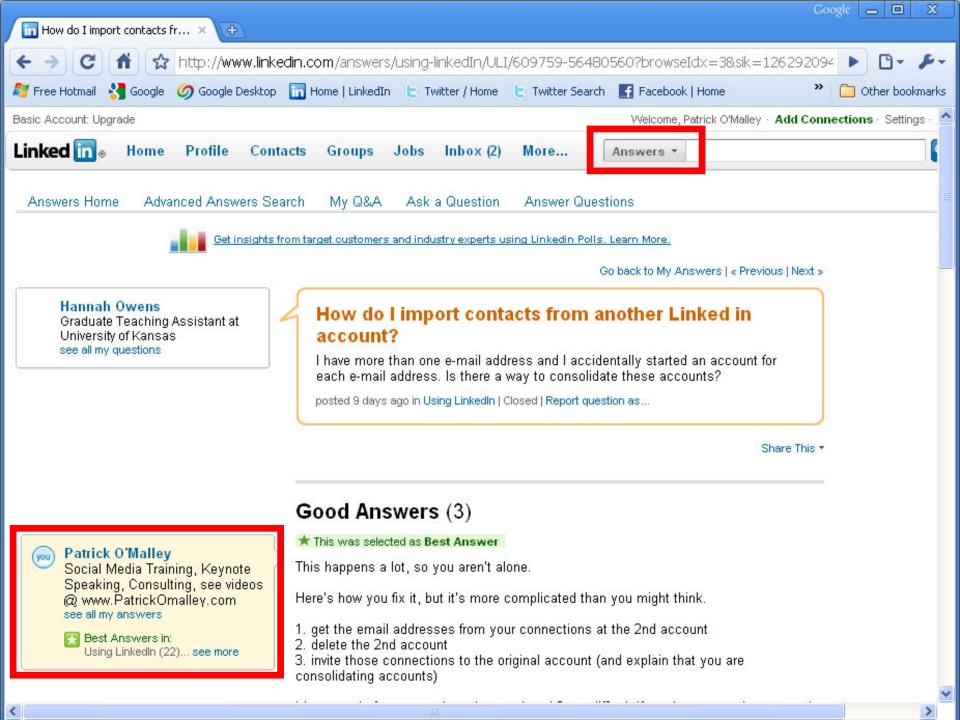
- Put full spelling of your city, like Atlanta,
 Smyrna, etc in your LinkedIn profile
 - http://www.the-linkedin-speaker.com/blog/2009/12/17/linkedin-training-tip-put-the-name-of-your-city-in-text-somewhere-in-your-profile/

- Get LinkedIn recommendations
 - Bold?
 - You can then approach their connections
 - Go to their profile
 - Click connections
 - Request an introduction <u>or</u> just do some research and contact them directly
 - Get referrals
 - Flaunt recommendations on your web page

LinkedIn Q & A – Details

- Top navigation
 - More...
 - Answers
 - Can do search for hotel questions, Boston questions
- "Advertise" your expertise
 - Get business





LinkedIn Q & A

You can become a recognized expert

LinkedIn - A Bad Name

- What do you need?
- You are
 - looking for knowledge
 - -relevant information
 - -fast

Should have called it ...

Prompt

Access

To

Relevant

Information

Containing

Knowledge

Conclusion - LinkedIn

Linkedin

- Powerful research tool
 - find someone to help you
- "Friends of friends" network
 - Who do I know ...
- Rolodex
 - Bye, bye business cards
- Build your network
- More...
 - Answer questions in Q&A
- Planners and Suppliers

Whoah...

- Too fast?
- Too slow?
- Too loud?
- Too soft?
- Missing anything?

Introduction (Part 2)

- Seen a sample
- Pace of presentation
- Handful of questions
- Email addresses or business cards
- Behind curve?
- Show what you can do with social media

My Bio

- I do speeches and consulting on
 - Social Media
 - LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, ...
 - Google ranking (SEO & PPC)
- VP of Operations for search engine that was tied with Google in 2000
- I do NOT work for LinkedIn, Twitter, etc

You

- Accountants
 - CPAs
 - Independent?
 - For companies?
 - CFOs?
- Any specific things??

YouTube

YouTube

- A picture says a thousand words...
- Make a "TV commercial"
- Free

YouTube Technical

- Videos on YouTube
 - can point to your web page
 - can be "embedded" on your web page
 - are often ranked by Google

YouTube Technical

Process

- Get a \$200 camcorder
 - Flip
 - Careful: 63 minutes max, not 120
 - They create mp4 files
 - Kodak ZI8
 - Careful: less than 90 minutes max
 - Creates MOV files, which don't work on Microsoft
 - Others
- Create an account at <u>www.Youtube.com</u>
 - Upload
 - Give Title, Description

YouTube Technical

- Can be "embedded" on your web page
 - Code is to the right of the video at YouTube

Embedded Video



YouTube

- Uses of video for accountants
 - -Testimonials
 - Show tips if they can be visual
 - Software tips for Quickbooks, Excel, Tax software?

YouTube

- Videos now rank on Google
 - -53 times more likely to get on first page
 - Use keywords that your potential clients might use
 - If you think they would search for
 - CPA Macon, GA
 - Then make sure the title of your video is» CPA Macon, GA

YouTube - Conclusions

- Videos
 - 30 second to 5 minute "TV commercials"
 - Testimonials
 - Sample tax tips or Quickbooks tips
- Mistake everyone makes ...

20 Years Ago, You Wished...

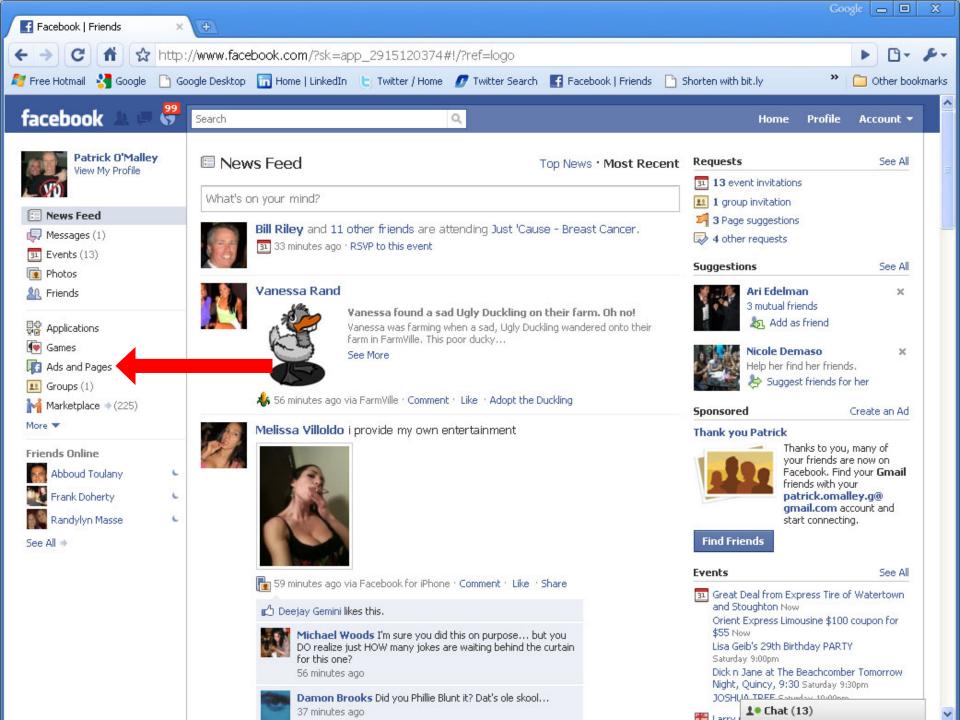
- Free TV commercials
- Show your product
- Pass word of mouth

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- Having a good time?

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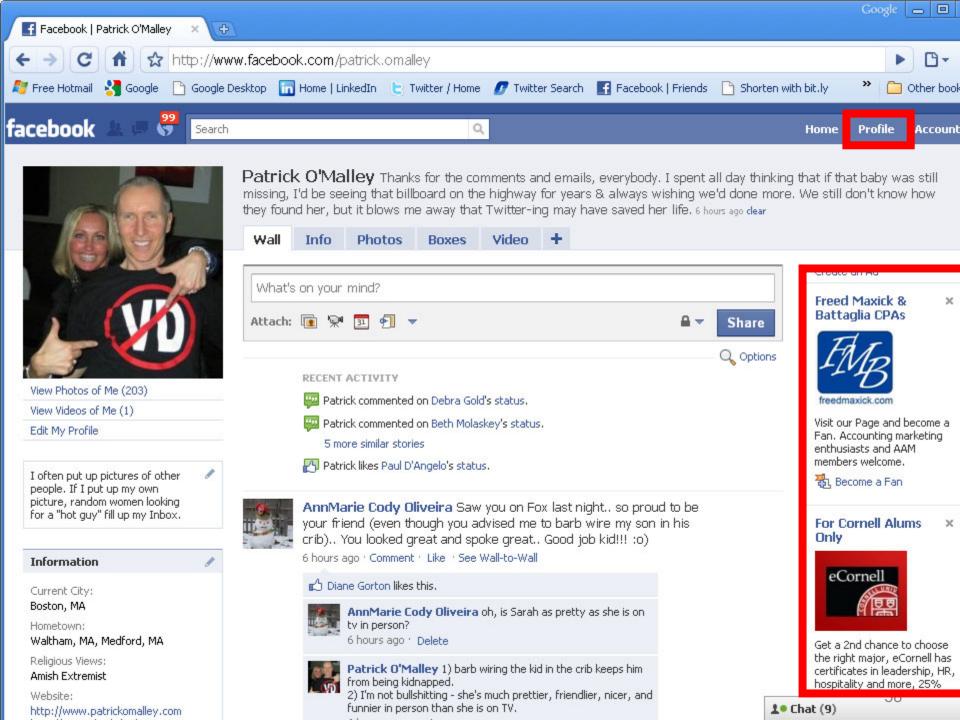
- For businesses
 - "Facebook page"

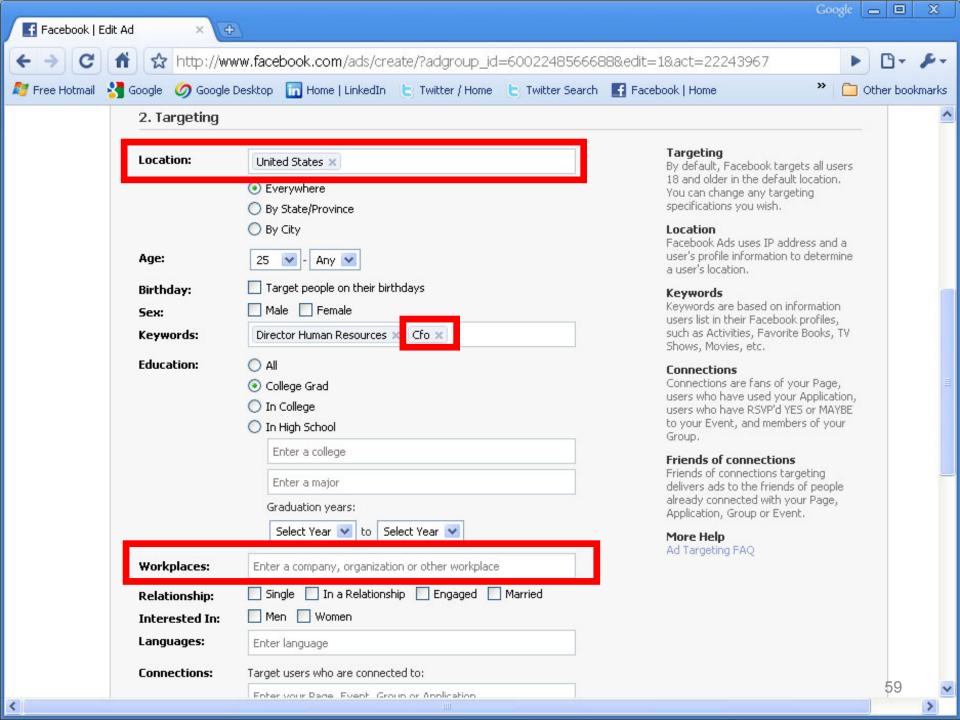


- Upper left navigation
- "Facebook pages"
 - http://www.patrickomalley.com/facebook-create-a-fan-page-forbusiness.html

Advanced Facebook

- Promoting your business
 - Facebook advertising





Facebook – Bad Name

- Made up by a college kid to be used by other college kids
- Used it for
 - Pictures
 - Sharing stories

Should have called it...

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Pictures
And
Tales
Really
Inspiring
College
Kids
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Blogging

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- "Weblog"
- Like a newspaper article, diary, essay

Blogging

- Google loves them
- Put blog on your website
 - Wordpress
 - -Get SEO all in One plug in

Advanced Blogging

- Strategy for higher Google ranking
 - What is our client looking for?
 - Macon, GA Corporate Tax Accountant
 - Blog your good content
 - 300-600 words about details
 - Write your tax accounting tips
 - Title: Macon, GA Corporate Tax Accountant Planning tip home deductions

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- "Micro-blogging"
 - 140 character messages, called "tweets"
 - Junk
- Like Facebook "status updates"
- You "follow" people

- If I only followed
 - Ashton Kutcher. i.e. aplusk
 - Coldplay, i.e. coldplay
 - Chris Brogan, i.e. chrisbrogan



aplusk We received some pretty hilarious Valentine's Day gift videos! Watch and subscribe to the channel http://bit.ly/d8qQ9P 6:36 PM Feb 18th from Brizzly



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coldplay The Oracle will be joining Coldplay on their Latin American trip - answering your questions about the tour http://bit.ly/cx1w54 A 3:37 PM Feb 18th from web



chrisbrogan "Men can't design products for women." -@tom peters. 34 PM Feb 18th from Seesmic



chrisbrogan The beauty of every lesson I share is that how they are received educates me more about you. 1:27 PM Feb 18th from Seesmic



chrisbrogan I'll say this: the measure of my next great performances will be influenced partly by what I learned from @tom Peters and @sanderssays



aplusk Russia is very dedicated to collaboration on e governance. Some brilliant ideas being shared. Off to Siberia. 12:48 PM Feb 18th from Seesmic

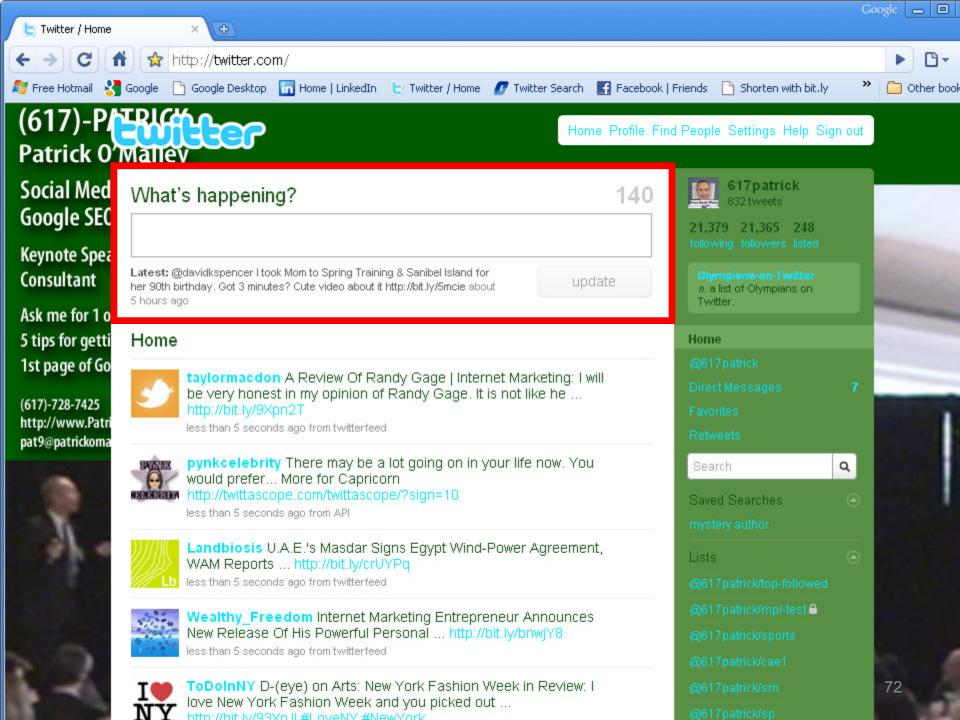
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aplusk As an effort of diplomacy the Russian government has offered Americans access to Russian military ring tones. 12:44 PM Feb 18th from Seesmic



chrisbrogan I only +think+ I am a good Speaker. @tom_peters



- Rules of Twitter
 - Anyone can follow anyone
 - You see tweets from the people you follow
 - 140 characters
 - Can't say much
 - Lots of junk
 - More than 140? Pointer to web page
 - www.bit.ly makes short URLs
 - Twitter stands for ...

What Does Twitter Stand For?

Time

Wasted

In

Tracking

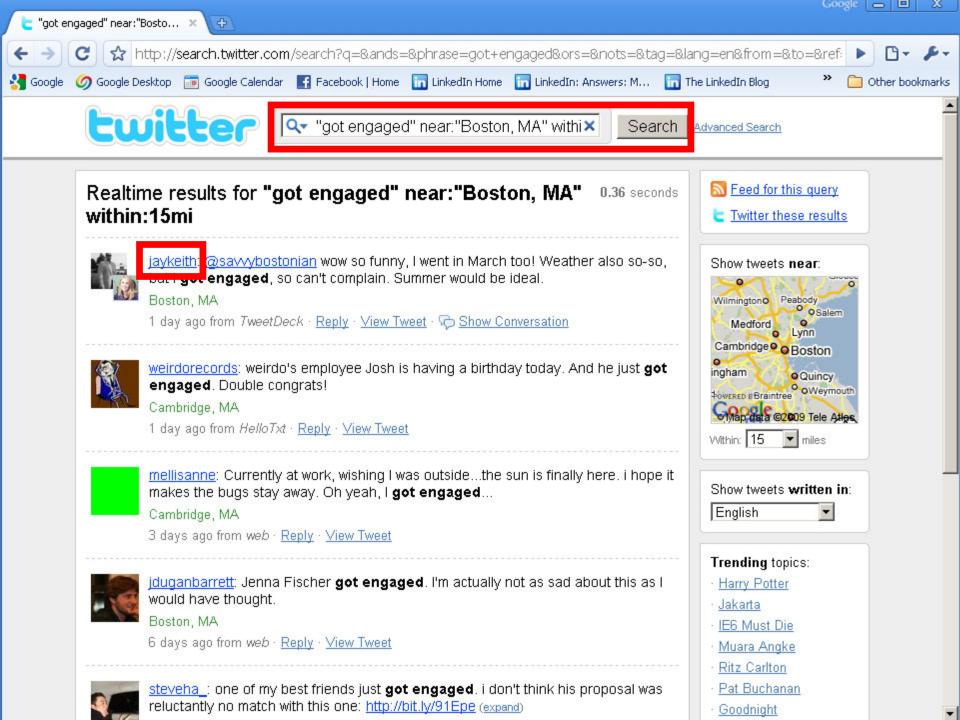
Tiny

Egotistical

Rants

Twitter Search

- search.twitter.com
 - Look for keywords that your customers would say



Twitter - Marketing Magic

- Now talk to the prospects that you found during search
 - i.e. get "engaged" with them
 - talk to jaykeith from the previous example
 - Use the @reply
 - @jaykeith Congratulations!

Advanced Twitter

Twitter – The @reply

- You can yell to someone you don't know
 - Example
 - @oprah AMBER ALERT, New England, left Swansea, MA @11:40, Silver Ford Focus, MINN plate 677-AVP http://bit.ly/dlLQDy RETWEET
 - If they search for their @replies (on right), they see it

Twitter - ReTweet

- ReTweet
 - Repeat someone's Tweet to your followers
- Examples
 - RT @emophilips: A computer once beat me at chess but it was no match for me at kick boxing
- "Word of mouth"

Twitter - Conclusions

- Waste of time for many
- Good for meeting people with common interests
- Great for marketing/sales

- Greatest story
 - Thursday, February 18th
 - radio Amber Alert in Massachusetts
 - My Tweet
 - AMBER ALERT, New England, left Swansea, MA @11:40, Silver Ford Focus, MINN plate 677-AVP http://bit.ly/dlLQDy RETWEET
 - People with most followers
 - www.twitterholic.com
 - People in Boston
 - www.twellow.com
 - Keep tweeting updates

- Greatest story
 - http://www.617-patrick.com/baby

TONS More...

- Handout
 - http://www.617-PATRICK.com/gscpa.html
- My website
 - http://www.617-PATRICK.com/
- I will send you a LinkedIn invite, or invite me
 - List of emails

Biggest Changes In Last 20 Years

- Amazing technology is free or cheap
- Searching is easier
- Power of a single voice
- Word of mouth is faster

Motivational

- Economy
 - can't do anything about it
- Greatest time in history to be heard if you have quality content
 - Promote your meeting
 - YouTube, Blogging, LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook
 - Network with leaders in your field
- Technology will get better
 - Twitter especially

Summary – What You Can Do...

LinkedIn

- Replace your Rolodex
- Search or research tool
- "Friends of friends" network

YouTube

- Promote your knowledge, show testimonials
- Show online examples if you have them

Facebook

- Advertising
- Business page, i.e. fan page

- Find your target market and talk to them
- Fast word of mouth

Conclusions

- Types of social media for everyone...
- How many
 - believe in relationships for business?
 - have friends?
 - have something to say?
 - ... don't have time?
 - look good?
- Social media for business
 - If you don't …

The End