

Information Now Public:  
name, profile picture, likes&interests,  
work&education, friends, current city

**Source: Facebook Privacy Policy, Retrieved May 12, 2010. <http://www.facebook.com/policy.php>**

**“Everyone” Information.** Information set to “everyone” is publicly available information, just like your name, profile picture, and connections. Such information may, for example, be accessed by everyone on the Internet (including people not logged into Facebook), be indexed by third party search engines, and be imported, exported, distributed, and redistributed by us and others without privacy limitations.

**Connections.** Facebook enables you to connect with virtually anyone or anything you want, from your friends and family to the city you live in to the restaurants you like to visit to the bands and movies you love. Because it takes two to connect, your [privacy settings](#) only control who can see the connection on your profile page. If you are uncomfortable with the connection being publicly available, you should consider removing (or not making) the connection.

**Source: <http://www.facebook.com/settings/?tab=privacy&section=applications&field=learn>**

#### **What you share when visiting applications and websites**

When you visit a Facebook-enhanced application or website, it may access any information you have made visible to Everyone ([Edit Profile Privacy](#)) as well as your publicly available information. This includes your Name, Profile Picture, Gender, Current City, Networks, Friend List, and Pages. The application will request your permission to access any additional information it needs.

**Source:**  
**<http://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2010/04/handy-facebook-english-translator>**

#### **Public information**

This is the term Facebook uses to describe information that it wants to share with anybody and everybody. Knowing what information Facebook considers “public” at any given moment can be confusing, but it’s key to understanding what information Facebook may share with its business partners without seeking further permission.

Any time “public information” is referenced now, Facebook is talking about your: *name, profile picture, current city, gender, networks, complete list of your friends, and your complete list of connections (formerly the list of pages that you were a “fan” of, but now including profile information like your hometown, education, work, activities, likes and interests, and, in some cases, your likes and recommendations from non-Facebook pages around the web).*

"If your friends use Facebook applications, those apps will then have access to personal information about you...without asking your permission"

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**When your friends use Platform.** If your friend connects with an application or website, it will be able to access your name, profile picture, gender, user ID, and information you have shared with “everyone.”

And if you visit one of Facebook's "Instant Personalization Partner" websites, Facebook will reveal personal details about you... As soon as you visit that site ... WITHOUT your permission

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**Pre-Approved Third-Party Websites and Applications.** In order to provide you with useful social experiences off of Facebook, we occasionally need to provide General Information about you to pre-approved third party websites and applications that use Platform at the time you visit them (if you are still logged in to Facebook). Similarly, when one of your friends visits a pre-approved website or application, it will receive General Information about you so you and your friend can be connected on that website as well (if you also have an account with that website).

**Source:**  
**<http://gadgetwise.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/04/23/how-to-opt-out-of-facebooks-instant-personalization/>**

But there is a price paid in privacy. Facebook deems these "[connections](#)" to interests and businesses and content to be public information — along with your name, profile picture, gender and friend list. And it intends to make them very public through new "social plugins" and "[instant personalization.](#)"

Note that even if you opt out, your friends can still share public Facebook information about you to personalize their experiences on these sites unless you block each of their applications manually.

Facebook gives EVERYONE ON THE INTERNET access to your Basic Info ... Even if you previously told Facebook to keep those details private ... And there is NO WAY to make that info private except to delete it

**Source: Complaint to the FTC, [http://epic.org/privacy/facebook/EPIC\\_FTC\\_FB\\_Complaint.pdf](http://epic.org/privacy/facebook/EPIC_FTC_FB_Complaint.pdf)**

51. In the terms under which most Facebook users signed up for the service, employment and educational information and music, film, book, and television preferences were not originally required to be "publicly available" information.

55. Thus, Facebook has designated as made "publicly available" information that had previously been protectable under users' privacy settings. This includes information about users' hometown, education, work, activities, likes and interests, and, in some cases, likes and recommendations from non-Facebook pages around the web.

**Source:**  
**<http://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2010/04/facebook-further-reduces-control-over-personal-information>**

Today, Facebook [removed](#) its users' ability to control who can see their own interests and personal information. Certain parts of users' profiles, "including your current city, hometown, education and work, and likes and interests" will now be transformed into "connections," meaning that they will be shared publicly. If you don't want these parts of your profile to be made public, your only option is to delete them.

**Source: <http://blog.facebook.com/blog.php?post=382978412130>**

Now, certain parts of your profile, including your current city, hometown, education and work, and likes and interests, will contain "connections." Instead of just boring text, these connections are actually Pages, so your profile

will become immediately more connected to the places, things and experiences that matter to you.

Keep in mind that Facebook Pages you connect to are public. You can control which friends are able to see connections listed on your profile, but you may still show up on Pages you're connected to. If you don't want to show up on those Pages, simply disconnect from them by clicking the "Unlike" link in the bottom left column of the Page. You always decide what connections to make.