

### **Facebook Basics**

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### What is Facebook?

- Facebook is a popular free social networking website
- It was launched in 2004 by founder Mark Zuckerberg
- Facebook has more than 2 billion users worldwide – but some of these user accounts are fake or duplicates



### Today, we will...

- Review basic functions on Facebook
- Consider how we will use Facebook
- Get an overview of privacy approaches



# But first..... how do you planto use Facebook?

 Why do you want to connect with people using Facebook?

What do you want to share (or not)?

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#### Social media exists to reveal ....

Before posting anything, consider:

- What would you say in a public space, and does what you write online match?
- Will this post or picture, even if deleted, harm myself or others?
- How can I help others via my online presence?



#### News Feed vs. Profile

- Your **Profile** is a a way to showcase your personal information and projects.
- Your **News Feed** is a stream of your friends' updates, with ads and other content that the site thinks would interest you.

<u>Bottom line</u>: the **algorithm**, or set of rules used by the site to create and share content, will define how you use the site.



## Moderate Your Media Diet

- Use "Edit Preferences" (left-click on "News Feed" button on left side of main page) to prioritize Friends' information
- Use the "three dots" next to various items to further customize how you see different people's posts



## Make the most of the menu

Under settings, you can customize your privacy settings, as well as what notifications you want to receive, and much more.





## And when in doubt...



Don't hesitate to use the "Unfollow" option if there's posts that you prefer not to see.



A few notes about privacy Everyone deserves healthy boundaries.

- Use a secure login and password
- Set general privacy settings, and use the "Block" function when appropriate
- Use "Privacy Checkup" and "Privacy Shortcut" under main menu



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