

How to Erase Yourself From the Internet ?

- A Case Study

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If your **growing weariness** of being constantly tethered to the internet has become overwhelming, it might be time to scrub yourself from the **social media** sphere altogether. Here's how you can become a ghost on the Internet, by **tracking down** and **eliminating** your **digital past**.



The Big Four

Before you go hunting down your old MySpace and Yahoo Fantasy Sports accounts, you should probably go ahead and nix your existence from the four largest social media sites on the planet—

Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and LinkedIn—seeing as how they have the greatest reach and the most information on you. Luckily, each service makes the self-destruct process fairly straightforward.





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Security Settings

Secure Browsing	Secure browsing is currently enabled .	Edit
Login Notifications	Email and text message notifications are enabled .	Edit
Code Generator	Code Generator is enabled .	Edit
App Passwords	You haven't created app passwords.	Edit
Trusted Contacts	You don't have any trusted contacts set.	Edit
Recognized Devices	You have 8 recognized devices.	Edit
Active Sessions	Logged in from Hyderabad, AP, IN and 7 other locations.	Edit

[Deactivate your account.](#)

Facebook makes it very obvious how to deactivate your account; it's under **Account Settings > Security > Deactivate your account**



Delete My Account

If you do not think you will use Facebook again and would like your account deleted, we can take care of this for you. Keep in mind that you will not be able to reactivate your account or retrieve any of the content or information you have added. If you would still like your account deleted, click "Delete My Account".

Delete My Account

Cancel

Don't be fooled! Deactivation isn't deletion **Delete My Account** page and click the big blue button. That's it, you're **officially off Facebook**. The process might take up to a fortnight to complete since the system has to scan the entirety of itself making sure all data related to you—every tagged picture, like, and mention—but when it's gone, it's all gone. The process is irreversible.

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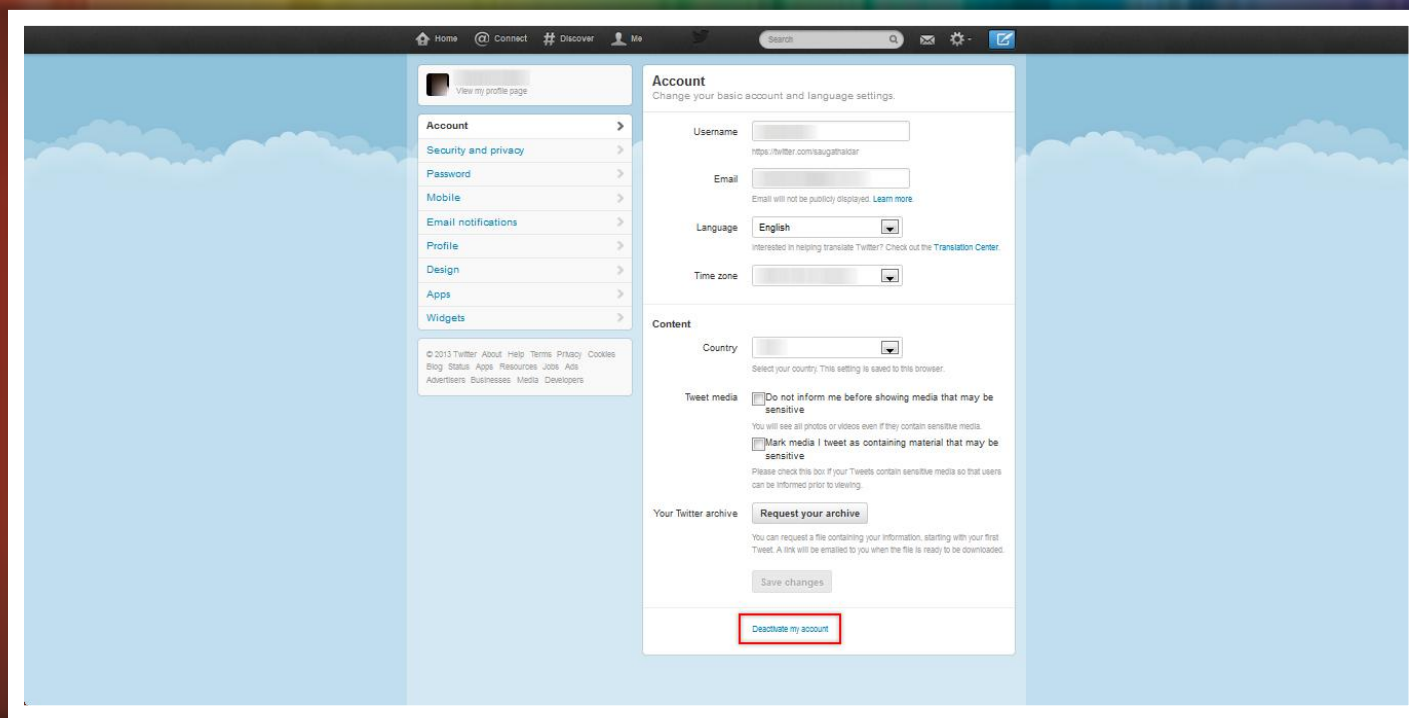
General Account Settings

Name		Edit
Username	http://www.facebook.com/	Edit
Email	Primary:	Edit
Password	Updated about 3 months ago.	Edit
Networks	No networks.	Edit
Language	English (US)	Edit

[Download a copy of your Facebook data.](#)

Don't worry, though; if you still want that treasure trove of pictures and updates living on your hard drive, you can download the whole shebang by going to **Account Settings > General > Download a copy of your Facebook Data > Start My Archive**

Unlike on Facebook, on Twitter deactivate means delete. And it's easy! Go to **Account Settings > Deactivate my account > Okay, fine, deactivate account**. Then just enter your password and you're good to go.



Twitter also holds onto your info in case you have quitter's remorse, so it'll still stick around on the company's servers for **30 days**. After that, though, you're all clear for a RTless life.



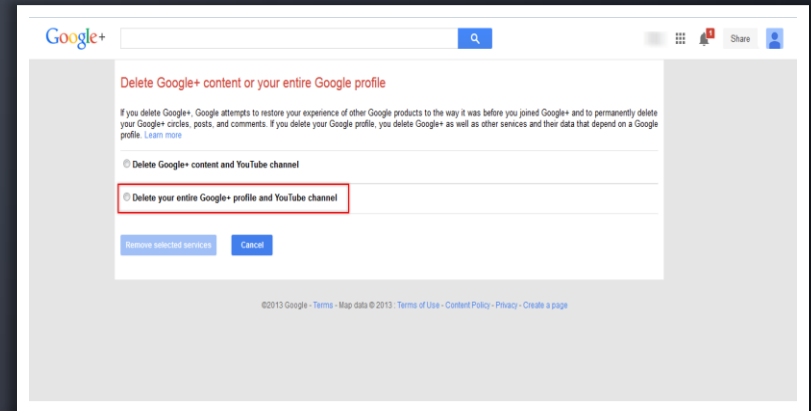
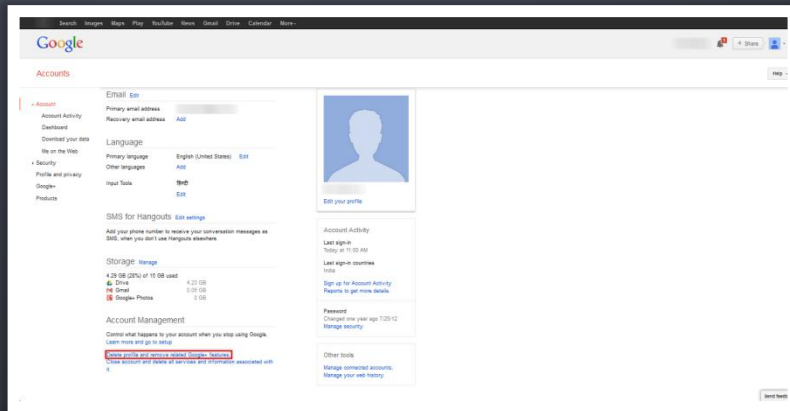
Another easy one. Head to the upper right hand corner of the page, and select **Privacy & Settings** from the drop-down menu. From there, head to **Account > Close Your Account**. Answer a quick question about why you're leaving (as if you need a reason!), verify your account one more time, and then revel in the fact that you'll never get LinkedIn spam again.

The screenshot shows the LinkedIn account settings page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the LinkedIn logo, a search bar, and various utility icons. Below the navigation bar is a yellow warning banner about account security. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Account Overview:** Includes member since date (September 5, 2011), primary email (saugathaldar@gmail.com), password change link, and account type (Basic).
- Payment:** View purchase history.
- Get More When You Upgrade!** More communication options, enhanced search tools, and an Upgrade button.
- Privacy Controls:** Manage Advertising Preferences, Settings, Change your profile photo & visibility, Show/hide profile photos of other members, Customize the updates you see on your home page, Select your language, and Manage security settings.
- Email & Password:** Add & change email addresses, Change password, Helpful Links, Upgrade your account, and Close your account (highlighted with a red box).
- Frequently asked questions:** Managing Account Settings, Can't Find "Settings" or "Sign Out" Links, Viewing and Editing Subgroup Settings, Group Member Settings, and Updating Twitter Settings.

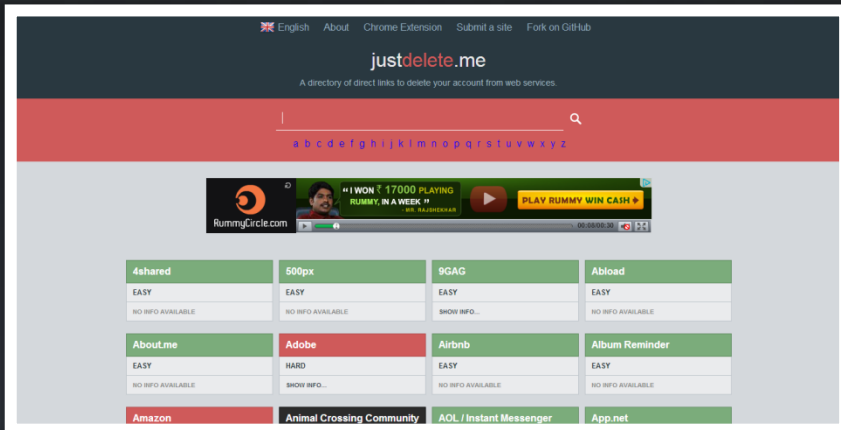
Google+

To get rid of just your public information, first sign into Google+ if you somehow aren't already. Click your name and/or email address in the upper right hand corner, and go to **Account Management > Delete profile and remove related Google+ features > Delete Google+ content**. That'll take care of profile, your Circles, your +Is, etc.



If you really want to go all the way with this and **delete the entirety of your Google account** (mail, calendar, etc). To do that, go to your **Google Account homepage**, click **Close account and delete all services and info associated with it**, and kiss Gmail and every other Google-thing you love goodbye.

Tools for Cleaning Up Your Social Networking Account



The screenshot shows the homepage of justdelete.me, a directory of direct links to delete accounts from various web services. The site has a search bar and a list of services categorized by difficulty.

Service	Difficulty	Info
#shared	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
500px	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
9GAG	EASY	SHOW INFO...
Ablod	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
About.me	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
Adobe	HARD	SHOW INFO...
Airbnb	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
Album Reminder	EASY	NO INFO AVAILABLE
Amazon	NO INFO AVAILABLE	
Animal Crossing Community	NO INFO AVAILABLE	
AOL / Instant Messenger	NO INFO AVAILABLE	
App.net	NO INFO AVAILABLE	

<http://justdelete.me>



The screenshot shows the homepage of knowem.com, a tool for checking domain names and social media profiles. It features a search bar and a 'Check it' button.

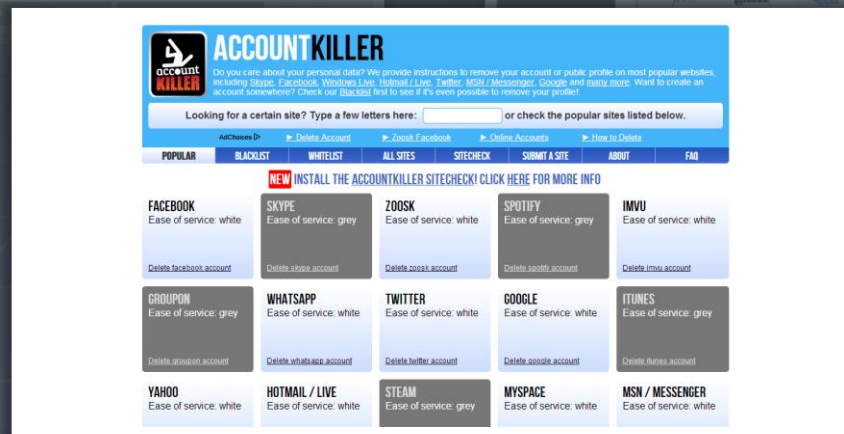
Search over 550 popular social networks, over 150 domain names, and the entire USPTO Trademark Database to instantly secure your brand on the internet.

enter name here **Check it**

What is this? KnowEm allows you to check for the use of your brand, product, personal name or username instantly on over 550 popular and emerging social media websites. Grab your name and secure your brand before someone else does. [Learn more](#)

KnowEm for the Enterprise **KnowEm Enterprise Dashboard**

<http://knowem.com>



The screenshot shows the homepage of accountkiller.com, a tool for deleting accounts from various social media and messaging services. It features a search bar and a list of services.

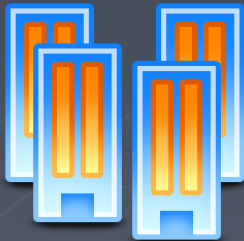
ACCOUNT KILLER

Looking for a certain site? Type a few letters here: or check the popular sites listed below.

POPULAR BLACKLIST WHITELIST ALL SITES SITECHECK SUBMIT A SITE ABOUT FAQ

Service	Ease of service
FACEBOOK	white
SKYPE	grey
ZOOSK	white
SPOTIFY	grey
IMVU	white
GROUPON	grey
WHATSAPP	white
TWITTER	white
GOOGLE	white
ITUNES	grey
YAHOO	white
HOTMAIL / LIVE	white
STEAM	grey
MYSPACE	white
MSN / MESSENGER	white

<http://www.accountkiller.com>



Social Networking Account **Removal Tools**



Intelius

<http://www.Intelius.com>



PeekYou

<http://www.PeekYou.com>



MyLife

<http://MyLife.com>



USSearch

<http://www.USSearch.com>



ZabaSearch

<http://www.ZabaSearch.com>



PeopleFinders

<http://www.PeopleFinders.com>



Spoke

<http://www.Spoke.com>



PeopleLookup

<http://PeopleLookup.com>



BeenVerified

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PeopleSmart

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