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**Digital Day** 

LinkedIn 2.0: The Power of Digital Networking

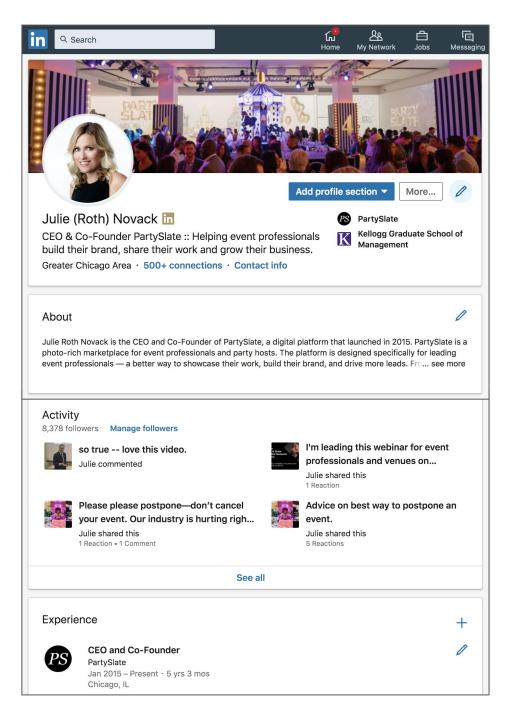
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# How to optimize your LinkedIn profile

You have a story to tell — a dynamic LinkedIn profile will help you build your personal brand.

- **Professional headshot**: 14x more views
- Professional headline: Include keywords for SEO
- About: Most overlooked but important
- Featured: Add recent posts and links
- **Experience**: List your experience in detail
- Accomplishments: Awards, publications
  - Affiliations: Education, boards, associations



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# Post content with a hook to drive engagement

- Organic reach on LinkedIn is high **right now**
- Repost content from your connections
- Engaging posts are most important:
  - 1. Relatable stories
  - 2. Lessons learned
  - 3. Thought provokers
  - 4. Open-ended questions

LinkedIn has 250 million monthly active users, but **only 1%** are posting content on a weekly basis

🗹 Start a post	đ	-
Write an article on LinkedIn		

# Consider native content to boost engagement

- LinkedIn rewards native posting of:
  - Articles
  - Images
  - Video

Share an article, photo, video or idea	
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- Ideas for native posting:
  - Behind-the-scenes event set up
  - Interview passionate clients or creative partners
  - Preview the next big thing
  - Share a moment
  - Drop some knowledge

# Don't underestimate the power of hashtags

- Make your content more discoverable
- Reach a larger audience, or target a specific audience
- Expand your network with greater reach
- Creating an original hashtag for a larger campaign
- Use hashtags in your profile or when leaving comments
- Follow hashtags related to your industry or brand
- Pin your favorite hashtags to your homepage easier to find related content

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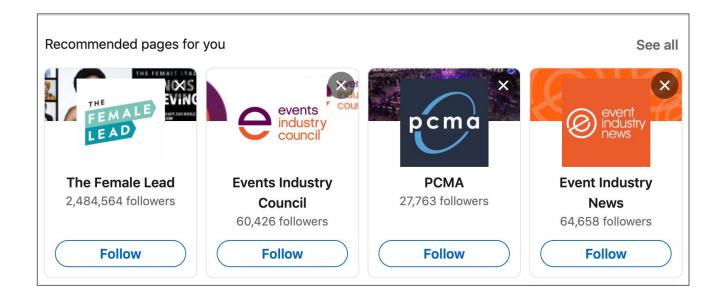
# Leverage your own contacts

- Import your contact list
- Use people search with filters
- Set title to "owner"
- Write a personal note with your request to connect

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# Use the "Discover More" feature

• Find recommended and trending groups, profiles, and hashtags



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# Leverage the power of endorsements and recommendations

- Endorsements
  - When you list 5+ skills, receive 17x the profile views
  - Proactively give endorsements to build relationships
- Recommendations
  - Request and give recommendations
  - Personal way to build connections and trust

Skills & Endorsements	Add a new skill 🥢					
Take skill quiz						
Digital Marketing · 99+						
Endorsed by David Baker and 24 others who are highly skilled at this	Endorsed by 5 of Julie's colleagues at Vibes					
Digital Strategy · 76						
Endorsed by Tracy Yedlin and 12 others who are highly skilled at this	Endorsed by 5 of Julie's colleagues at Vibes					
Mobile Marketing · 99+						
Endorsed by David Baker and 11 others who are highly skilled at this	Endorsed by 11 of Julie's colleagues at Vibes					
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# Create or join a group

- Search for groups that may be relevant to your business
- Get started by joining 2-3 groups
- Start an "engagement pod" to help boost your posts

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	Venture Capital Group 8,416 members									

# LinkedIn Live Video

- LinkedIn Live Video allows approved members and organizations to broadcast live video content
- You must apply and be approved to have access
- LinkedIn Live videos receive an average of 24x more comments than native videos produced by the same brand
- Things to consider:
  - To gain an audience, stream for at least 10 minutes max stream time is 4 hours
  - Consider series-based content
  - Don't stream more than 1x a day
  - Avoid pre-recorded videos use native video instead



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# Your LinkedIn action plan

### 1. Optimize your LinkedIn profile page

- Outline your strategy for your personal brand
- Update your profile and post content to build your brand
- Don't forget underused areas, like "About" summary

### 2. Make strategic connections to build your brand

- Import your contact list and connect with people you already know
- Use filters to find and connect with new people to build your network
- Spend time using LinkedIn's research features to discover new connections

### 3. Post content to become an authority

- Post engaging content consistently
- Consider native posts
- Curate content from relevant sources

# How We Can Help

- Review:
  - Your LinkedIn profile
  - Your website
- Build a free PartySlate profile

#### Up next:

### **Discovering Your Brand Differentiators** as a Content Creator

