## CREATE A KICK-ASS LINKEDIN PROFILE

**MISSION**: Present information about yourself so others (like recruiters) get to know the main character – you.

ID	Action	Did it!
1	Get a free <u>LinkedIn</u> account.	
2	<b>Identify keywords</b> that you want to be searched for by HR. These keywords should be used when possible in the Headline, Current Job Title, Summary, Specialties and Skills.	
3	<b>Update your Headline</b> to use 1-2 adjectives and effective noun keywords that you want to be searched for.	
	<b>Update the Summary</b> section with some or all of the appropriate bio topics:	
4	Functional title you want	
5	Your leadership style	
6	Your mission statement (12 words max)	
7	Your purpose	
8	How people see you in words and a famous person that someone could quickly relate to	
9	Your professional personality (e.g., MBTI, DISC)	
10	Your StrengthsFinder 2.0 results	
11	Your core values	
12	Your code of ethics	
13	<b>Update your profile photo.</b> Get a professional head shot with a plain, light background. Or have a friend take a photo of you outside on a bright day. Or choose a photo as you want to be seen or remembered by your intended audience.	
14	<b>Update your experience.</b> Add your industry, location, current position with a description, 2 past positions, your education and a minimum of 3 skills.	
15	<b>Add portfolio items to your summary and experience sections</b> . Text is boring and you'll miss vivid free marketing. Add minimum 1 link to an image, document, presentation or video.	
16	Let's get personal. Add your engaging personal life as you choose.	
17	Make it consistent. Review for spelling, grammar and punctuation errors.	

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18	<b>Grow your network and connect.</b> Get at least 50 connections if you're starting out or add 50 to whatever you have now. Ultimate goal: 500+	
19	<b>Special sections not utilized.</b> Take advantage of special section for artists, students, volunteering, languages, projects, honors & awards, organizations, test scores, certifications, patents, etc.	
20	Join groups that you are interested in. Conduct an Advanced Search in Groups. Join groups based on who is in them. <i>Participation</i> in groups will get you noticed.	
21	<b>Get endorsed or recommended.</b> Don't be shy. Write to the people you've worked with and ask them to recommend you. Help them write it by telling them it would be helpful if you focused on X strength or core value.	
22	<b>Customize your url:</b> Get rid of those special characters from the generic url. Make it your name or something that says something about you. More opportunity to brand!	
23	<b>Set a time to review.</b> Don't let it get static and outdated. Ensure to update your accomplishments and participate in groups. Post interesting links to interesting content, reports, research and activity updates. Use the 70/20/10 rule (industry/company/you). TIP: Use free <a href="HootSuite">HootSuite</a> to send posts to many social feeds all at the same time.	

## INSPIRING LINKEDIN PROFILES

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