Opportunity Starts With My Profile
Preparing to write your profile

Use this guide to build a profile that quickly tells an impactful, professional story. Give viewers a glimpse into who you are and get them excited to learn more. Be strategic and choose one or two themes that strengthen your value and make you easy to remember.

1. PHOTO
Select a photo that represents you professionally. This helps humanize your profile and makes you more approachable.

2. PERSONALIZE
Your profile is the front page of your story. The headline is a great way to show your value and passion in one quick line. Make the reader want to read more.

3. PITCH
Think of your summary as your “elevator pitch.” It should tell people what they can expect from you, and describe what you do to someone who’s unfamiliar with your job. Highlight your strengths.

4. VIDEOS & PICTURES
Use photos, videos, presentations, and other rich media to make your story jump off the page. This is also a great way to showcase your company & employer brands.

5. BE NATURAL
LinkedIn is not a job board, so your experience doesn’t have to read like a résumé. Simply summarize your experience in 2–3 concise sentences. Describe your major wins or projects for each position, and the value you brought to your team.

6. ENDORSEMENT
Add any skills you want to be known for. Accumulating a high number of endorsements adds credibility to your file.

7. PASSION
Above all, let your passion for what you do come through in your profile. Get creative and don’t be afraid to show your personality.
Let’s create smart and memorable content for your profile. Answering these questions will have you writing your experience, summary, and headline like a pro.

When thinking about the work I do, what words do my clients/peers/managers consistently use to describe my work?

How would I describe what I do to someone completely unfamiliar with my field?

What do I want to be professionally known for?

What can people expect me to bring to the table?

What do I love most about what I do?

Tip: If you’re not sure where to start, take a look at your most recent performance review. You may be able to pull good examples from there.