



# Academic Social Networking Sites: Improves Research

**Visibility and Impact** 

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## **Abstract**

**Abstract:** Researchers needs to remove many traditional obstacles to disseminate and outreach their research outputs. Academic social networking allows you to connect with other researchers in your field, share your publications, and get feedback on your non-peer-reviewed work. The academic social networking, making your work more widely discoverable and easily available. The two best known academic social networking are ResearchGate and Academia.edu. These sites offer an instant technique to monitor what other people are looking at in your field of research. Both networks are offer roughly the same features. ResearchGate is more closely focused on collaboration and interaction, while Academia.edu often functions more as an academic version of LinkedIn, with an online CV and as a place to share your publications.

**Keywords:** Academic Social Network Site, Improve citations, Research tools, Bibliometrics, Research Visibility, Academic Impact

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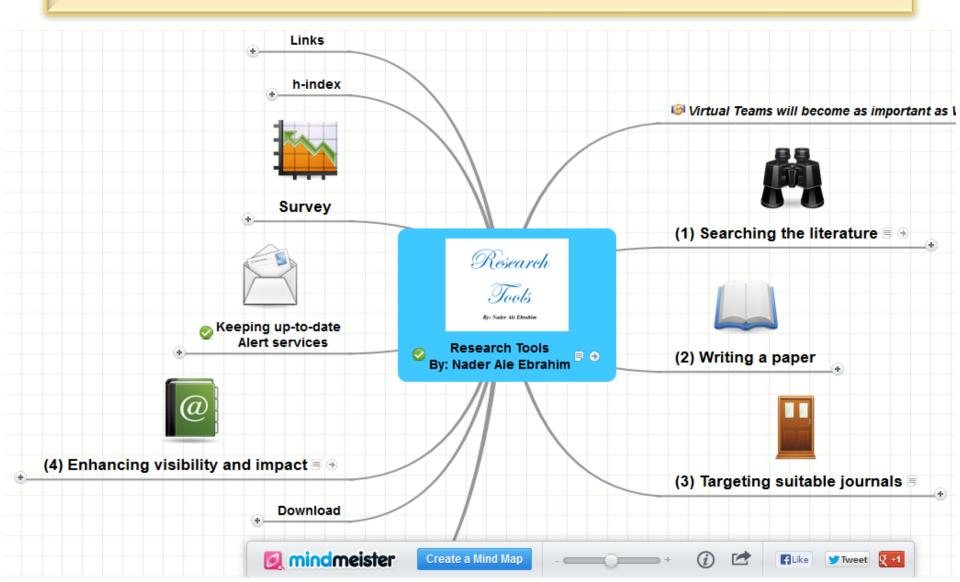
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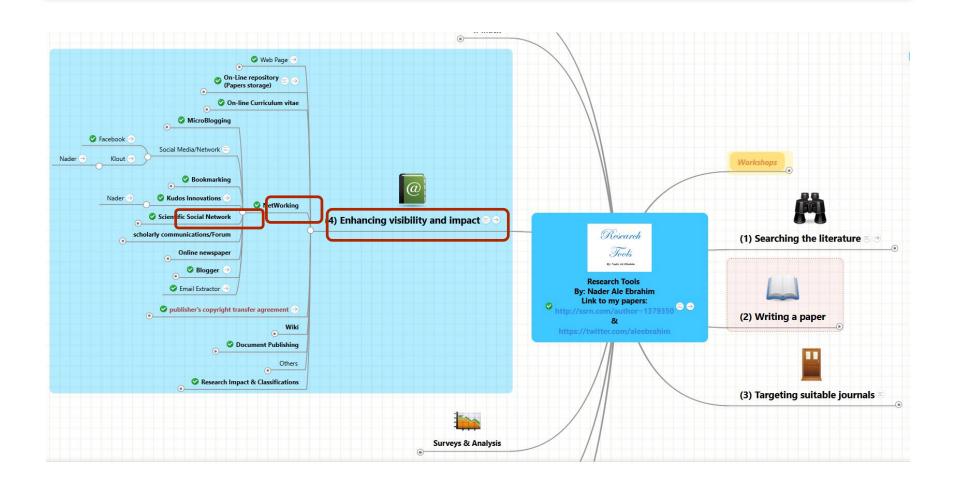
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## Research Tools Mind Map



## Research Tools Mind Map -> (4) Enhancing visibility and impact -> NetWorking



## Things to do when a paper comes out: a checklist

- 1. Write a blog-post on SV-POW!
- 2. Create a <u>new page</u> about paper in the SV-POW! sidebar.
- 3. Add the <u>full-resolution figures</u> to the sidebar page.
- 4. Update my online publications list.
- 5. Update my University of Bristol IR page.
- 6. Update my ORCID page.
- Update my LinkedIn page.
- 8. Mendeley, if you do it (I don't).
- ResearchGate, if you do it (I don't).
- 10. Academia.edu, if you do it (I don't).
- 11. Keep an eye on the new taxon's Wikipedia page (once it exists).
- 12. Add the paper to the Paleobiology Database (or ask someone to do it for you if you're not authorised). [Credit: Jon Tennant]
- 13. Tweet about it! [Credit: Matt Hodgkinson]
- 14. Update Google Scholar, if it doesn't pick up on the publication on its own [Credit: Christopher Taylor]
- 15. Post on Facebook [Credit: Andy Farke]
- 16. Send PDF to the institution that hosts the material [Credit: Andy Farke]
- 17. Email colleagues who might be interested [Credit: Andy Farke]
- 18. Write short popular language account for your institution if applicable [Credit: Andy Farke]
- 19. Submit any silhouettes to <a href="PhyloPic">PhyloPic</a> [Credit: Mike Keesey]

## Quick Reference Cards for Research Impact Metrics



Source: https://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/metrics









#### # of citations accrued since publication

A simple measure of attention for a particular article, journal or researcher. As with all citation-based measures, it is important to be aware of citation practices. The paper "Effective Strategies for Increasing Citation Frequency" lists 33 different ways to increase citations.

http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2344585

Source: <a href="https://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/metrics">https://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/metrics</a>



## Way academics use ASNS?

	M	SD
Information consumption	2.48	1.1
Tracking the reading and citation of my articles	2.49	1.39
Downloading others' articles	2.47	1.43
Information sharing	2.02	1.00
Uploading my published full-text articles	2.37	1.42
Uploading abstracts of articles and/or links to journals in which they were published	1.58	1.13
Interaction	1.82	1.00
Replying to questions addressed to me by others	2.14	1.26
Responding to others' articles	1.48	.94

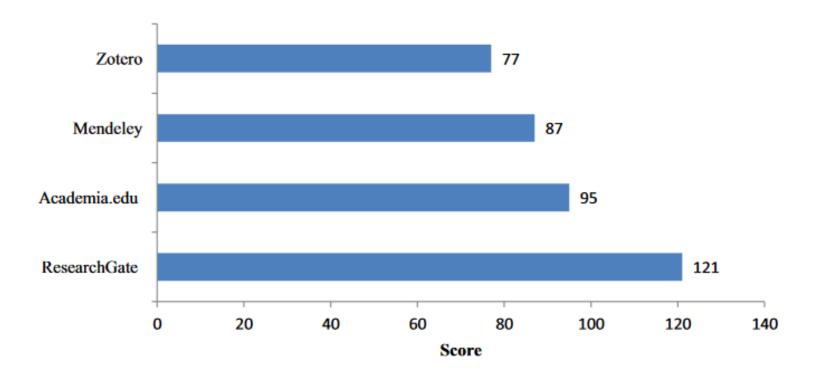
## Way academics use ASNS?

#### Self-promotion and ego-bolstering

Self-promotion and ego-bolstering	M	SD
Share my knowledge with others	2.76	1.48
Know how often my articles are viewed	2.73	1.41
Increase the readership of my studies	2.68	1.50
Enhance my professional reputation	2.68	1.42
Enjoy seeing that my articles are of interest to other researchers	2.65	1.48
Make it more likely that others will cite my articles	2.57	1.47
Know how often my articles are cited	2.47	1.36
Feel gratified that my research is viewed	2.42	1.47
Satisfy my curiosity about the popularity of my articles	2.42	1.47

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## Total score attained by the four popular ASNSs



Source: Bhardwaj, R. K. (2017). Academic social networking sites: Comparative analysis of ResearchGate, Academia.edu, Mendeley and Zotero. *Information and Learning Science, 118*(5/6), 298-316. doi:doi:10.1108/ILS-03-2017-0012 ©2017-2018 Nader Ale Ebrahim

#### How is the Altmetric score calculated?

#### The score is a weighted count

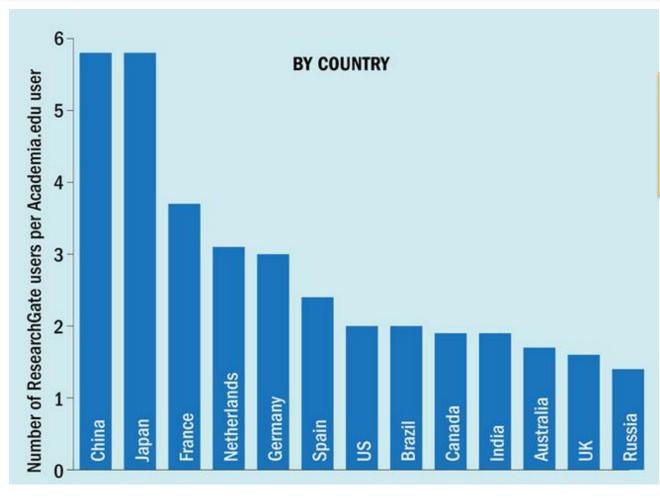
The score is derived from an automated algorithm, and represents a weighted count of the amount of attention we've picked up for a research output. Why is it weighted? To reflect the relative reach of each type of source. It's easy to imagine that the average newspaper story is more likely to bring attention to the research output than the average tweet. This is reflected in the default weightings:

News	8
Blogs	5
Twitter	1
Facebook	0.25
Sina Weibo	1
Wikipedia	3
Policy Documents (per source)	3
Q&A	0.25
Q&A F1000/Publons/Pubpeer	0.25
F1000/Publons/Pubpeer	1
F1000/Publons/Pubpeer YouTube	0.25
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## Comparison of tools across ASNSs

ASNS	Academia.edu	ResearchGate	Mendeley	LinkedIn	ImpactStory
Discussion Boards	0	√	√	√	0
File Repository	0	0	√	0	0
Email/Message	V	√	√	<b>V</b>	0
Citation Count	0	V	0	0	<b>√</b>
Alt Metrics	V	V	0	0	<b>V</b>
Public Profile	V	V	V	V	<b>V</b>
Group Space	0	0	V	0	0
Reference Management	0	0	√	0	0
Collaborative Document Processing	0	0	<b>V</b>	0	0
Network Visibility	1	√	√	√	0
Upload Publications	1	√	√	1	<b>V</b>
Link to Social Media Sites.	1	1	1	<b>V</b>	1

## The <u>results</u> suggest that ResearchGate is more than twice as popular as Academia.edu.



Academia.edu officially has four times as many registered users as ResearchGate.

## Why academia.edu

#### **ACADEMIA**

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Academia is the easiest way to share papers with millions of people across the world for free. A <u>study</u> recently published in *PLOS ONE* found that papers uploaded to Academia receive a 69% boost in citations over 5 years.



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- Build your network make sure you have dynamic diverse networks
- Join networks such as <u>LinkedIn</u>, <u>ResearchGate</u> or <u>Academic.edu</u>

See more at: http://libguides.library.curtin.edu.au/content.php?pid=417077&sid=3408994

## ResearchGate: Disseminating, communicating, and measuring Scholarship?

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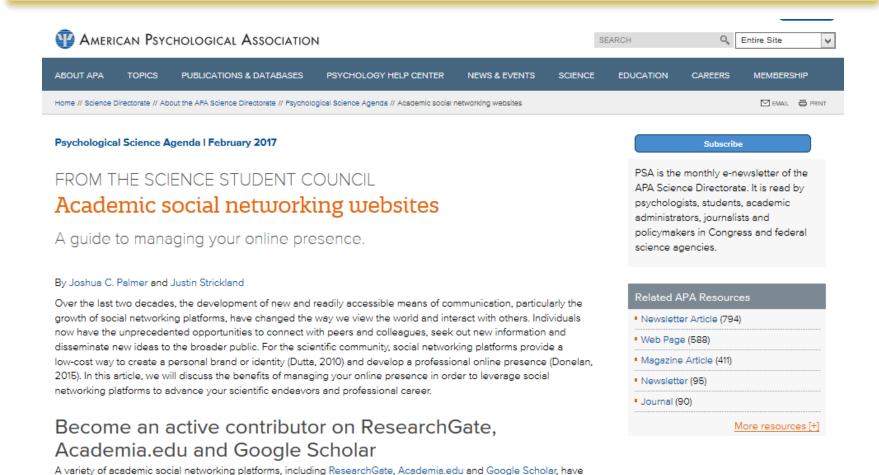
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ResearchGate is a social network site for academics to create their own profiles, list their publications and interact with each other. Like Academia.edu, it provides a new way for scholars to disseminate their publications and hence potentially changes the dynamics of informal scholarly communication. This article assesses whether ResearchGate usage and publication data broadly reflect existing academic hierarchies and whether individual countries are set to benefit or lose out from the site. The results show that rankings based on ResearchGate statistics correlate moderately well with other rankings of academic institutions, suggesting that ResearchGate use broadly reflects traditional academic capital. Moreover, while Brazil, India and some other countries seem to be disproportionately taking advantage of ResearchGate, academics in China, South Korea and Russia may be missing opportunities to use ResearchGate to maximise the academic impact of their publications.

Source: Thelwall, M. and Kousha, K. (2015), ResearchGate: Disseminating, communicating, and measuring Scholarship?. Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology, 66: 876–889. doi: 10.1002/asi.23236

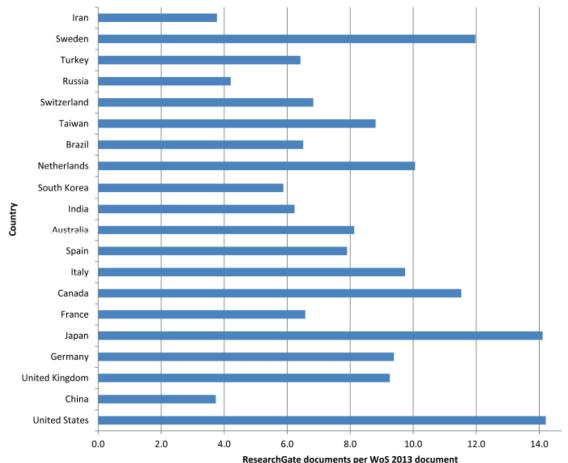
## Become an active contributor on ResearchGate, Academia.edu and Google Scholar



Source: http://www.apa.org/science/about/psa/2017/02/academic-social-networking.aspx

gained popularity over the past decade (Ovadia, 2014). A common capability of many of these academic social

The ratio of ResearchGate publications to WoS 2013 publications for the top 20 countries for total WoS publications in 2013. Countries are listed in order of total WoS publications.



Source: Thelwall, M. and Kousha, K. (2015), ResearchGate: Disseminating, communicating, and measuring Scholarship?. Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology, 66: 876–889. doi: 10.1002/asi.23236

## Make a ResearchGate profile

- ResearchGate is a social networking site for scientists and researchers to share papers, ask and answer questions, and find collaborators. According to a study by <u>Nature</u> and an article in <u>Times Higher Education</u>, it is the largest academic social network in terms of active users.
- ResearchGate claims 9 million scientists as users.



## Make a ResearchGate profile

- Step 1: Create an account (Click to navigate to ResearchGate)
- Step 2: Add publications
- Step 3: Find other Researchers & Publications
- Step 4: ResearchGate Score & Stats
- Step 5: Q&A

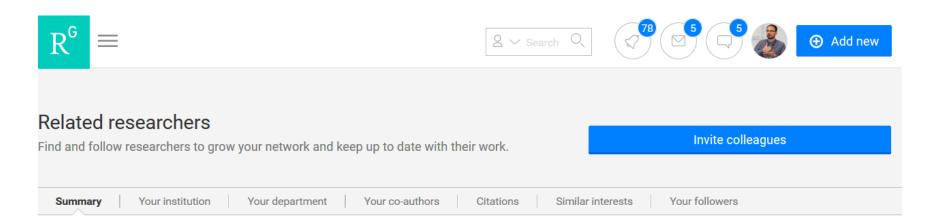


## Step 2: Add publications

ResearchGate makes it easy for you to add your publications as well as your unpublished work to your profile. To add your research such as journal articles, conference papers, and other publications such as books, chapters, and technical reports, go to your profile and select the type of publication from the dropdown list by clicking in the blue box in the top right-hand corner.

Once you've added your publications and research to your profile, they'll be listed under your Contributions tab.

#### **Step 3: Find other Researchers & Publications**





## Step 4: ResearchGate - Stats

You can see an **overview of your stats in one simple**, **interactive graphic**.

You'll find more information on how often your work has been downloaded and cited, and, if the researcher permits it, by whom. This offers a unique opportunity to connect with peers who are interested in your research.

You will also get more information on which country and institution interested researchers come from, as well as which of your publications are downloaded most each week.



### Step 5: Asking questions & Adding answers

Q&A is where you can ask research-related questions and get them answered by other specialists. It's also the best place for you to share your knowledge, connect with researchers, and identify yourself as an expert in your field.

ResearchGate's Q&A recommendations take your unique set of skills and expertise into account to present you with the most relevant discussions in your field – you can find these questions under **Questions we think you can answer** on the right-hand side of your <u>Q&A overview page</u>. Make sure you keep your research <u>skills and expertise up to date</u> to get the best recommendations.

You can also browse questions and answers using the other three filters:

Recent questions in your field, Questions you follow, and Questions you asked. You can search for topics using the searchbar on the right-hand side (pictured below), which will show questions which were tagged with that topic. You can also search ResearchGate to find more questions.

# Top 10 authors with the highest profile view counts on ResearchGate

Table 11. Top 10 authors with the highest profile view counts on ResearchGate (9<sup>th</sup> of November, 2015), compared to the same indicator on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015.

	SEPTEMBER 10 <sup>th</sup>	NOVEMBER 9 <sup>th</sup>	
AUTHOR	(2015)	(2015)	MISMATCH
NAME	PROFILE	PROFILE	(%)
	VIEWS	VIEW	
Nader Ale Ebrahim	19,821	13,281	67.00
Chaomei Chen	7,760	3,937	50.73
Loet Leydesdorff	4,227	1,758	41.59
Bakthavachalam Elango	2,883	1,756	60.91
Zaida Chinchilla	5,840	1,569	26.87
Mike Thelwall	4,297	1,568	36.49
Lutz Bornmann	3,129	1,439	45.99
Wolfgang Glänzel	3,012	1,301	43.19
Kevin Boyack	3,256	1,135	34.86
Peter Ingwersen	2,335	1,025	43.90

Source: Martín-Martín, A., Orduna-Malea, E., Ayllón, J. M., & López-Cózar, E. D. (2016). The counting house, measuring those who count: Presence of Bibliometrics, Scientometrics, Informetrics, Webometrics and Altmetrics in Google Scholar Citations, ResearcherID, ResearchGate, Mendeley, & Twitter. EC3 Reseach Group: Evaluación de la Ciencia y de la Comunicación Científica Universidad de Granada and Universidad Politécnica de Valencia (Spain), In Progress,. doi:10.13140/RG.2.1.4814.4402

## Academia.edu

Academia.edu is a platform where you can share research papers, monitor deep analytics around the impact of your research, and track the research of academics you follow. Placing your publications and presentations on social media will make it easier for others to encounter your work, not only because they are available on a social network, but also because they improve the search engine optimization (SEO) of your research. A recent study found that papers uploaded to Academia.edu receive a 73% boost in citations over 5 years.

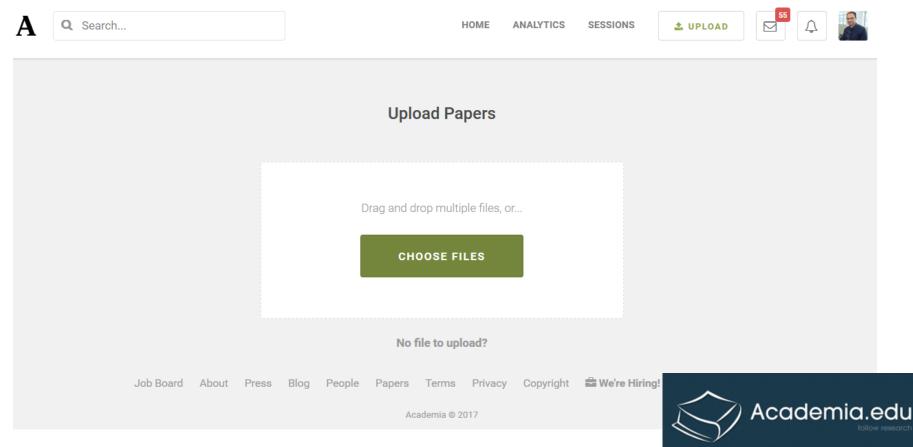


## Make a profile on Academia.edu

- Step 1: Create an account (click to navigate to Academia.edu)
- Step 2: Post a publication or two
- Step 3: Add your affiliation to your profile
- Step 4: Add your research interests
- Step 5: Connect with your colleagues who are already on Academia.edu
- Step 6: Check out your analytics



## Step 2: Uploading Papers



How do I add a single paper?

### Step 3: Add your affiliation to your profile

- Editing Your Profile
- Profile Overview
- Editing My Profile
- Editing Your Name
- Editing Your Profile Picture
- Adding or Editing Your Affiliation



## Step 4: Add your research interests

The research interests that you attach to your paper allow your it to be shown outside of your profile. Your paper will appear in any searches for that particular research interest in the "documents" section (more about this <a href="here">here</a>), and may appear in the newsfeeds of other users who share the research interests you have tagged. The research interests you attach to your paper can be viewed on your profile by selecting "More" under the title of your paper. There, you'll see the first three or four research interests attached to your paper.



## Step 6: Academia Analytics

You can view an extraordinary amount of information about how students, researchers, and academics view your profile and your papers by reviewing your Academia analytics.

You can view the analytics associated with your account for the past 30 days or the past 60 days. You can also <u>export</u> your data as a CSV.

The top of your analytics page will display an overview of users who have viewed your profile and papers.

Paper views indicate the amount of times all of your papers have been viewed.

Unique visitors is how many individual people have visited your papers OR your profile.

Source: http://support.academia.edu/customer/en/portal/articles/2313235-analytics-overview

## LinkedIn for researchers

#### What is LinkedIn?

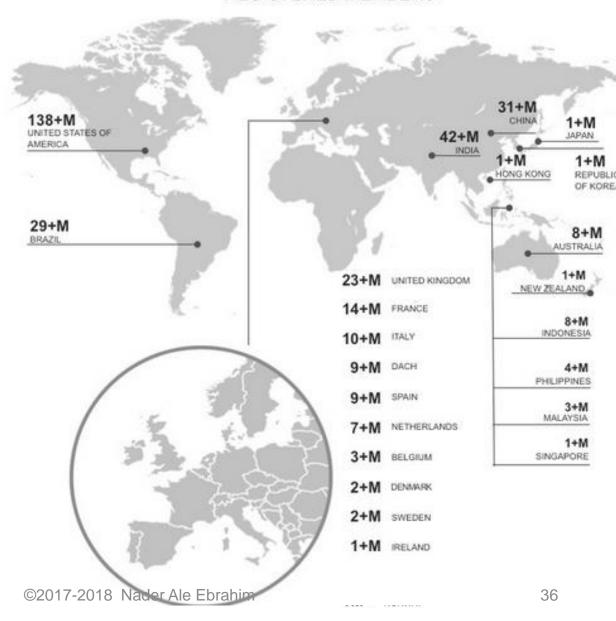
LinkedIn ( www.linkedin.com/ ) is a professional networking site. It allows you to create a profile that summarises your professional expertise and accomplishments. It helps to set up connections with other professionals, and the network grows with time. The network consists of your connections, your connections' connections, and the people they know, linking you to a vast number of qualified professionals and experts.

# Why LinkedIn?

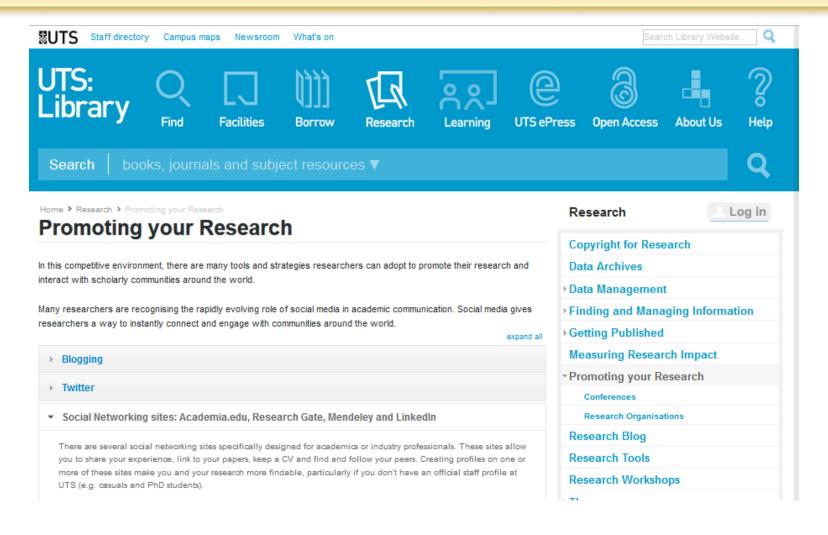
- The world's largest professional network
- Collaboration opportunities
- Share your research findings
- Extend connections
- Group discussions

## 500,000,000+

REGISTERED MEMBERS



### Promoting your Research



### Step 5: Connect with your colleagues

#### What does following mean?

Following another person means that you'll see updates from them on your newsfeed. For example, you may see the papers that they bookmark, when they upload new papers or drafts, or the comments they make on any sessions they're a part of.

#### How do I follow another user?

To follow an Academia.edu user, click the green **Follow** button at the top of their profile page.

You'll be able to find more people similar to this user if you connect your site to Google or Facebook. You can do that easily by clicking the buttons that appear after you've clicked "follow," if you're not already connected.

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## LinkedIn: Quick Tips on How to Promote Your Book

In a previous post, we detailed how to register for, setup and create a LinkedIn account and profile. Now that you've completed your profile, it's time to expand your LinkedIn presence and start networking. Use the following quick tips to leverage your LinkedIn profile to give your book additional attention.

#### Ready, Set – Network

Think of your LinkedIn profile as a professional online portfolio that aggregates all your past work experience, professional networks and projects/publications in one convenient location. You've worked very hard to develop and maintain this portfolio of your work, so sharing it with the rest of the LinkedIn community is a great way to create new contacts and get your work seen.

Source: http://scitechconnect.elsevier.com/resources/author-connect/linkedin-quick-tips-promote-book/

# The effective use of LinkedIn by Sheffield Hallam University staff and students

#### Connected U



#### Case Studies

These Connected U case studies about the use of LinkedIn confirm the importance of developing and maintaining an online profile for student employability and for academic professional presence. 16 written case studies and 12 video case studies were produced. Each tell a story and contain guidance based upon a range of experiences in using and promoting the use of LinkedIn. This <u>overview of case studies</u> introduces the respondents and summarises the main conclusions.

#### 18/05/2015

Who's viewed your profile

Who's viewed your posts

How you rank for profile views



You rank in the top 2% for profile views among your connections.

#68 out of 3,760

▲ 2% in the last 30 days

#### 20/05/2016

Who's viewed your profile

Who's viewed your posts

How you rank for profile views



You rank in the top 1% for profile views at University of Malaya.

#3 out of 4,223

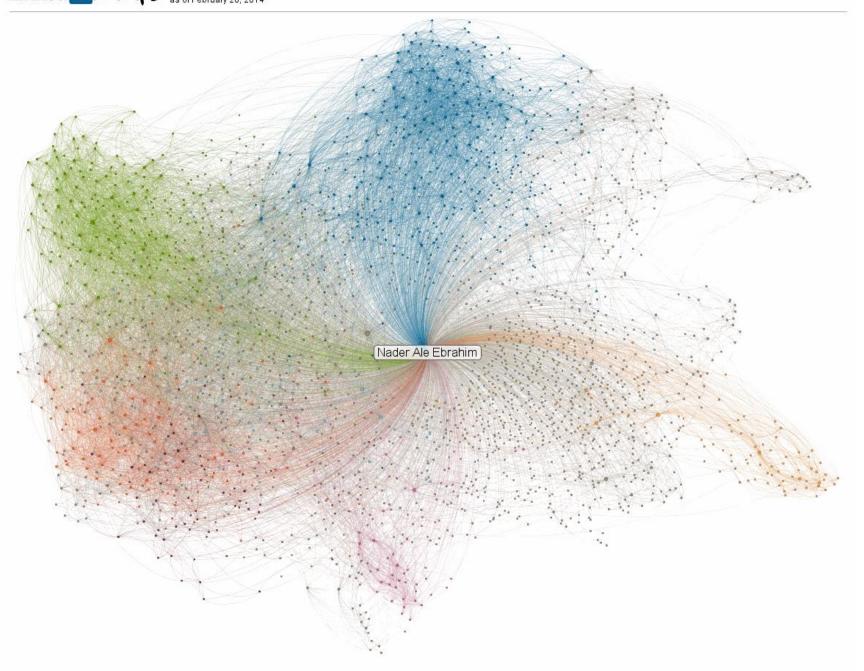
Your rank has held steady in the last 7 days



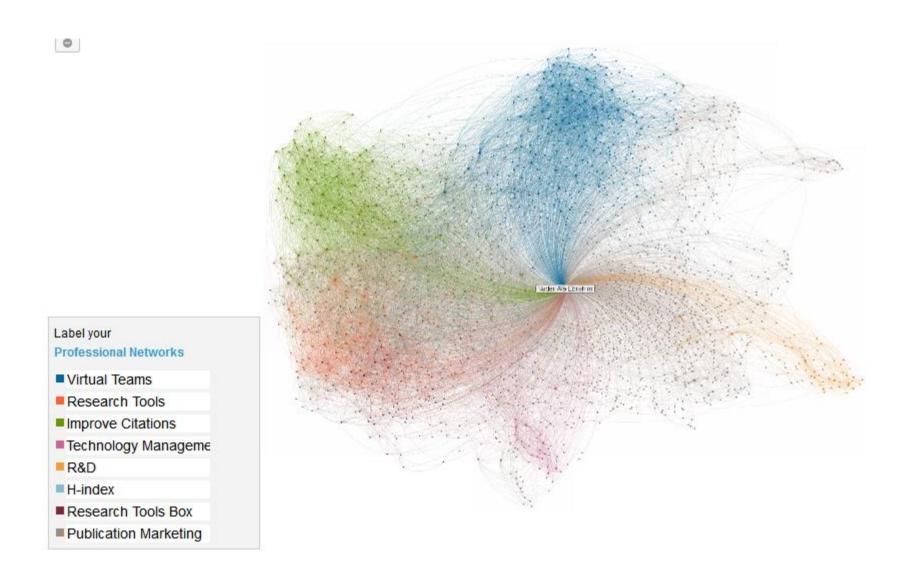




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#### Nader Ale Ebrahim's Linkedin Map





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### How to promote your work through LinkedIn

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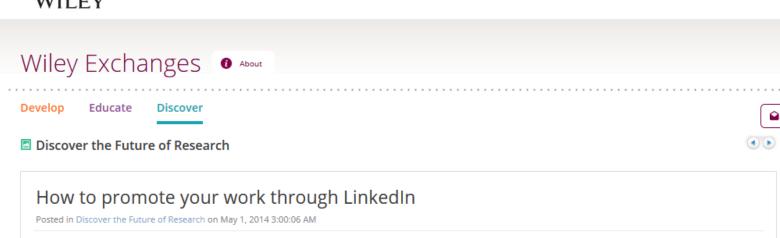




Image courtesy of Forbes



2013 marked professional networking site LinkedIn's ten year anniversary. By the end of its first decade, the company netted 225 million members, with a growth rate of over two members per second. [1] Now with 277 million members, LinkedIn has the largest number of users of any online professional network in the world. [2] "LinkedIn is, far and away, the most advantageous social networking tool available to job seekers and business professionals today," according to Forbes. [3] "I'm often asked, 'How important is it for those already near the top of their careers to be utilizing resource tools such as LinkedIn?' Most times, these questions come out of not fully understanding what you can do with a LinkedIn account and profile," says career coach John Crant of SelfRecruiter.com [4]

So, how can you harness LinkedIn's vast audience and successfully showcase and disseminate your published content?

Utilize your strongest promotional tool on LinkedIn - your profile. Make your profile a positive tool in promoting the circulation of your published content:

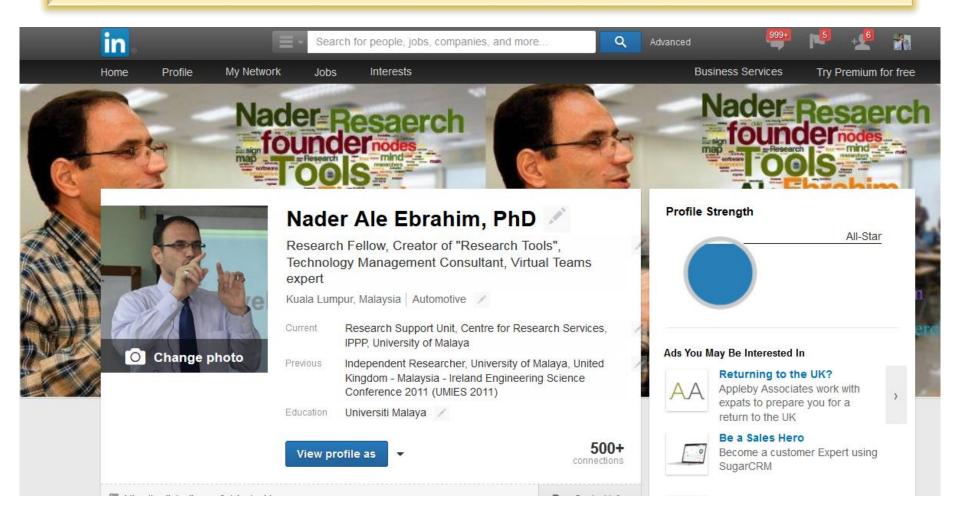
Source: https://hub.wiley.com/community/exchanges/discover/blog/2014/05/01/how-to-promote-your-work-through-linkedin?referrer=exchanges

# Make your profile a positive tool in promoting the circulation of your published content:

Tell your entire story Frame your profile Make it powerful and concise Be public Highlight your work Showcase your honors and awards Add images, videos, presentations, and documents

Source: https://hub.wiley.com/community/exchanges/discover/blog/2014/05/01/how-to-promote-your-work-through-linkedin?referrer=exchanges

### Edit Your profile



### Add a link - Supported Providers

- Presentations and Documents:
  - Prezi
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- Video Providers:
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### **Build your following**

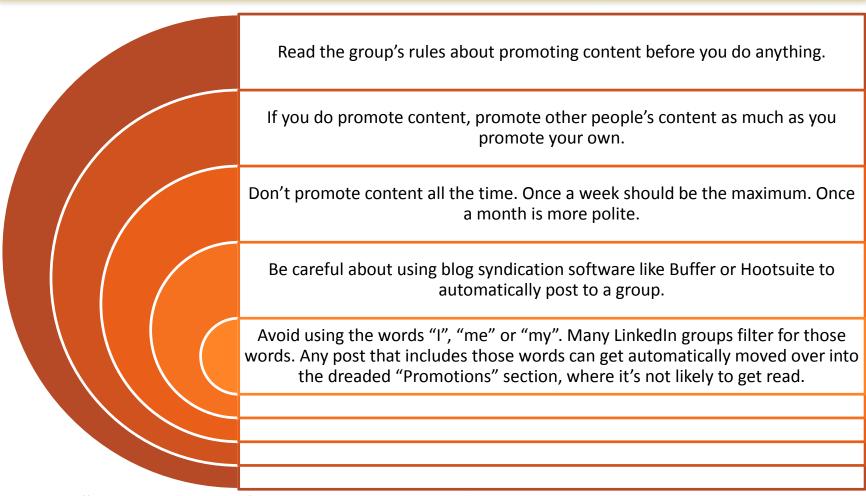
- Let's say you've just queued up a bunch of awesome LinkedIn status updates. That's great. But who's going to see them? Now you need some connections. A lot of connections.
- But you don't want just any connections.
   You want the people who are your ideal readers your ideal clients, or customers, or peers.

Source: <a href="http://blog.getresponse.com/6-ways-promote-content-linkedin.html">http://blog.getresponse.com/6-ways-promote-content-linkedin.html</a>

### Ready, Set – Network

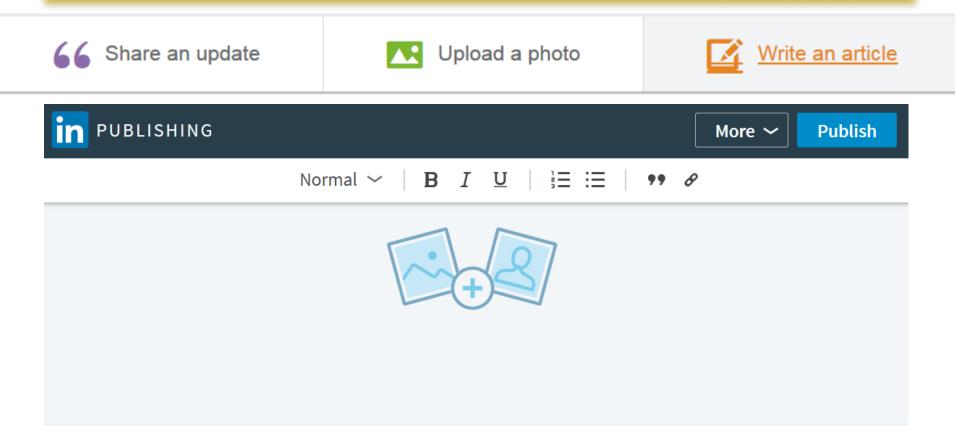
 Think of your LinkedIn profile as a professional online portfolio that aggregates all your past work experience, professional networks and projects/publications in one convenient location. You've worked very hard to develop and maintain this portfolio of your work, so sharing it with the rest of the LinkedIn community is a great way to create new contacts and get your work seen.

### Use Groups - LinkedIn Groups are a content promotion candystore



Source: <a href="http://blog.getresponse.com/6-ways-promote-content-linkedin.html">http://blog.getresponse.com/6-ways-promote-content-linkedin.html</a>

### **Use** LinkedIn's Publishing Platform



#### Headline

### Add content to your publications list

 LinkedIn actually gives us a whole section in our profiles for content promotion. Every headline of a publication can be hyperlinked, so you can even include a call to action to prompt people to click through.

Dublications

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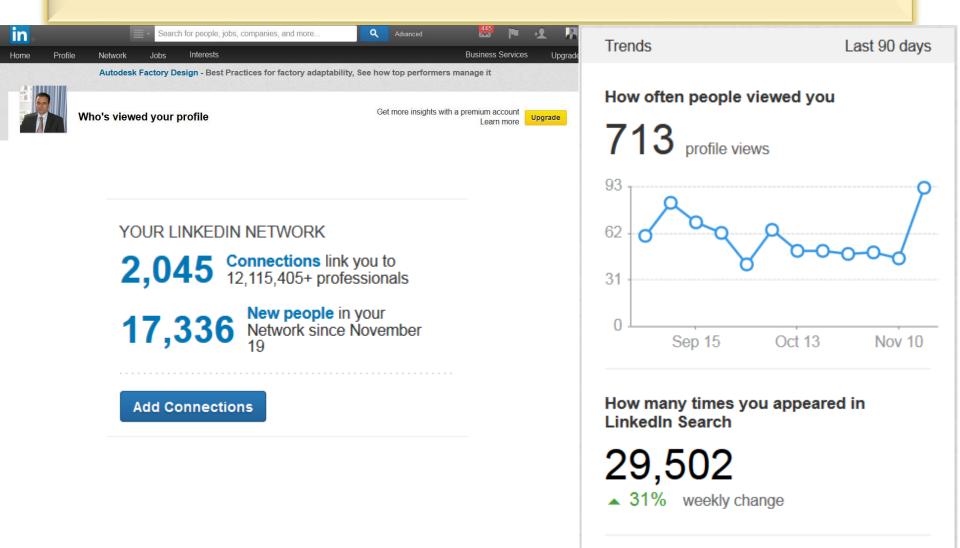
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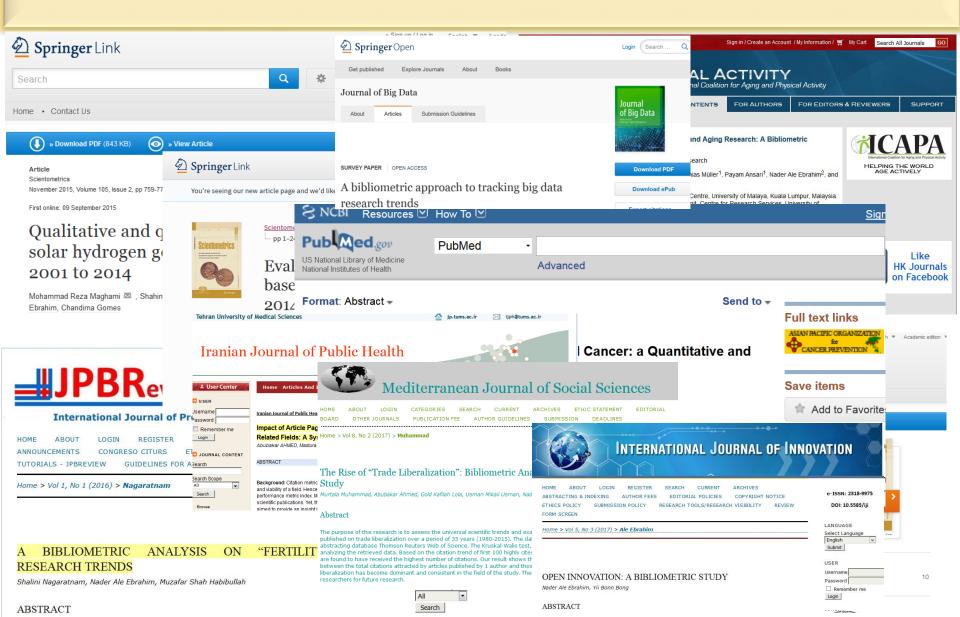
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