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How To Break Up With Online Services

The words "I wish I could quit you" take on a whole new meaning when you want out of a relationship with an online service. Sure, you once thought you would be together forever, but eventually its terms of service change, its end user license agreements mature, and the next thing you know you're ready for a breakup.

Sadly, not all Web sites and social networks are created equal when it comes to breaking up. With some, it takes only a couple of clicks to say goodbye, and for a few sites, if you stop paying for service, the site cuts ties fairly quickly. Others make you jump through an absurd number of hoops. Even after you follow all of the required steps, some of these sites never quite separate from you, but keep vestiges of your relationship around forever.

No matter what you call it deleting, canceling, removing, whatever when you want to be rid of an online account, you'll find most sites don't feel obliged to make it too easy for you. After all, you don't want to rush into a break up. But if you're ready, we've cut to the chase to give you the links, tips to sever ties with the most popular services and sites. If you're looking for a site that's not on our list, check out AccountKiller.com.

SOCIAL NETWORKS

Digg

You can only get rid of a Digg account by contacting the company directly via its contact form. It won't delete your previously made comments and submissions however; they're part of the permanent Digg record.

Techie Term: Captcha

A program used to verify that a human, rather than a computer, is entering data. Captchas are commonly seen at the end of online forms and ask the user to enter text from a distorted image. The text in the image may be wavy, have lines through it, or may be highly irregular, making it nearly impossible for an automated program to recognize it. (Of course, some captchas are so distorted that they can be difficult for humans to recognize as well.) Fortunately, most captchas allow the user to regenerate the image if the text is too difficult to read. Some even include an auditory pronunciation feature.

A look at the new Microsoft Windows 8 Beta

<http://allthingsd.com/20110601/microsofts-windows-8-demo-from-d9-video/>

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This Months Quote:

**“They have computers,
and they may have other
weapons of mass de-
struction.”
(Janet Reno)**

Facebook

You have a couple of ways to leave Facebook behind. First is simple "deactivation." Click Account in the upper right of the Facebook Web page and visit your Facebook Account Settings page. Click the "deactivate" link at the bottom. You have to provide a reason for deactivation, whether you'll be back or not, and decide if you want to opt out of getting e-mails from Facebook while deactivated. Here's the trick: Deactivation is not the same as deletion. Your account simply becomes invisible. Your friends on Facebook will all think you bailed. However, you have the option to reactivate it in the future, without losing any photos, notes, or pokes.

True deletion of a Facebook account means losing all of those so be sure you have local copies of photos and notes before you take this step. You can't reactivate. To do this, go to the Delete My Account page.

Friendster

Yes, Friendster still exists, but it's transitioning from a social network to "social entertainment site," so most of your stored social networking info should be dead by now, anyway. If you still want to sever ties, (and assuming you can remember your login), click Settings and scroll down to find the Cancel Account link. On a new page, you'll find the Cancellation Form in the middle. You need to provide your e-mail address, password, give a reason you're canceling, and check off the "Yes, I want to cancel my Friendster account" box. You can even list what new social network you've moved to, just to make Friendster feel bad. Refresh the window, and you should no longer be logged into Friendster.

LinkedIn

To close an account at this business networking site, log in, click your name at the upper right to get the dropdown menu, and select Settings. Find the Accounts tab toward the bottom, then click Close Your Account. Give a reason you're leaving, and then click Continue. That's all it takes. Unfortunately, if you somehow have multiple accounts, you can't merge them you'll have to close the accounts you don't use. If you accidentally close an account you want, call customer service within 72 hours to get it reactivated.

Memory Lane (now incorporating Classmates.com)

Ostensibly Classmates.com changed its main name even though you can access the old interface from a link to better reflect its branching out to connect you with more than just old schoolmates. Or it's because Classmates.com had a questionable rep and is notoriously hard to break free of ... we may never know. But here's the scoop on killing that account now:

Go to the Removal Page. Pick a removal reason from the list provided, and then click Remove Registration. The company promises it will "permanently remove" your registration from Memory Lane.



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However, that is for users with free accounts. If you've paid base cost is \$15 for three months you've got an All Access Pass account (formerly a Gold membership), and that makes it a little more complicated. You have to contact the Member Care Team and someone will get back to you in e-mail. Once you do that, you still have to go into the settings above to remove your registration for good.

Can't get satisfaction online? Classmates. com/Memory Lane can be reached at 425-917-5000. I tried it, hit "1" for member care, and got an operator after a couple minutes. She said she can cancel any account, but they have to talk to the person whose name is on the account.

MyLife.com (formerly Reunion.com)

The steps are easy to get off this site, which can tend to barrage free members with claims that people are searching for you in attempts to make you pay and see who the searchers are. Here are the steps: Log in, click My Account on the top right, find the Delete Account link, and then you have two choices you can click a link to just opt out of MyLife.com e-mails, or click the "Yes, delete my account" button. The latter can't be undone; you'll lose all mailbox data, profile info, and photos.

MySpace

To break it off with this social network, first visit your MySpace account, select the MyStuff menu at the top of the page, and select Account settings. About halfway down the page on the left, under Account, there's a Cancel Account link. Your next option is to click a button with the same text. You'll be asked why you're leaving, then you click Cancel Account (again). Next you get an e-mail at the address associated with the account. Don't forget to click the confirmation link in the e-mail, which will take you back to MySpace so you can verify the address and get one more chance to change your mind. If you're set on ending it, click Cancel Account for, yes, the fourth time.

Keep in mind, there is no reactivation. Go through with the cancellation and you can't bring back your account though you can create a new account using the same e-mail address you used before. That won't restore your previous information, however.

If you check after a few days and your MySpace page is still there, you can safely assume the deletion didn't go through. Then you'll need to e-mail help@support.myspace.com and ask for assistance.

StumbleUpon

It doesn't come much easier than this: Visit the Delete Account page, put in your account name and password, and click the Delete Account button to eradicate your presence on the site.

Twitter

No surprise, if you kill an account with Twitter, all your tweets are lost. In addition, you can't create a new Twitter account with the old e-mail address associated with that old



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account. You can get around this by changing the e-mail address before you remove the old account.

Twitter wants people to know before deleting: You don't have to kill an account to change the username. Twitter is one of the few services where the username is as malleable as the password. If you simply want to limit access to your tweets, "protect" your profile, so that only followers you approve can see posts. To do so, go to your Settings page and select the checkbox next to Protect my Updates.

Deletion is so simple, here it is in less than 140 characters: Click Settings, select Delete My Account at the bottom, confirm, and you're done.

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Top Ten Signs Your Co-Worker is a Hacker

Joke submitted by: Anonymous

- 10 Everyone who ticks him off gets a \$26,000 phone bill.
 - 9 He's won the Publisher's Clearing House Sweepstakes three years running.
 - 8 When asked for his phone number, he gives it in hex.
 - 7 Seems strangely calm whenever the office LAN goes down.
 - 6 Somehow gets HBO on his PC at work.
 - 5 Mumbled, "Oh, puh-leeeee!" 295 times during the movie "The Net."
 - 4 Massive 401k contribution made in half-cent increments.
 - 3 His video dating profile lists "public-key encryption" among turn-ons.
 - 2 Instead of the "Welcome" voice on AOL, you overhear, "Good Morning, Mr. President."
- And the Number One sign your co-worker is a computer hacker...
(how come the number one is always the dumbest and least funny of em all?)
- 1 You hear him murmur, "Let's see you use that VISA now, Professor"

Computer Quotes

The attention span of a computer is only as long as its power cord. ~Author Unknown

There are two major products that came out of Berkeley: LSD and UNIX. We do not believe this to be a coincidence. ~Jeremy S. Anderson

Those parts of the system that you can hit with a hammer (not advised) are called hardware; those program instructions that you can only curse at are called software. ~Author Unknown

I wish life had an Undo function. ~Author Unknown

What boots up must come down. ~Author Unknown



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McBee	\$82.50	\$113.50	\$154.50	\$259.95	\$649.87
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Greatland	\$103.45	\$137.85	\$188.00	\$343.40	\$637.00
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