

# Creating a LinkedIn Account from a Desktop/Laptop

1. Visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) and select “**Join now**” in the upper right-hand corner. **DO NOT** select “Join with resume.”



2. Use your personal email address and create a password, then select “**Agree & Join.**”

A screenshot of the LinkedIn sign-up form. The heading is "Make the most of your professional life". Below it are two input fields: "Email" and "Password (6 or more characters)". A line of text reads: "By clicking Agree & Join, you agree to the LinkedIn User Agreement, Privacy Policy, and Cookie Policy." Below this is a blue button labeled "Agree & Join", which is pointed to by a red arrow. Underneath is an "or" separator and a "Join with Google" button. At the bottom, it says "Already on LinkedIn? Sign in".

3. You will be prompted to enter your first and last name. This is the name that will appear for your account and profile. After you enter your name, click on “**Continue.**”

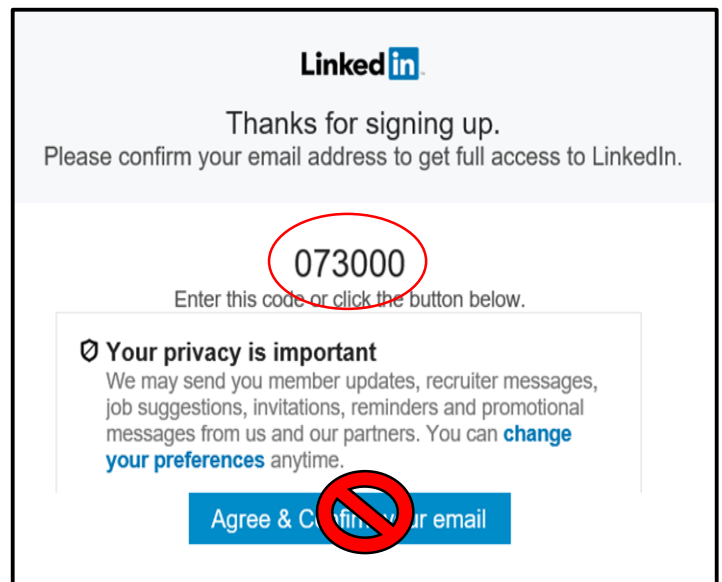
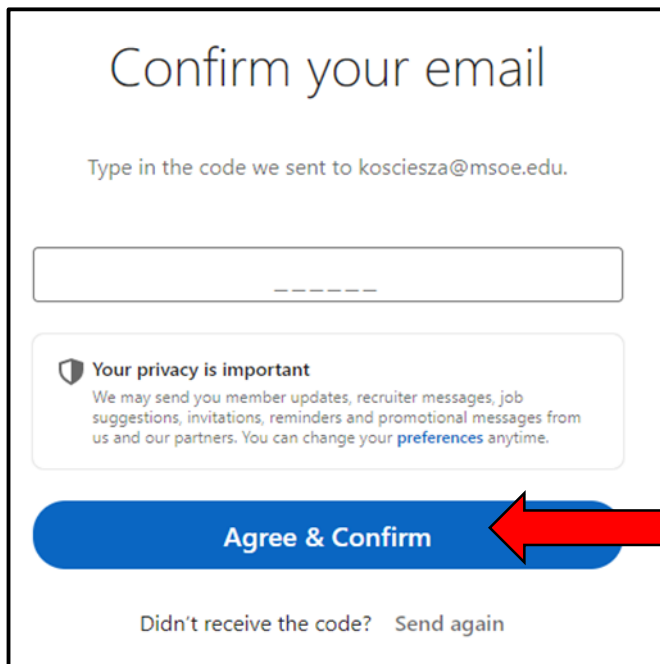
A screenshot of the LinkedIn name entry form. It has two input fields: "First name" and "Last name". Below the "First name" field, there is a red error message: "Please enter your first name." At the bottom of the form is a blue button labeled "Continue", which is pointed to by a red arrow.

**If you usually go by a nickname, you are able to use that as your first name. This is similar to the name listed on your resume. However you would like to be addressed, that is the name you should be using.**

4. Complete a short puzzle for verification purposes.



5. You will need to confirm your email address that you made your account with. Check your email and find an email from LinkedIn Messages. Type in the 6-digit code provided. **Do not** click on the “Agree & Confirm your email” from the email with the code. Instead, after you enter your code on LinkedIn, click on “**Agree & Confirm.**”



**DO NOT click on “Agree & Confirm your email” from the email that includes the code. Instead, after you enter your code on LinkedIn, click on “Agree & Confirm.”**

6. You will then be prompted to enter your Country/Region, Postal Code, and Location. Once you have entered this information, click “Next.”


Let's start your profile, connect to people you know, and engage with them on topics you care about.

Country/Region \*  
United States

Postal code \*  
53202

Location within this area \*  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Next**




7. It will prompt you to either type in your most recent job title or click on a button stating that you are a student. Click on **"I'm a student."**

Your profile helps you discover new people and opportunities

Most recent job title \*

**I'm a student**

Continue



8. You will automatically be prompted to enter your University information, including your Degree (Masters, Bachelors, etc.), Specialization (Major), what year you began, and your expected grad year. Make sure "I'm over 16" is marked "Yes" then hit **"Continue."**

School or College/University \*  
Milwaukee School of Engineering

Degree \*  
Bachelor's degree

Specialization \*  
Mechanical Engineering

Start year \*  
2020

End year (or expected) \*  
2024

I'm over 16 Yes

I'm not a student

**Continue**

9. LinkedIn will ask you if you are looking for a new job. Because you do not have your profile set up yet, select **"Not now."**

Are you looking for a new job?

Your answer won't be shown to others



10. LinkedIn will show you some people to connect with based on the education information you provided. Since your profile is not set up yet, click on the **“Skip”** button.

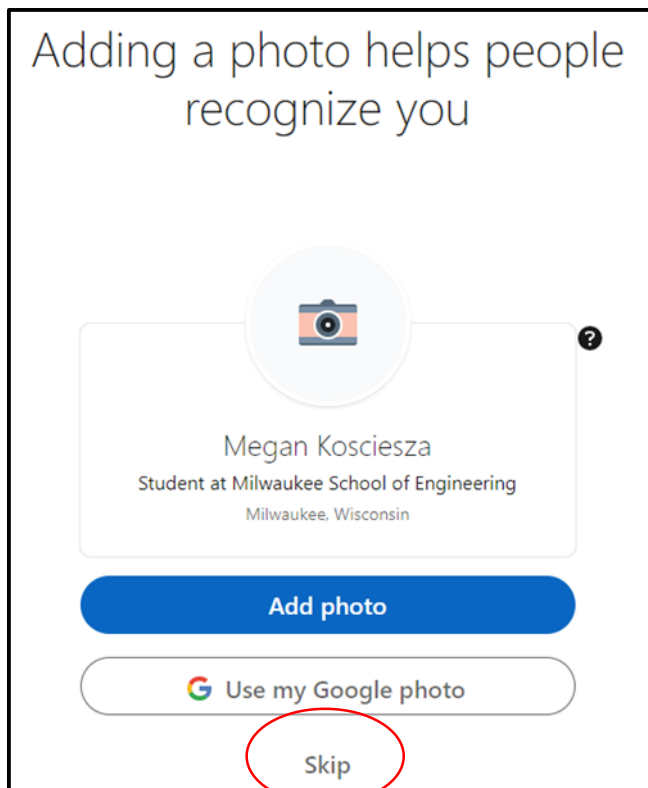
Connecting with people lets you see updates and keep in touch

Search for someone specific to connect with...

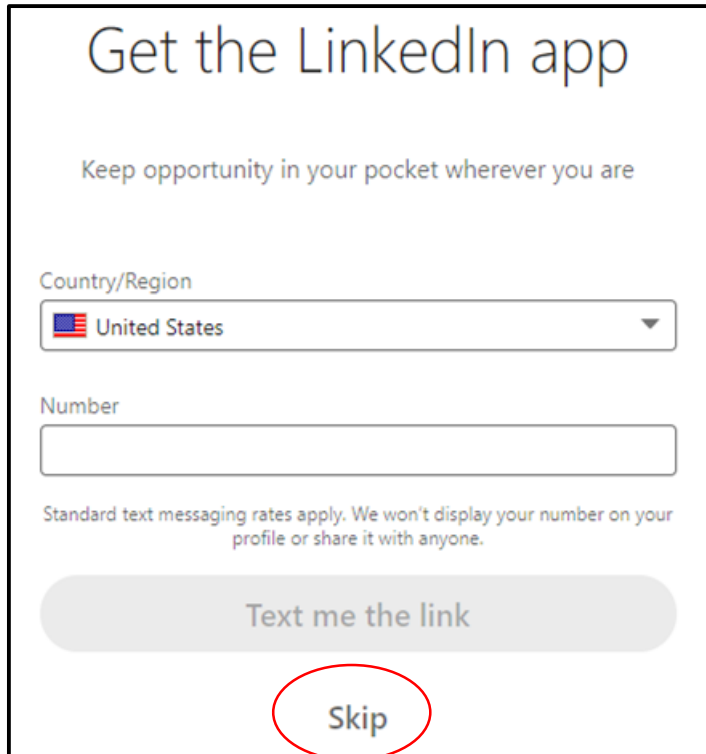
 <b>Joseph Kluding</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Gwynne Sahyun</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Riley Mengel</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Mara Doyle</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Jennifer Berry, MA</b> Educator and Advocate for Students
 <b>Mitchell Johnstone</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Brad Aldag</b> PE, LEED Green Associate	 <b>Stephanie Taylor</b> Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering	 <b>Guznara Oquendo</b> Dynamic and motivated executive level Operations...	 <b>Jayson Chapla</b> Mechanical Engineering Student at Milwaukee School of...

**Skip** Add 0 connections

11. LinkedIn will prompt you to add a photo. Select the **“Skip”** button, since this is something you will add once you start working on your profile.



12. You will then have the option to download the LinkedIn app to keep up-to-date more readily. Click on the **"Skip"** button to bypass this option for now. We recommend downloading the app later on once your profile is set-up from a desktop/laptop.




**When you're applying to jobs and internships you find on LinkedIn, wait until you're on a desktop/laptop rather than apply through the app.**

13. You then have the option to follow companies, save courses, follow people, and follow hashtags. Feel free to follow as many companies and people as you would like and hit **"Finish."** After your profile is complete, you'll want to follow more companies and people specific to your industry.

Follow companies, people, and hashtags to stay updated on the things you care about






To get you started




**LinkedIn News**  
4.6M followers  
[Follow](#)

Updates from LinkedIn News  
We'll show you news and insights from our team of editors. Unfollow at any time.

Popular courses for Student at Milwaukee School of Engineering

 <p><b>Confronting Bias: Thriving Across Our Differences</b></p> <p>73.9K views</p> <p><a href="#">Save course</a></p>	 <p><b>Communication Foundations</b></p> <p>202.8K views</p> <p><a href="#">Save course</a></p>	 <p><b>Building Resilience</b></p> <p>196.1K views</p> <p><a href="#">Save course</a></p>	 <p><b>Critical Thinking</b></p> <p>313.2K views</p> <p><a href="#">Save course</a></p>	 <p><b>The Six Morning Habits of High Performers</b></p> <p>739K views</p> <p><a href="#">Save course</a></p>
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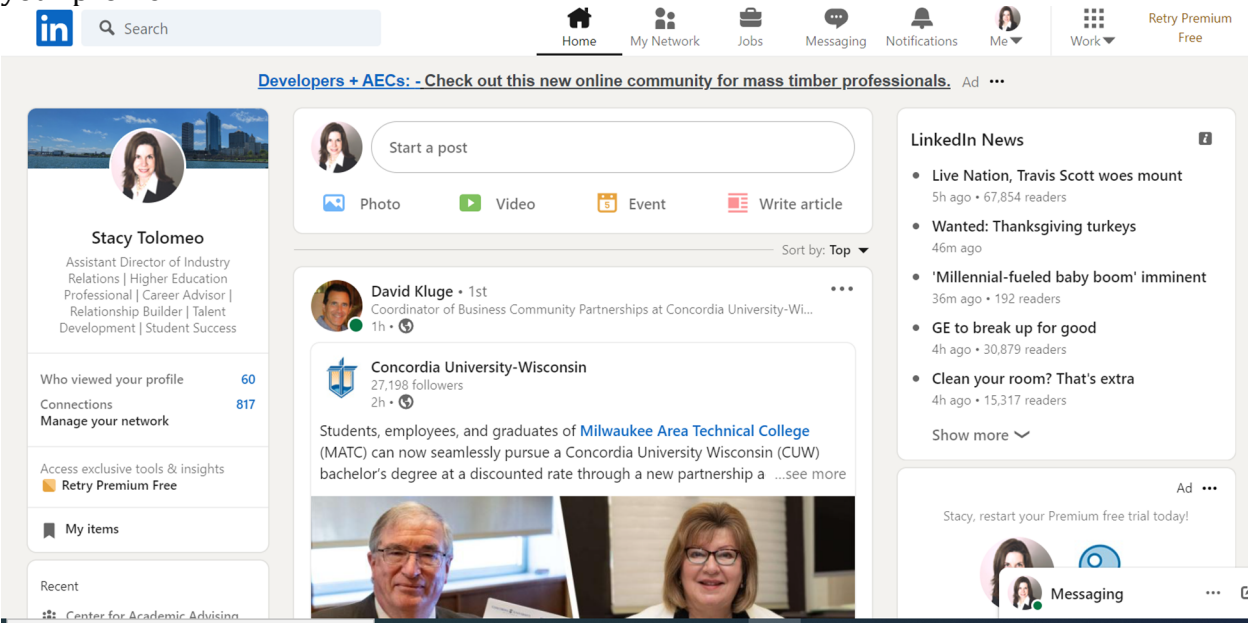
Popular on LinkedIn



We recommend following 5 sources to find content you care about.

[Finish](#)

14. After clicking “**Finish**”, you will be taken to your LinkedIn home page where you can now set up your profile.



The screenshot shows the LinkedIn home page for user Stacy Tolomeo. At the top, there is a navigation bar with icons for Home, My Network, Jobs, Messaging, Notifications, Me, and Work. Below the navigation bar, there is a search bar and a banner for a community. The main content area features a 'Start a post' section with options for Photo, Video, Event, and Write article. Below this is a post from David Kluge, Coordinator of Business Community Partnerships at Concordia University-Wisconsin, which includes a post from Concordia University-Wisconsin about a partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College. On the right side, there is a 'LinkedIn News' section with several news items, including 'Live Nation, Travis Scott woes mount', 'Wanted: Thanksgiving turkeys', and 'Millennial-fueled baby boom' imminent. At the bottom, there is a 'Messaging' section with a notification to restart a Premium free trial.