Is your LinkedIn profile doing its job of connecting you to opportunities?

Carl Friesen

Here's what you'll learn

- What your profile should be doing for you
- The two main purposes your profile must meet
- Elements of a successful profile
- The importance of connections and recommendations
- LinkedIn as a publishing platform to help you stand out
- Activities that actually help you build your career
- The little-known benefits of company pages

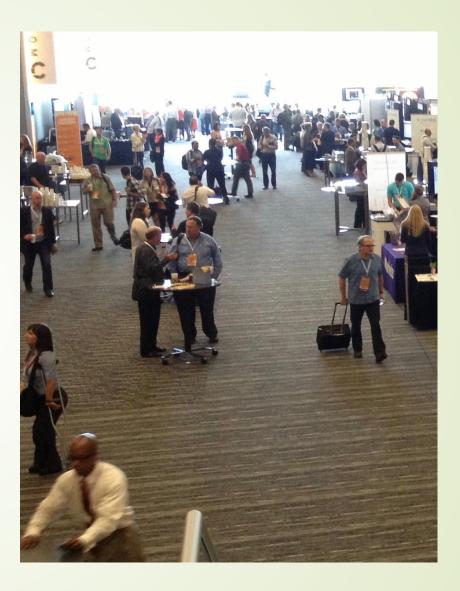
How to use these ideas in your career

- There will be waaaaaay too much information
- You can't apply it all. Pick steps that are do-able for you, make notes
- Set a deadline to get those steps done
- Decide if you'll invest time in LinkedIn weekly to stay in touch

It's not about getting discovered

It's about impressing someone who has met or heard about you

- Choosing a restaurant? Go to Yelp
- Choosing a movie?
 Go to Rotten Tomatoes
- Choosing an employee, colleague, service provider? Well, where do you think?



Would your LinkedIn profile impress your ideal client, employer, business partner?



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To persuade

- You're in their sweet spot for qualifications
- That you're credible
- You're a safe, defensible choice
- That you'll make them look good
- You're someone they'll enjoy working with

Ten steps to a successful profile

1. Your name

Spelled right, with capitals, given name first

If you have qualifications needed for your work, include them

First name: Rodger

Second: Nevill Harding B.A. LLB.

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2. Your picture

Smile – look like someone they want to work with (part of the "persuade" purpose)

Dress appropriate to the culture

Consider going beyond the mugshot format – tools of your trade

Invest in a professional portrait! There is something almost magical about the ability of pro photographers to make you look your best ("magic" includes Photoshop)



3. Your purpose

State clearly:

* What you do

* Who you do it for

* Benefits they receive

Include credentials, certifications if relevant to your work

Helping business professionals publish content that builds their profile as thought-leaders

4.Your summary

Informs about your background, education, professional qualifications

Persuades the reader that they want to work with you

Style should be more conversational than a resume, but LinkedIn is not a dating site

Add articles and other publications, helps with the "persuade" function

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To do this work, I use my background in journalism to dig for "the story" that presents my clients' ideas well -- without coming across like a sales pitch. My experience in business, plus an MBA in Marketing, help me put my clients' expertise into terms that businesses can relate to. I've put some of my ideas into book form -- five to date, most recent being "Your Firm's Expertise Edge," published in 2015.

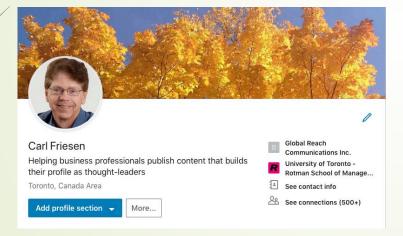
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5. Your contact information

Include phone, personal email address, other social media



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- in Your Profile
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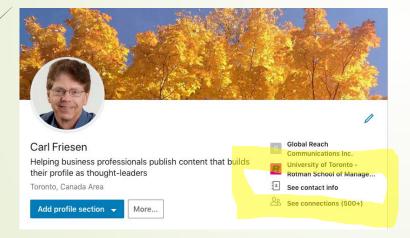
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6. Experience

Informs about professional background

Reassures them that you're the safe, defensible choice

Include work samples if you can, without violating confidentiality

Experience

Principal

Global Reach Communications Inc. Mar 2009 – Present · 9 yrs 11 mos Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

I help business professionals get published in business publications and on Web sites read by their target market. This includes helping them develop an article topic that will be of interest to the editor and to the readers, and which will also help reach the author's marketing goals. I present the idea to the editor, and if the editor is interested will interview the author and ghost-write the article for their review and comment. I then work with the editor to get the article published.



Manager, Media Relations

Golder Associates

Dec 2005 - Mar 2009 · 3 yrs 4 mos

I helped members of the company build their profile in business and professional magazines, through published articles. I consulted on developing article concepts, selected publications, coordinated with magazine editors, interviewed the named author and ghost-wrote articles, worked with editor on publication. Also wrote content for the international quarterly... See more

Principal

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Jan 1999 – Jan 2005 · 6 yrs 1 mo

As currently, I worked with business professionals to help build their profile through effective media relations. Clients included accountants, actuaries, architects, consultants, engineers, lawyers and others.

7. Education

Informs and persuades that you have the qualifications to do the job

Show that you're engaged in life-long learning, as it reassures them that you're staying current

Include online and continuingeducation courses

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Carleton University

Hons. B.A., Journalism 1982 – 1983



Wilfrid Laurier University

BA, Geography, Sociology 1978 – 1981

Activities and Societies: Entertainment Editor of the student newspaper The Cord Weekly for part of my first year at WLU; Photo Manager in second year; News Editor in third year.

Licenses & Certifications



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8. Recommendations

These have high credibility because the other person must write and put them on your profile

Important because without them, it looks as though nobody likes you

Recommendations on the right have names removed for privacy reasons

I had the pleasure of working with Carl over 10 years and he always impressed me with his professionalism and great quality work. Carl has the unique ability of transforming highly technical concepts into an interesting readers' friendly version. He has an efficient process in place which starts with interviewing the consultant all the way through getting them published. Since his clients are located around the world, he is very flexible to accommodate tight time lines and communicate between different time zones. Carl is also very keen on building long lasting business relationships and partners with his clients to achieve their desired goals. Carl has my strongest recommendation! **See less**

I have worked with Carl in various capacities over the last 10 years. He is a talented writer and professional communicator. Carl has the uncanny ability to take very complex technical information and write it in a way that others can grasp and actually enjoy reading. He knows how to get people published and understands what makes strong thought leadership content. I would highly recommend Carl to others! See less

Carl is very professional and knowledgeable in assisting professionals to become known in their fields of expertise. I, in particular, look forward to reading his blog which always contains helpful and practical tips on how to show and share your expertise.

Four ways to get recommendations

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Write a recommendation and hope that the other person recommends you back 02

Just ask the other person for a recommendation 03

Draft the text of your own recommendation, send it to the other person with a request that they modify as needed and put it on your profile



Use LinkedIn's form to request a recommendation

9. Accomplishments

These add sizzle to your profile

Reassure the other person you're credible and recognized in your field

Publications can be print, online, webinars, podcasts, videos ...

Honors and awards: include a visual

Add languages, associations, anything to give the other person reassurance about you

Accomplishments

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Blogging: your key to gaining the work you want
 Webinar: "Get that speaking engagement"
 How Engineers and Engineering Firms can Build Thought Leadership through Public Speaking
 Showing Extra Value to Convert Buyers of a 'me-too' Service
 3 rules for choosing your next speech topic
 Guest podcast on thought leadership
 Your Firm's Expertise Edge...

6 Honors & Awards

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Designing content that moves prospects to take action • Using content marketing to show thought leadership (live presentation) HPCA • LinkedIn For Business Development • Public speaking program

Courses Instagram for Business, via Lynda • Learn to Teach Online, via Lynda

2 Languages

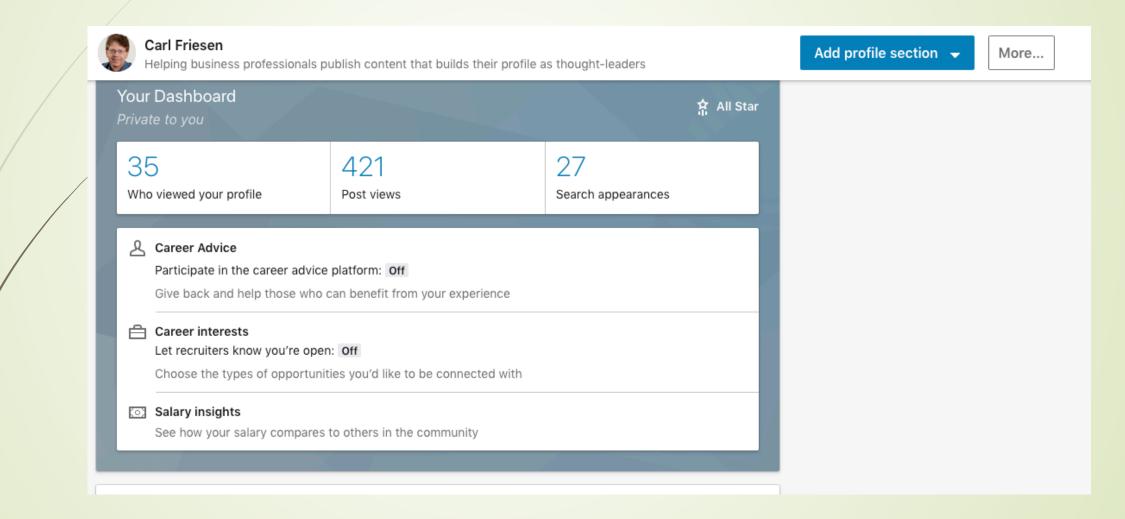
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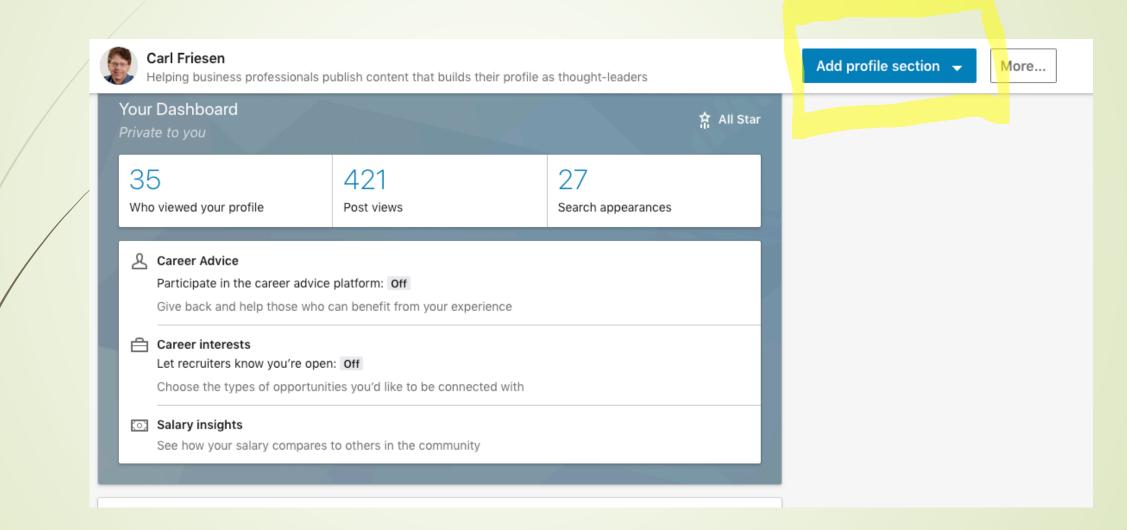
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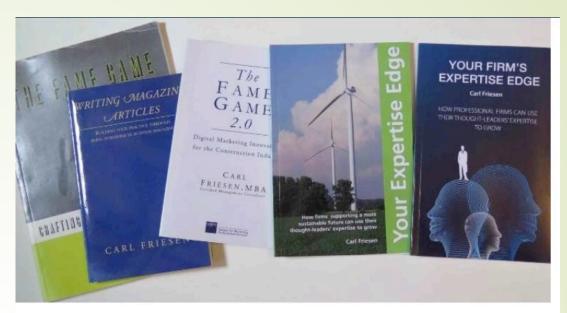
10. Articles, publications

These show you to be an expert in your field

They provide reasons to choose you over other candidates

Can be:

- <u>Professionally published papers</u> in established journals or conference proceedings
- <u>Articles</u> in respected trade and professional magazines and websites
- <u>Your own media</u>: YouTube, Tumblr, LinkedIn, your website



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"*Here's a copy of my book.*" Even in an age of Periscope and Twitter, publishing a book is one of the milestones that shows you've "arrived" as a subject-matter expert. **Why is book-**

LinkedIn as a publishing platform

Three ways to showcase your expertise

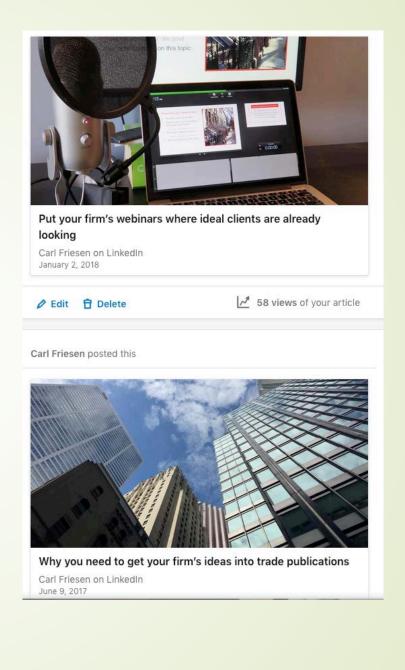
1. LinkedIn's own publishing platform

A text blog with a picture

Anyone visiting your profile will see it

It gets pushed out to all your connections in their news feed

Will get presented in search results on your topic



2. List in your "Publications" section with a link

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Open just about any publication related to engineering – or read a blog, or attend a conference – and it will likely contain case studies. Engineers have an abiding passion for helping their colleagues learn from their own experiences – and like many people, they enjoy showing how smart they are. The case study does that.

What is a Case Study?

First of all, what's a case study? Essentially, a case study is a story – a story about a project. It describes the original situation and why a change was needed, relates the steps taken to resolve the issue and the problems encountered along the way, and then it describes the end result.

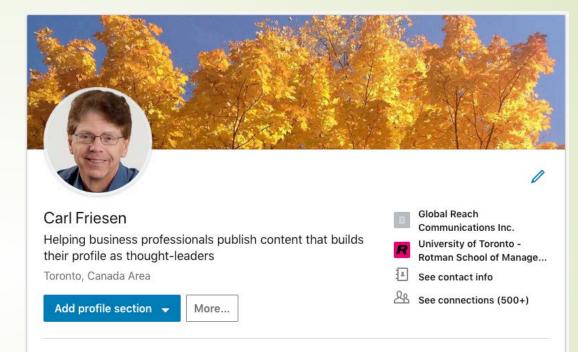
It's best if there is quantifiable data – "Throughput was 5,000 units per hour at the start of the project; the steps we took brought that to 10,000 per hour." Charts, diagrams, tables, photographs and video



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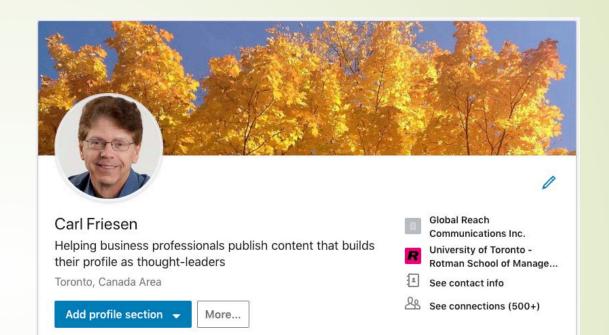
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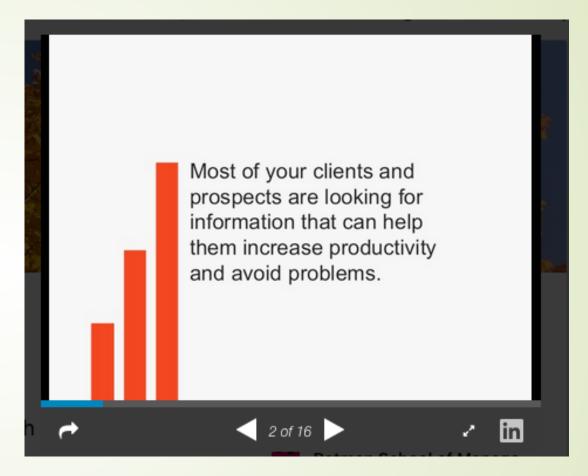
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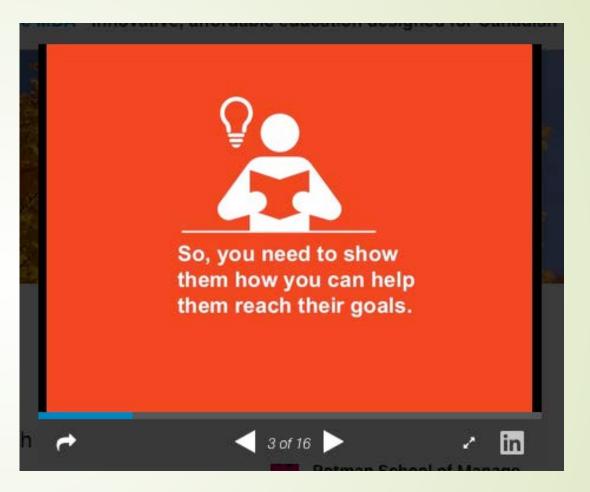
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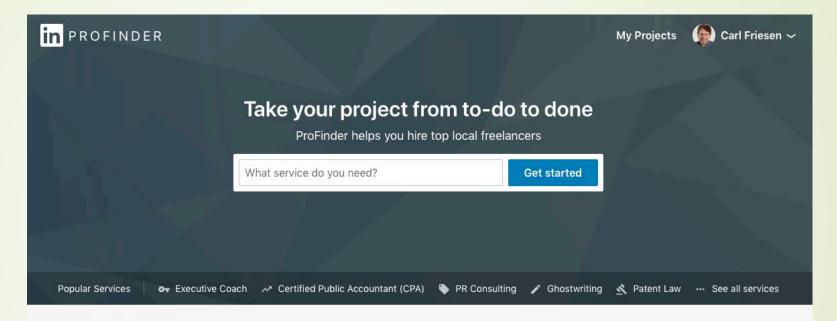
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Find a Logo and Graphic Designer 5700+ pros



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Find Accountants and Bookkeepers 1500+ pros

LinkedIn Groups

Industry groups: find client opportunities

<u>Professional groups</u>: stay current in your work

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3 activities that build your career

- 1. Watch your news feed
- 2. Build your connections
- 3. Follow the right companies

Watch your "home" or "news feed"

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Look for connections with new jobs - maybe they have room for you! Watch for companies you follow – new service lines, departments, senior hires, that may mean opportunity for you



"Like" and comment on blog posts and other news **,**

This reminds people that you exist – they didn't have any opportunities for you before, but maybe now they do

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We are currently looking for an experience CAD Technician for our office in Paris.

Click the following link and join us! https://lnkd.in/gqpvcdd Plan your future, good luck.



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Build your connections

- Only with people you've met in person or online
- LinkedIn will sanction you for spamming
- Request connections, but include a note why you want to connect

You can customize this invitation

Include a personal message (optional):

Ex: We know each other from...

Cancel

Send invitation

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Pay attention to your second connections

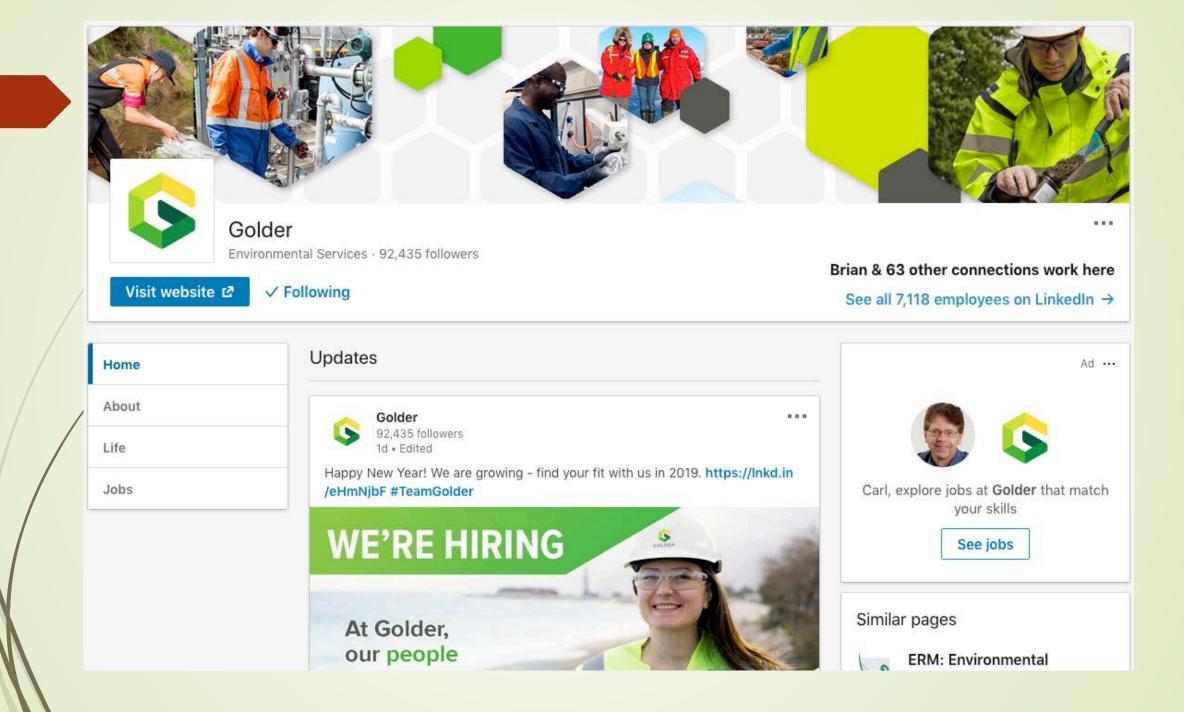
- A first connection is someone you're connected to already on LinkedIn
- A second connection is someone one of your connections knows, but you don't (yet...)
- We get jobs, contracts, deals from our 'weak links' people just a bit outside our immediate circle (like, second connections)

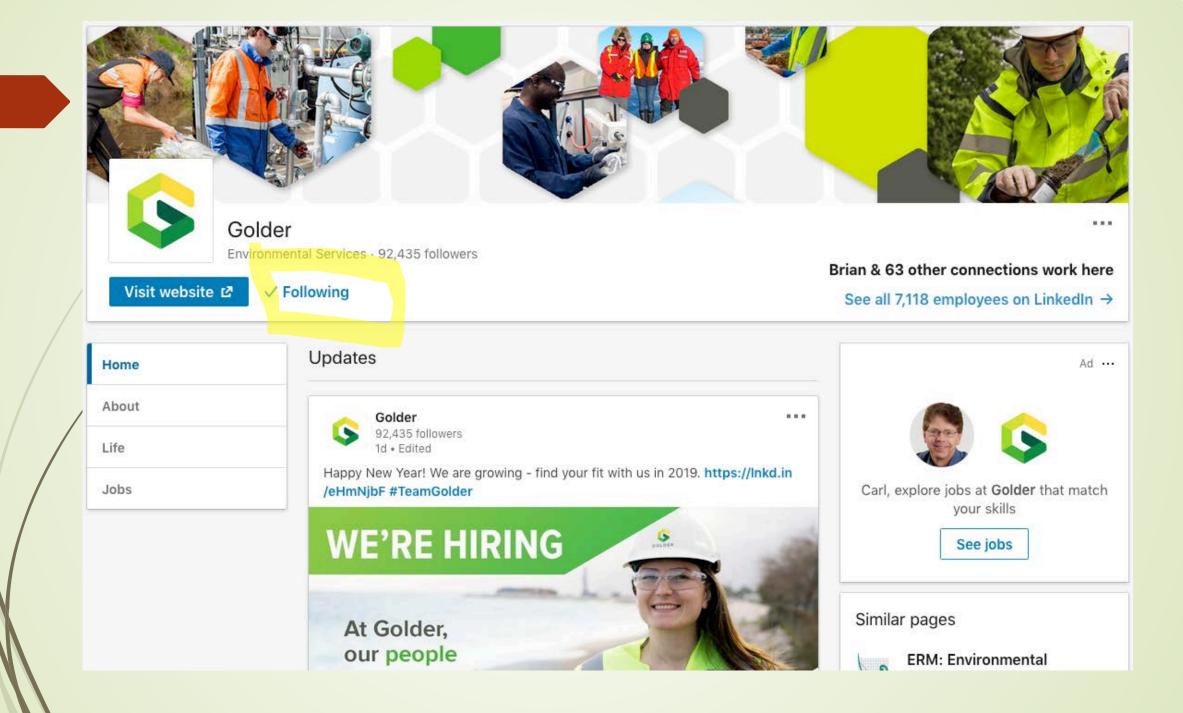
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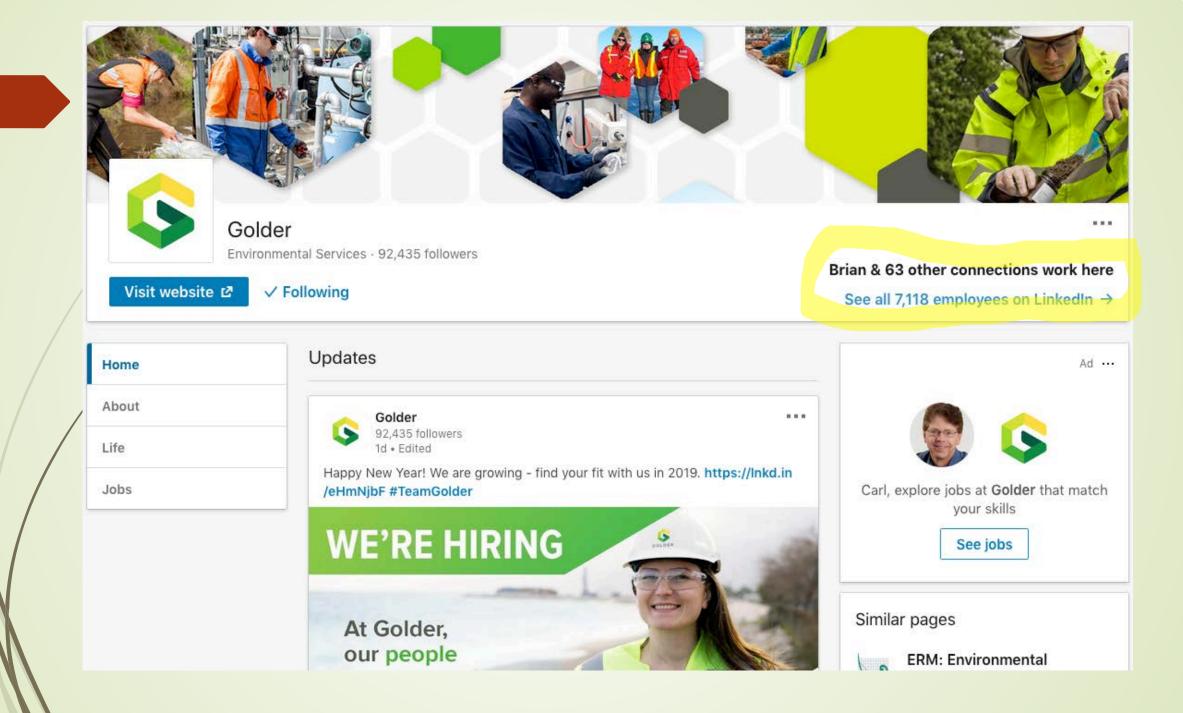
- Look through your first connections to see which of their connections you'd like to get to know,
 - They work for a company you want to be involved in
 - They're doing work that you really want to do
- Request a connection through the person you know
- Provide a good reason one your connection will value
- Don't spam!!!

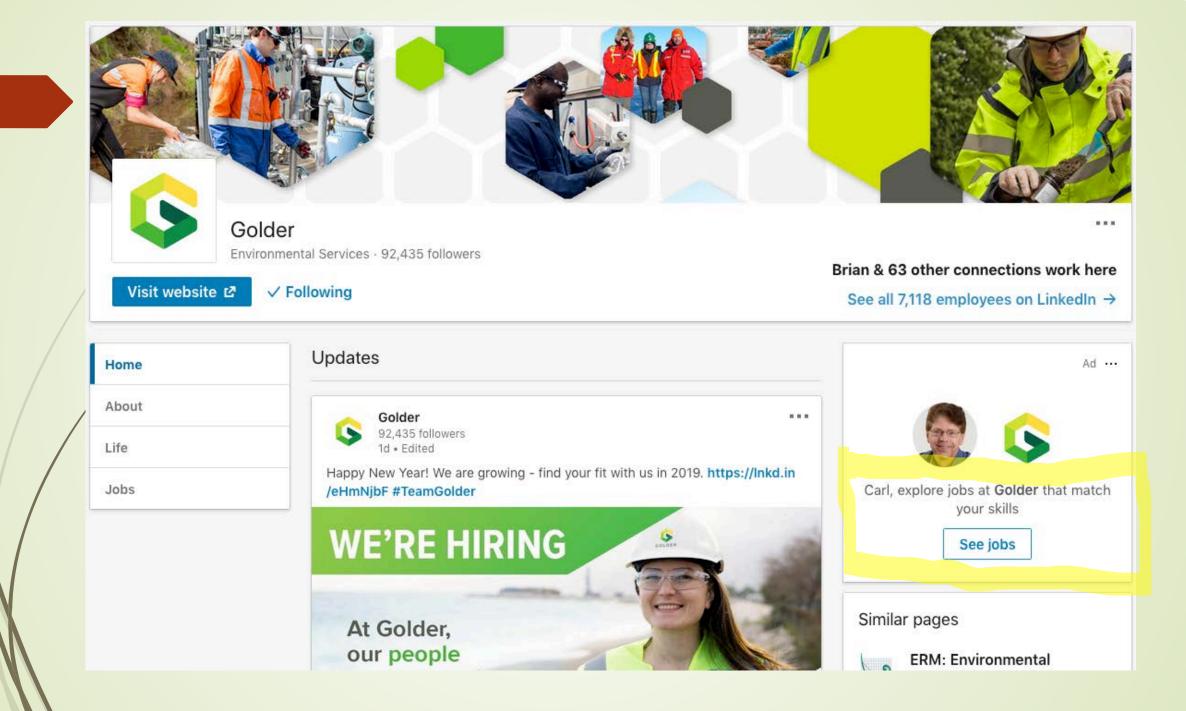
Follow the right companies

- People have profiles, companies have pages
- Find news about projects they're working on
- Find out about job openings they've listed
- Learn about promotions, new hires that may indicate they're staffing up
- Learn about people you know who work there
 - This is one reason why building your connections is important!









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That includes new hires from among your connections

Now you've got a friend at a company you want to work with



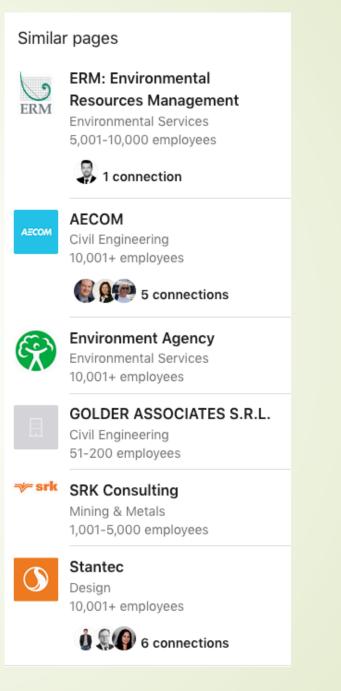
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Learn of opportunities with similar companies

Find out about connections you have at these companies



How I can help

Main focus: professional firms and companies with complex products

- Help determine what topics are of interest to their ideal clients
- Help find keywords and phrases for optimal SEO
- Choose the right medium for that message
- Work with the author to ghost-write a first draft for review
- Help with getting it published

Questions and answers

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