

Carl wants to be your friend



Carl is a huge fan of sloths. Specifically, he has an appreciation for *password sloths* (those who use the same password for all of their accounts). If he can break in to one account, he then has access to all your other accounts as well. Make your passwords hard to break and diversify among your accounts.

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Myra wants to be your friend



Myra loves TMI (too much information). She's hoping you will reveal some in your status: mainly when you leave your residence for long weekends or vacations. Avoid sharing specific details of your whereabouts; otherwise, the whereabouts of your belongings may be TBD (to be determined) when you return.


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Michael wants to be your friend



Michael does not enjoy the outdoors, but he does enjoy *Phishing*. Michael cleverly creates websites that resemble popular sites like Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn, to lure in your account information. Look closely at the sites you visit and make sure they're legitimate.


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The Boss wants to be your friend



The Boss loves the power of social networks, and may use them to his advantage by checking in on employees or screening potential hires. Just remember that the internet doesn't forget! Don't post comments or publish photos that may have negative consequences.


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Steph wants to be your friend



“She” claims to be Steph, but is actually Frank. And Frank enjoys impersonating people with a more alluring appeal so he can gain access to your information. There is no popularity contest or prize for highest friend count, so accept friend requests with caution.

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Alex wants to be your friend



Alex is a new father - of a baby botnet (a small network of bots that seek out private information online). Whether you tweet your location, comment on someone's status, or upload personal information in a status, Alex's bot could find it. Never publicly post phone numbers and any other private info.

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Andrea wants to be your friend



Andrea enjoys sharing links. Unfortunately, all of her links and messages are scams which contain malware and spam (“OMG. Did you see this picture of you?”). Before you click on any link, evaluate whether it is from a reputable site. If you are unsure, contact the person directly to investigate.

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Philip wants to be your friend



Philip is your biggest fan. In fact, he wants to BE you! He will do whatever it takes to steal your identity so he can open new credit cards in your name and gain access to your bank accounts. Avoid revealing addresses, phone numbers, past history and any information in your profile that might allow someone to impersonate you.

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