

# Facebook Instructions

## How to create your own account and find the Lab Earth Page

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Dear Laboratory Earth participant/alumni,

Those of us involved in the Nebraska Earth Systems Education Network here at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are very proud of the Laboratory Earth classes we offer. However, we feel that the community between lab earthlings created in those classes comes to a rather abrupt halt at the end of the session. In order to allow our community to continue long after the end of the class we decided to create a Facebook page. It's easily accessible, easy to use, and gives Lab Earth participants, both past and present, a place to go with their questions, answers, and insights.

These directions are for a first time Facebook user. They will show you how to create your own account, edit your information for the world to see, search for other students and alumni, and join the Laboratory Earth page. If you already have a facebook but still have some questions, skip to section 10.

1. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
2. On the right side of your screen, you will see a large blue area with the heading "Sign up for Facebook" that looks something like this



The image shows a screenshot of the Facebook sign-up form. The form is titled "Sign up for Facebook" and includes the text "It's free and anyone can join." Below this, there are several input fields: "Full Name:", "Your Email:", and "New Password:". There is also a dropdown menu for "I am:" with the text "Select Sex:" and a "Birthday:" section with three dropdown menus for "Month:", "Day:", and "Year:". A green "Sign Up" button is located below the form. At the bottom of the form, there is a disclaimer: "By clicking Sign Up, you are indicating that you have read and agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy."

Enter your information including your birthday. Don't worry, you can choose whether or not you want that displayed later on. Click "Sign Up"

3. That area should have changed to look something like this.

**Security Check**

Enter **both words** below, **separated by a space**.  
Can't read the words below? [Try different words or an audio captcha.](#)


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Text in the box:

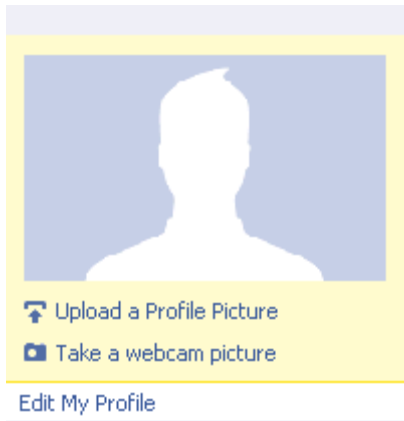
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The words in the white box will be different for everyone. Type the words you see in the box provided and click “Sign Up” again.

4. You are now asked to confirm the email address you provided. Open your email account and simply click on the link provided in the email from Facebook.
5. You are now officially on Facebook! They welcome you at the top of the page, and these next three steps are there to help you find people you know who might have a facebook. These steps are optional. I’m going to skip these in the instructions because you can do all of these at a later time.
6. The screen you see now is your “home” screen. When you log in this is the first page you see. Eventually, it will serve as a place to see what your friends did last time they were on Facebook. Click on “View and edit your Profile”.

 **View and edit your profile**  
Fill in details and upload a profile picture to help your friends recognize you.

7. This is the page the rest of the world sees when they become your friend. Right now, we’re going to put up a picture instead of that blue shadow. Click on “Upload a profile picture”.

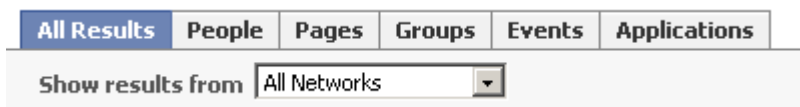


8. Your picture is what people will see every time you interact with someone or something. When they search for your profile, when you write on the discussion board, or when you send them a message are just a few times that your picture appears. This picture doesn't have to be of you, but I would recommend that it is. Some people make it a picture of something important to them – their family, their dog, the ocean. The picture is really up to you. Simply click “Browse”, find your ideal picture and double click it. It will upload all by itself!
9. Now that you have a basic profile set up, you need to find the Laboratory Earth page. Look to the right side, top corner of your screen and you will see this search box.



Type “pages” inside and hit Enter.

10. You may get quite a few results on your search, but all we're interested in are these tabs.



Click on the tab that says “Pages”.

11. In the new search bar near the top of the page type in “Laboratory Earth”



12. This is the result you want

Displaying the only result for: **Laboratory Earth**



Page: **Laboratory Earth**  
Type: Other Business  
Size: 2 fans

Click on it!

The page has all the directions you should need to get started and figure out how it works. Click around and explore a little. But make sure you click on the “Become a Fan” link near the top right corner of the picture of the earth. That makes it a lot easier to find the page again, and now when you log into Facebook you’ll be notified of any changes or additions to the page.



Congratulations! You have now joined Facebook! With more than 90 million other viewers, this site is the most trafficked social media site in the world (<http://www.facebook.com/press/info.php?statistics>). Our hope is that this will be a valuable tool for you, and that you will also take this opportunity to learn about Facebook itself.