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Your "resume" includes anything about you that can be found online

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I know what you're thinking.

But Facebook / MySpace [or "SpacePage" if you're talking to my grandmother] is just for fun! What's wrong with posting pictures of my birthday / bachelor / bachelorette / divorce party? It's not like I've posted them on LinkedIn or include them when I submit my resume...

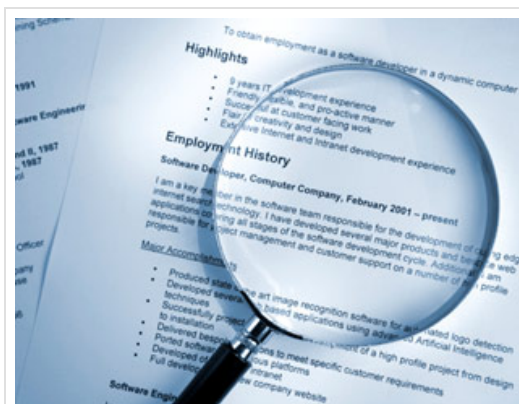
You might as well.

Harry Urschel wrote about this issue on Career Rocketer. "A recent poll of HR professionals and hiring managers showed that more than half will Google prospective candidates at some point during the hiring process. Furthermore, 46% of those have said that they have eliminated candidates based on what they found!"

He goes on to point out a few things that may shock you:

"If you are in a job search, it's important to Google yourself. Discover what's out there that may be found by potential employers. You may be surprised at the results and where they come from:

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Your resume is much more than a Word document.

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Any of these things may or may not be damaging to you — depending on the subjective opinion of the person looking. However, be aware that all of these items and more may appear in a Google search!"

*That's what I thought.*

You'd forgotten about *that nasty Letter to the Editor* you wrote last year.

Oops.

And you didn't think anything of it when you saw that you'd been tagged in *that picture* from your high school reunion, did you?

Your "resume" is much more than that Word document you email when applying for a job. Yes, it includes your LinkedIn profile. And, it includes anything that comes up when your name is Googled. Says Urchel, "Projecting a successful professional image on LinkedIn or on your resume posted on CareerBuilder doesn't stand alone when being considered for a position. Pictures and/or comments on Facebook have an impact as well. The image you actually portray is a composite of your online footprint."

Privacy settings can be helpful but don't let them give you a false sense of security. The truth is that the only way to keep people from seeing unflattering information about you is to not say it, write it, or do it.

Since everyone makes mistakes and says and does things they'll later regret, it is critical that you actively manage your online image. This includes everything that Google and other search engines can find which is *ANYTHING ON THE INTERNET*.

Job seekers (ok, everyone) should frequently perform online searches of their name and other key words that could bring up information about them and view the results through the eyes of the person they hope will be their next employer.

So. What are you waiting for...have you Googled yourself today?

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