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In September 2016, LinkedIn announced a redesign of its desktop (non-app) user interface. The announcement noted, “This is the largest redesign since LinkedIn’s inception.” The design update is expected to bring the desktop experience closer to what users of the LinkedIn mobile app are used to seeing.

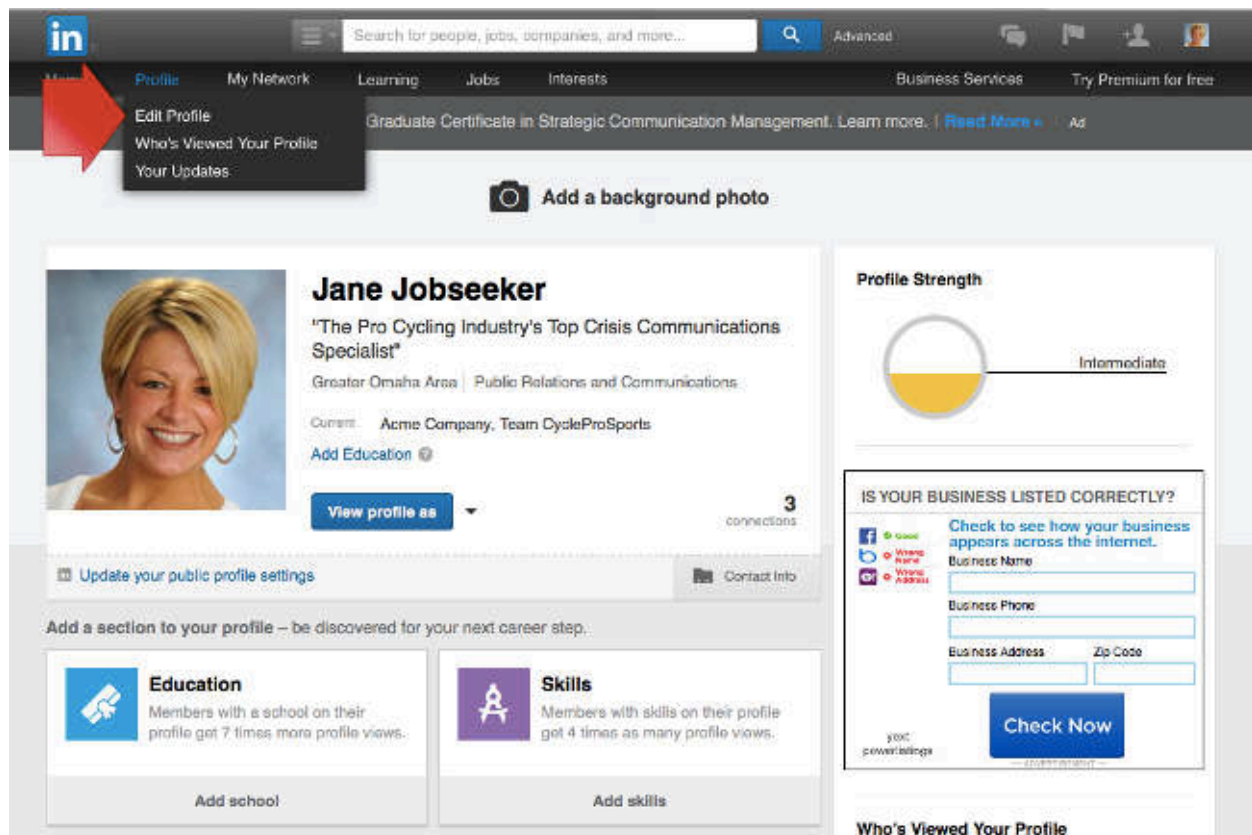
More important than how LinkedIn will look once the redesign is rolled out is what features will — or won’t — still be included.

In the past, when LinkedIn has refreshed its user interface, it has removed features. In anticipation that this may happen with the forthcoming redesign, you should consider backing up your LinkedIn profile right now, so you don’t lose any data. This exercise will take you 5-10 minutes at most.

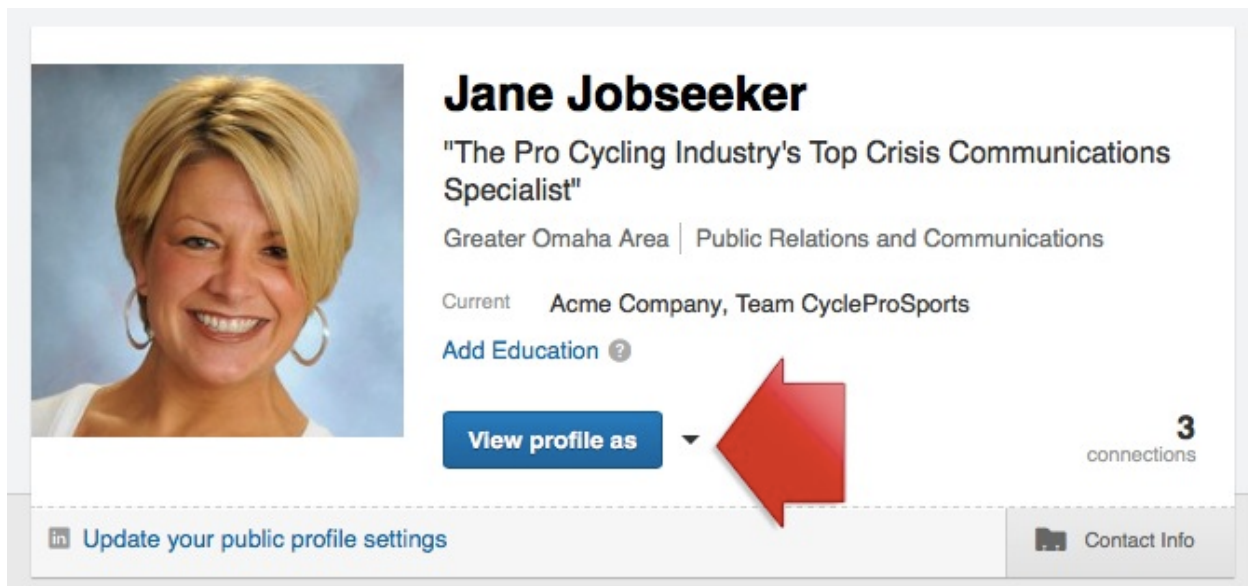
There are two things to do:

The first is to save a PDF of your profile. This will save the content in your profile only (no photos or graphics).

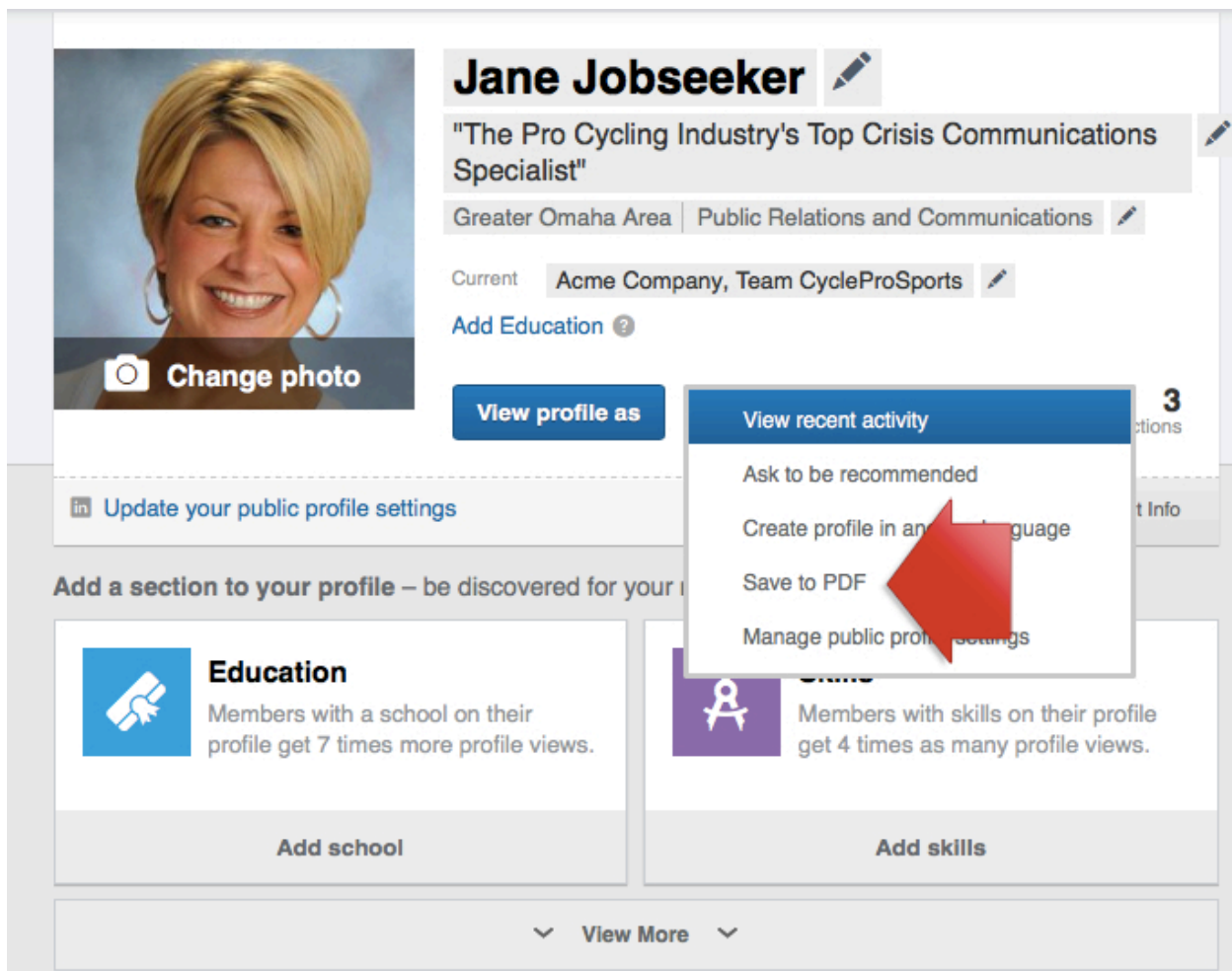
Log into your account and click on “Edit Profile” under the “Profile” menu.



Next, click on the blue “View profile as” button and it will show the dropdown menu.



Choose "Save to PDF" and it will immediately save a PDF of your LinkedIn profile to the default download location on your computer.



You'll be able to open the PDF and view your content.

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Summary

In the competitive world of professional cycling, the competition isn't limited to the athletes in the peloton. The teams themselves are also competing -- for sponsors, fan attention, media coverage, race invitations, and social media status.

In my current role as Team CycleProSports' National PR Rep, I grew the team's social media presence by more than 25% in one year, and facilitated more than 12 million fan engagement opportunities online. I also secured stories in all the major cycling industry trade outlets and consumer-facing publications, including "ProCycling Monthly," "Biking News," "Two-Wheeler," and "ProVelo."

I also handled crisis communications for the team, including the controversial finish of the Tour of Africa, and media relations after the bankruptcy of one of the team's major sponsors. The team's owner recognized this effort with a handwritten letter praising my "responsiveness, tact, and diplomacy in effectively handling what could have been a disaster" for the team.

I am currently pursuing offers for the 2013-14 season. (As an independent contractor through Acme Company, I work exclusively with one team each year on a contract basis.) If your professional cycling team is looking to increase your team's profile in the media, with fans, and online, I would love to talk with you about what I can do for you. Click on the "Acme Company Website" link in my profile for full contact information.

I am also interested in connecting with you on LinkedIn if you are a journalist or blogger who covers professional cycling, a race organization official or sponsor, or UCI- or USA Cycling- accredited official.

Experience

Public Relations Specialist at Acme Company

National Public Relations Representative at Team CycleProSports

November 2011 - Present (5 years 2 months)

Developed the team's social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Set up profiles for team, riders, and executives on platforms, established social media policies and procedures, and conducted social media training. Grew team's Facebook presence from fewer than 500 fans to 6,000 fans (2013). Engaged with more than 12 million fans online during tenure with team.

The second step is to archive your LinkedIn data.

This will create spreadsheet files (in .csv format) of your LinkedIn account — your connections, contacts, email inbox, positions, and profile. It will also include a “Rich Media” folder with images included on your profile.

In contrast to the PDF of your LinkedIn profile, the spreadsheet files will allow you to copy-and-paste your data into your LinkedIn profile, should you ever need to. In addition, if LinkedIn removes sections with the user interface redesign, you will be able to add this information back into your profile, if you want to.

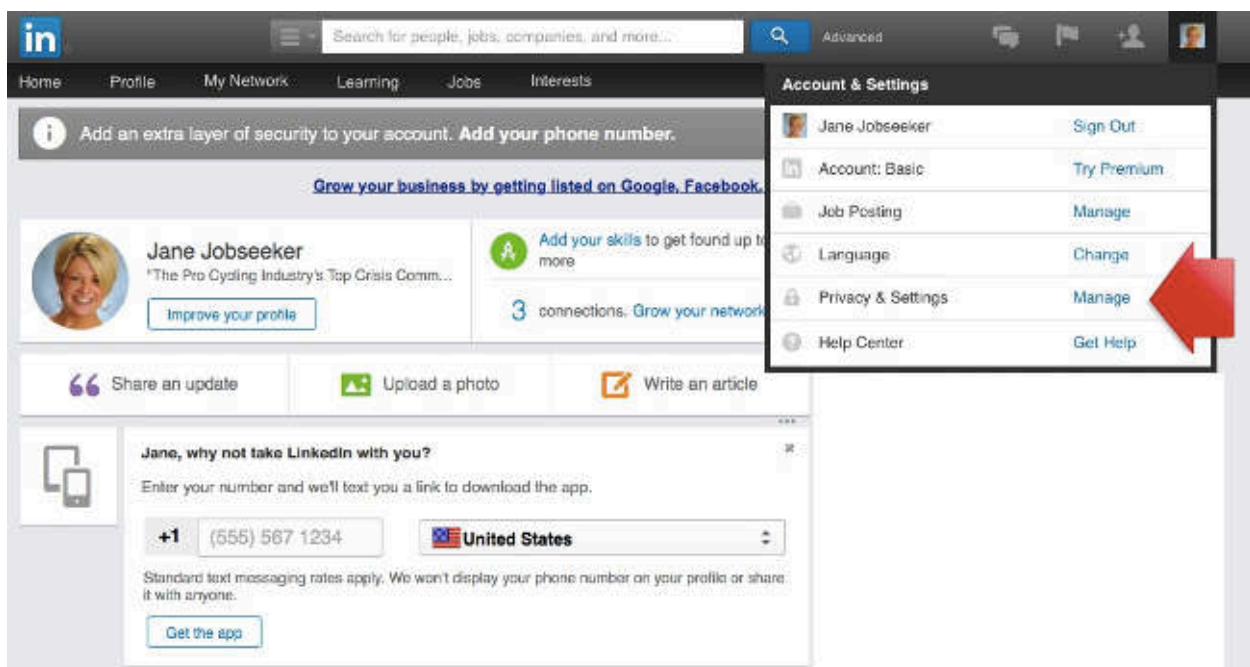
You can find the full listing of what is included in the data archives:

<https://www.linkedin.com/help/linkedin/answer/50191/accessing-your-account-data?lang=en>

Here’s how to get your data archive.

Note: This feature is only available using the desktop version of LinkedIn, not using the mobile app. Also, because your backup may contain private information, do not download your data using a public computer.

Click on your profile photo in the upper right hand corner of your LinkedIn profile. On the drop-down menu, click on the blue “Manage” button next to “Privacy & Settings.”



Once on the “Privacy & Settings” page, scroll down to “Getting an archive of your data.” Click on that link.

The screenshot shows the LinkedIn 'Account' settings page. The left sidebar has 'Basics' selected. The main area lists settings with 'Change' links. A red arrow points to the 'Getting an archive of your data' option.

Setting	Action
Email addresses Add or remove email addresses on your account	Change 3 email addresses
Phone numbers Add a phone number in case you have trouble signing in	Change 0 phone numbers
Change password Choose a unique password to protect your account	Change Last changed: December 2, 2016
Language Select the language you use on LinkedIn	Change English
Name, location, and industry Choose how your name and other profile fields appear to other members	Change
Where you're signed in See your active sessions, and sign out if you'd like	Change 2 active sessions
Autoplay videos Choose if you want videos in your feed to autoplay	Change Yes
Showing profile photos Choose whether to show or hide profile photos of other members	Change Everyone
Getting an archive of your data Download an archive of your account data, posts, connections, and more	Change

That will open a drop-down menu.

You will be able to choose whether you want a “fast file,” which includes selected information from your account or the “fast file with other data,” which includes account activity and history.

Choose the option you want and click the blue “Request archive” button.

Getting an archive of your data

Close

Download an archive of your account data, posts, connections, and more

Your LinkedIn data belongs to you, and you can download an archive any time.

We provide your archive in two bundles: "fast file", which includes selected categories of account data, like your profile information, connections, and messages (ready in approximately 10 minutes), and a second bundle that includes your detailed account information, including account activity and history (ready in 24 hours). You can learn more by [visiting our Help Center](#).

Choose the format you prefer.

- ☐ **Fast file only:** This file includes connections, contacts, recommendations, messages, and profile information such as experience, education, and projects. You'll receive a link to download.
- ☒ **Fast file plus other data:** You'll receive the data in two bundles over approximately 24 hours.

Request archive

Once you've made your choice, you will be prompted to enter your password. Once you've done that, click the blue "Done" button.

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Request archive

For your security, enter your password to make this change

Password

[Forgot password](#)



You will receive confirmation that your request has been received.

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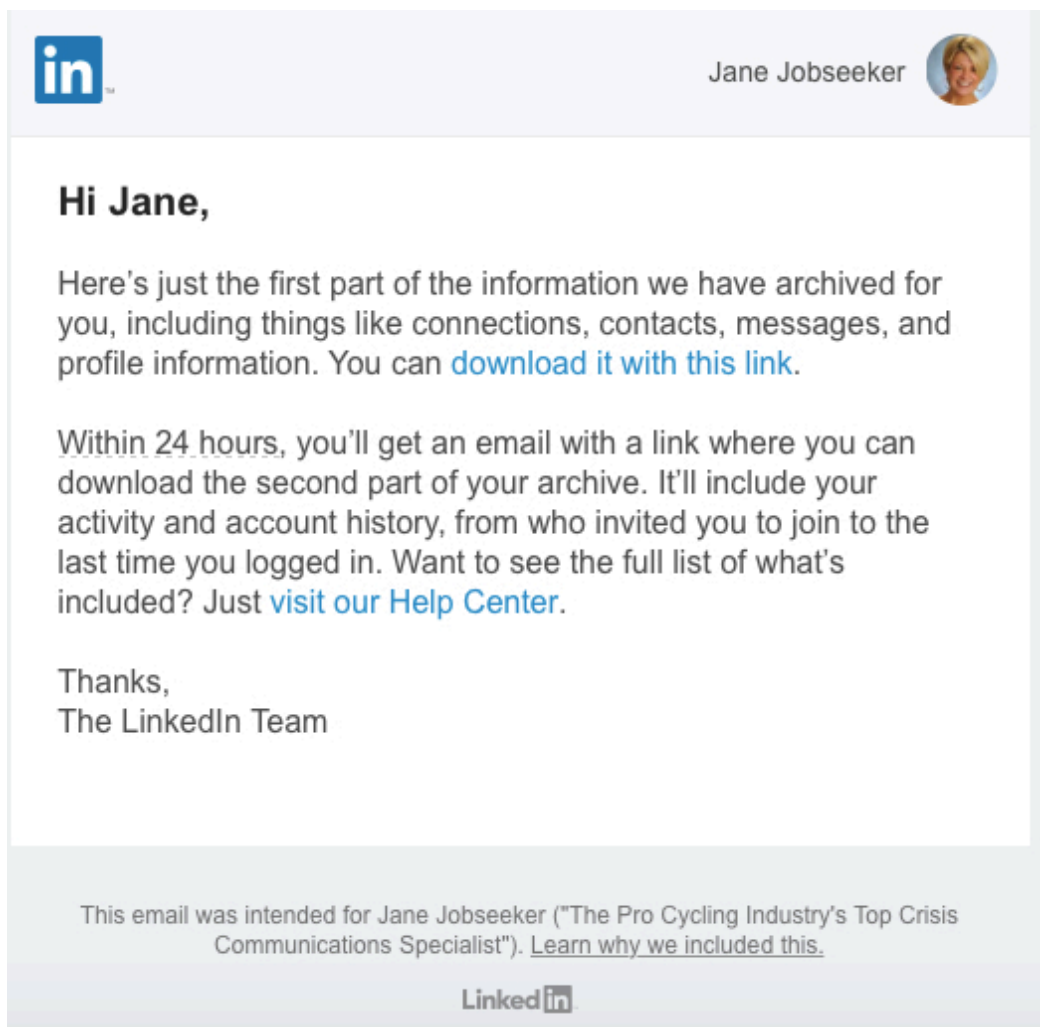
We're preparing your data for download. You'll receive an email from us with a link.

You've requested: Fast file, delivery in approximately 10 minutes, and full data archive, available in 24 hours.

You can learn more by [visiting our Help Center](#).

Request pending

You'll receive a notification email with a download link.



When you click the download link in your email, you will be taken back to your LinkedIn profile, where you will find a blue "Download" link. You have 72 hours to download the file. LinkedIn will send a second email when the rest of the data file is ready (within 24 hours).

Getting an archive of your data

Close

Download an archive of your account data, posts, connections, and more








First part of your data archive is ready.

Use the button below to download your file any time during the next 3 days.
You'll receive another email when the second part of your archive is ready.

You can learn more by [visiting our Help Center](#).

Download

Clicking the “Download” button will create a zip folder. Once you unzip it, you will see the .csv files with your connections, contacts, inbox, positions, profile, and registration information, plus a folder containing your Rich Media.

Name	^	Date Modified	Size	Kind
 Connections.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	353 bytes	CSV Document
 Contacts.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	1 KB	CSV Document
 Inbox.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	2 KB	CSV Document
 Positions.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	829 bytes	CSV Document
 Profile.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	2 KB	CSV Document
 Registration Info.csv		Tomorrow, 3:02 AM	130 bytes	CSV Document
 Rich Media		Today, 9:14 PM	--	Folder

For your first-level connections, you'll receive a file that contains First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Current Company, Current Position, and Tags.

First Name	Last Name	Email Address	Current Company	Current Position	Tags
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If you get an error when trying to request your data archive, try it again using a different Internet browser, or try it again later.

If you use a premium LinkedIn Sales Navigator account, export your notes and tags to Sales Navigator. It is rumored that the notes and tags feature is going away with the user interface update.

Log into your Sales Navigator account. Move your cursor over your photo in the top right corner of the Sales Navigator home page and select “Settings.”

Under “Import LinkedIn.com,” click “Import to Sales Navigator” next to “Notes & Tags.”

Now that you've seen how easy this is to do, make it a habit to export your data — once a quarter is probably sufficient if you don't add a lot of new connections regularly, or once a month if you do.