

If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by Tomim2B - 10 Feb 2010 19:07

Google introduced today a new social networking feature (like Facebook) within Gmail which they call "Buzz".

The next time you log-in to your Gmail account, you'll find a "Buzz" link right under where it says "Inbox".

In this new feature there is no anonymity! If you've created an e-mail address using your real name, it's your real name that will display not only to your buzz "followers", but also to their followers and their followers followers, etc.. By changing your Gmail display name, this will in no way effect the name that is displayed within "Buzz". In addition, Google has taken the liberty to share your chat list with your friends by automatically setting up followers. Now anyone who wants, can simply follow the trail and see who you're friends with. Stalkers field day!!

I don't know how much it will help in this case, but if you've got an issue with Buzz, you can turn it off by scrolling down to the the very bottom of the screen and clicking the words in the footer "turn off buzz".

Wanna fix this problem and retain your anonymity and privacy in full (whatever is left of it); delete your Gmail account.

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by Tomim2B - 10 Feb 2010 20:29

The only way to really effect the display name that is used in Google Buzz is by changing your account info in general. Here's instructions on how to do that:

1. Login to your Gmail account.
2. Open up another tab in your browser and go to www.google.com/accounts/ManageAccount.
3. In the "Profile" area, click on the link that reads "edit your personal info".
4. Modify your name in the edit box and click "Save".

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.
Posted by Tomim2B - 10 Feb 2010 20:38

For extra assurance, you want to go into your Gmail settings (on the top-right corner of the page), click on the "accounts and imports" link, and then in the "send mail as" area, click the "edit info" link. On this page you have 2 options for where Gmail takes your name, and you can make sure that your name is being pulled from the proper place (the one you altered for your anonymity).

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.
Posted by ark321 - 10 Feb 2010 23:07

is there any way we can use 'buzz' as a way of having a 'chat' for GYE?

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by shemirateinayim - 10 Feb 2010 23:38

yes, but at the expece of including everyone's contacts to the "forum". Additionally, if anyone has 7up in their list, or if any woman has GUARD in theirs....the mechitza falls. And that's in addition to the obvious dissadvantage of learning the identity of everyone.

My 'real name' is John Doe. Yes I am related tot he guy from that credit card displayed in the brosure.

Baruch Shekivanti, a long time ago. Gmail will also supply your name to everyone you send an email to, inlue of your screenname. :o . So everyone make shure to open a 'truly' anonymous account. '

And for obvious reasons, mybe the administrative accounts should refrain from it. Rather use your personal emails.

Kedusha, I think we need hadracha on this one. and also ask about the Facebook ad shayla?

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by yankeld - 11 Feb 2010 04:28

So you're saying it shares the individual with everyone else's list. I think I turned mine off before I saw your post. Do you mean anonymity on GYE or in general?

See here for other information which I found:

www.humsurfer.com/how-to-remove-hide-disable-google-buzz-from-gmail-inbox

and I think there's legal problems for google/gmail/buzz - because this is a breach in privacy unless they decreed somewhere when we signed up (as they usually do)

scammed again

for more info see

www.privacydigest.com/2010/02/10/google%20buzz%20and%20risks%20automatic%20friends

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.
Posted by shemirateinayim - 11 Feb 2010 06:08

Buzz = FaceBook

Dont' use it, don't allow it, and if you can, find a new email that's as kosher as google used to be. any ideas?

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.
Posted by Tomim2B - 11 Feb 2010 06:23

Gmail is the only e-mail service out there that provides a free auto-forwarding solution for incoming mail. Whichever e-mail service you intend to use in the future, you can have Gmail auto-forward your mail there so you don't lose the mail that's still being sent to your (old) Gmail account.

All other e-mail services are just the same; and aren't very good.

If you wish to keep using Gchat without actually signing into Gmail, you can sign-in to your

account via www.meebo.com and chat from there.

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by shemirateinayim - 12 Feb 2010 01:11

ok, so other than shutting off my gmail account, what do I do now?

Which service do I wana use?

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by Kedusha - 12 Feb 2010 01:31

Is it possible for K9 (and other filters) to start blocking Buzz (for those who want social networking sites blocked)?

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by shemirateinayim - 12 Feb 2010 01:37

One quick peice of advice:

As of last night, there where a handfull of names listed in connection with GYE.

Additionaly, if anyone from the women's forum joins the list, without being marked as private,

they are showing their email addresses, in addition to whatever contacts are visible to the public

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by Tomim2B - 12 Feb 2010 06:02

Everyone who has a chat list is asked to please manage their Buzz followers. Follower lists are shared with *everyone*, and are compromising of other people's anonymity. There are several people who have not yet hidden their real names. Please don't let them lose their anonymity through you!

If you see this, please un-follow them or hide your follower list from showing on your profile.

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Re: If you're using Gmail, you'd want to take a look at this.

Posted by Kedusha - 14 Feb 2010 04:56

I agree that using Buzz is as bad an idea as using Facebook, or any social networking service, and that everyone should please follow the guidance posted above to avoid compromising his own, or anyone else's privacy/anonymity.

That said, it seems that Google has been listening carefully to all the complaints they've been getting, and are working on fixing the privacy concerns. Here is what they posted today:

A new Buzz start-up experience based on your feedback

Saturday, February 13, 2010 3:53 PM

Posted by Todd Jackson, Product Manager, Gmail and Google Buzz

We've heard your feedback loud and clear, and since we launched Google Buzz four days ago,

we've been working around the clock to address the concerns you've raised. Today, we wanted to let you know about a number of changes we'll be making over the next few days based on all the feedback we've received.

First, auto-following. With Google Buzz, we wanted to make the getting started experience as quick and easy as possible, so that you wouldn't have to manually peck out your social network from scratch. However, many people just wanted to check out Buzz and see if it would be useful to them, and were not happy that they were already set up to follow people. This created a great deal of concern and led people to think that Buzz had automatically displayed the people they were following to the world before they created a profile.

On Thursday, after hearing that people thought the checkbox for choosing not to display this information publicly was too hard to find, we made this option more prominent. But that was clearly not enough. So starting this week, instead of an auto-follow model in which Buzz automatically sets you up to follow the people you email and chat with most, we're moving to an auto-suggest model. You won't be set up to follow anyone until you have reviewed the suggestions and clicked "Follow selected people and start using Buzz."

For the tens of millions of you who have already started using Buzz, over the next couple weeks we'll be showing you a similar version of this new start-up experience to give you a second chance to review and confirm the people you're following. If you want to review this list now, just go to the Buzz tab, click "Following XX people" and unfollow anyone you wish. If you don't want to share the lists of people who are following you and people you are following publicly on your profile, you can opt out at any time from the edit profile page.

Second, Buzz will no longer connect your public Picasa Web Albums and Google Reader shared items automatically. Just to be clear: Buzz only automatically connected content that was already public, so if you had previously shared photos in an "Unlisted" album or set your Google Reader shared items as "Protected," no one except the people you'd explicitly allowed to see your stuff has been able to see it. But due to your feedback Buzz will no longer connect these sites automatically.

Third, we're adding a Buzz tab to Gmail Settings. From there, you'll be able to hide Buzz from Gmail or disable it completely. In addition, there will be a link to these settings from the initial start-up page so you can easily decide from the get go that you don't want to use Buzz at all.

It's been an exciting and challenging week for the Buzz team. We've been getting feedback via the Gmail help forums and emails from friends and family, and we've also been able to do

something new: read the buzz about Buzz itself. We quickly realized that we didn't get everything quite right. We're very sorry for the concern we've caused and have been working hard ever since to improve things based on your feedback. We'll continue to do so.

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