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REDDIT



Reddit is a social news aggregation, web content rating, and discussion website. Registered members submit content to the site such as links, text posts, and images, which are then voted up or down by other members. In theory, Reddit is a place where internet news is shared, but increasingly it's the place where it's also born.

The site bills itself as the "front page of the internet," it's broken up into more than a million communities known as "subreddits," each of which covers a different topic. The name of a subreddit begins with /r/, which is part of the URLs that Reddit uses. For example, /r/nba is a subreddit where people talk about the National Basketball Association, while /r/boardgames is a subreddit for people to discuss board games. Those are straightforward subreddits, but they can get unique, such as /r/birdswitharms... A subreddit devoted to pictures of birds with arms.

Challenges:

- Reddit management is very hands-off.
- Subreddits moderated by users which can lead to trolling, online bullying or escalation of conflict.
- Destructive, toxic, violent, and highly sexualized subreddits available to users with a verified email address.
- Exposure to highly inappropriate content

Privacy Settings:

While the Reddit website states that the website should only be browsed by users 13 and over, the app store however classifies it as 17+.

Can you privately message users?

Yes. A user can click on a users name and tap "Send Message" in the top right corner of the screen.

How do I report posts?

1. Identify the offending post.
2. Click 'Report' on the small gray lettering that lies beneath the post.

Tips For Reddit:

- Understand the subreddits you are apart of and their rules.
- Do not post any personal information.

Like any social media Reddit can be a positive social activity that keeps users connected to their friends. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who you are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

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