



UpCrowd Quick Start Guide

Overview of Functions and Editing Profile

Welcome to UpCrowd, a new social networking platform for you to create with and share your profile and pages with friends and family and users all over the world. Use UpCrowd to bring all your online media together and format them with our custom tools. This is a Quick Start Guide we compiled to help get new users started. Check our Library, Tools, Content, and Help pages for more information, tutorials and PDF guides.

What do I do on UpCrowd? - UpCrowd is full of user created content. You can browse around, play games, and check out all the cool pages and applications our users are working with.

I'm a member, now what? - A profile has been created for you. You can now log in and customize your profile. You can also make as many pages as you want on any subject. You can add text, images, sounds, music, videos, games and widgets to your profile and pages. You can now make friends and communicate with other members of the UpCrowd community. You have access to the tools and help files as well as the forums and other member services that are in development.

Account Homepage

Your profile is your public face...it is the page people will see when they find you on UpCrowd. However, as a member you have a backend control panel from which you can manage your various pages and friends as well as bulletins and notices that are just for you.

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Logout

Search Upcrowd

Main Navigation

Portrait Icon

Online Icon

Check your Mail

Notifications

Bulletins

Member Nav

Your Pages

Your Friends

Favorites

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Home Profile GoTo Find Friends Media Cities Library Tools Content Help

Account Home

UpCrowd General Edit View Add

My Pages View All

World of Warcraft Library Codes Horses The Dark Knight Beautiful Women Merry Christmas

Friends View All

Ucra Media Mark Alan Mark Jazzy

Dr. B Dark Grand Sugar Dean

Favorite Pages View All

Page 1 Name Goes Here Page 2 Name Goes Here Page 3 Name Goes Here Page 4 Name Goes Here Page 5 Name Goes Here

Favorite Profiles View All

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These options will light up to alert you of new messages, bulletins, friend requests, etc.

When you create a bulletin it goes out to all your friends. The last couple of bulletins are listed here.

These options will always be with you while you are logged as your member navigation.

Any pages you make can be managed from here. Change your page order to effect which is displayed first.

Your top dozen friends will be displayed here. Click view all and go into edit more to change you friend order.

These are like bookmarks within Upcrowd. You can put both profiles and pages in your favorites.

Getting Started

From your account homepage, view, edit, or add to any of your areas with the Member Nav.

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Add Photos

First upload or link in some pictures into your picture gallery. These images will be available to you via pulldown menus when you go to edit your profile/pages. If you have a lot of photos then you should consider using a service like PhotoBucket or Flickr (see content page for more) that lets you upload and manage many photos and albums. Most of them have built in image editors and they give you direct links and embed codes for using your photos on UpCrowd. See the "Add Photo" diagram on the next page.

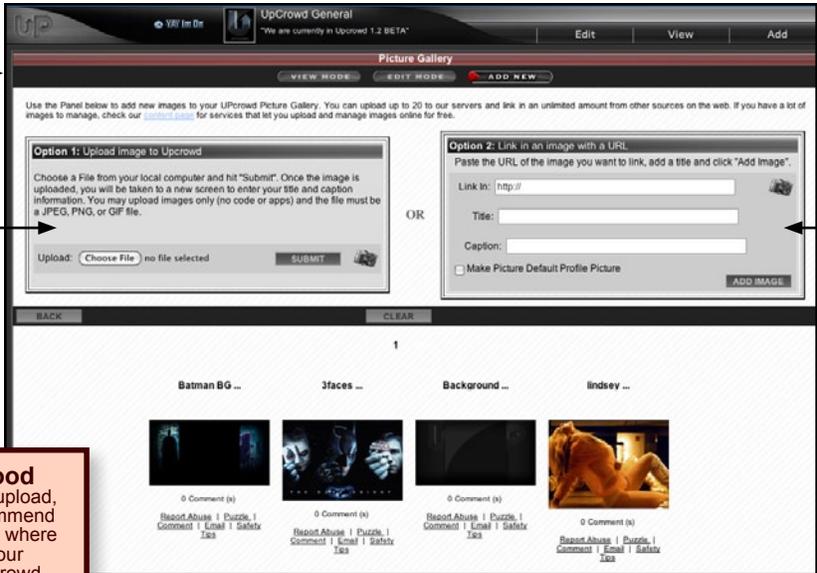
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Add a layout to your profile

Your default profile will be gray and white and not very attractive. When you go to "edit profile" you will have options to format your profile either using CSS layout codes or by using our CSS Editor.

Go to the library page and copy the Sample Profile code. Paste the code into your edit profile page and click "update" to see the result. It's that easy to change the look of your pages. Now go to the content page and choose a website that has free layout codes you can copy.

Adding Pictures to your Gallery



Switch between View, Edit and Add Picture Modes

Member Navigation Edit, View or Add to any of your areas (photos, videos, games, etc)

1. Upload to UpCrowd
This lets you browse your computer and select an image to upload.

Click "Choose File", select your file and click "submit". After your image is uploaded you will be taken to another screen to give it a title. Then it will be added to your gallery.

1. Link-in a File
You don't have to upload though if your images are already online. Leave them where they are and simply link them in with a URL (http://www...). Add a URL and a title and click "add image".

Links are just as good
If you have a lot of pictures to upload, organize or edit, then we recommend a free service like Photobucket where you can upload and manage your images and link them into UpCrowd.

Picture Gallery Pictures you have already added or linked in. For more options, go to "edit" mode.

Getting Profile Layouts Online



MySpace or Yours.Net
This is a great source for layouts. Just click the Version 1.0 option under "Get the Code" and you can copy their CSS in a single click.

Copy Layout Code
We will use this nice sea foam green one as an example. I click "Get the Code Version 1" and copy the code on the page that opens for it.

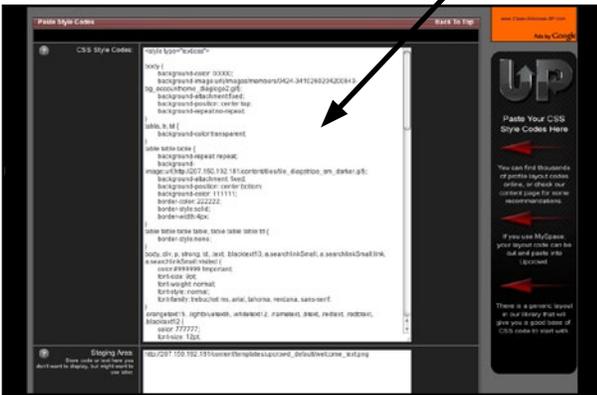
They have profile layouts on many subjects and in many different colors.

MySpace 1.0 Compatible
Most websites that offer profile layouts are making versions for Myspace 1.0 and 2.0. MySpace 1.0 layouts work in UpCrowd so always select 1.0 if you are given the option.

Paste into your Edit Profile CSS Code Box

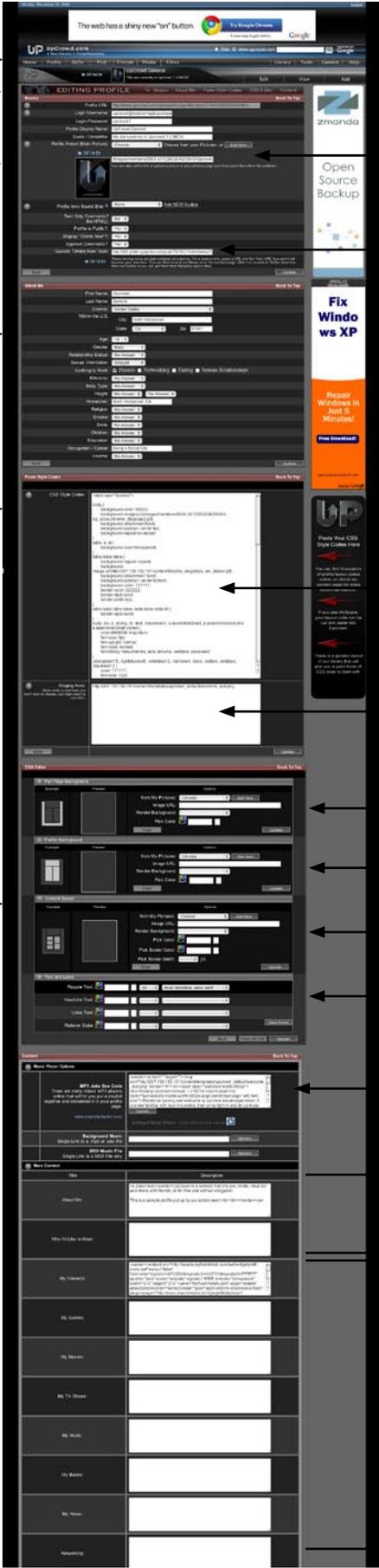
Make sure to clear the default BG in the Editor

Click Update and See the Result!



Once you have successfully customized your profile with color and images, you can start adding content. You can embed images, video, text, games and just about anything else into the content boxes of your edit profile page and they will appear on your profile. If you want to start altering the code, either to tweak a profile you found online or to create your own from scratch, then check our tools, library, and help pages for a CSS guide, sample code and more help on making sense of all this. CSS is not difficult and just by examining it, you can start to see what the code is doing. Any code you paste in the CSS code box will be overpowered by choices you select using the editor.

Edit Profile Page Overview



UpCrowd Main Navigation

Jump Down Bar
These links will jump down to the various sections of the edit page. Click "Back to Top" to jump back.

Member Nav Bar
These links (Edit, View, Add) let you get to and edit any of your areas.

1. Basics
This section lets you change your username and password, assign an icon and sound, customize your "online now" icon and set other basic preferences.

Assign "Portrait" Picture
Choose from the pulldown (pictures in your gallery) or add a URL.

Customize Online Now Icon
Just paste in an image URL for an animated gif. There are many in our library to choose from.

2. About Me
This section is for your personal information and social settings. Make sure you enter your City name correctly so you will come up on City searches.

You must click "update"
To save your changes you have to click any of the many update buttons throughout the page. Clicking update will take you to your profile so you can see the results. Choose Edit Profile from the menu or your profile links to make further changes.

3. Paste CSS Codes
This is where you paste your code. If you aren't familiar with CSS, try copying and pasting the sample code from the library here, or go to our content page and find a layout that you like online.

Customize Online Now Icon
Paste your code here. For CSS code to work it must begin with a `<style type="text/css">` and end with a `</style>`. There is a CSS guide available in the Library.

A Note on "Layout" Codes
There are hundreds of sites online that offer free layouts that you can copy and paste into this box. Layouts made for MySpace will work in UpCrowd and can be tweaked to fit perfectly. Go to the content page for some reliable sources of layout codes. The fastest and easiest way to change your profile is to delete this code and paste in a new layout from one of these content sites.

Staging Area
This is a handy space to store code like a URL that you don't want to lose but can't keep in your clipboard. Code put here will not be displayed. It's just for "staging".

4. UpCrowd CSS Editor
These are controls we give you that write the CSS code for you. Just make selections from pulldowns and choose colors from our color selector.

Edit Overall Page Background

Edit the Master 1024 Table BG

Edit the Content Tables

Edit Font Color and Settings

5. Content
All the other options are about the appearance of your profile. These options, including the "music player" box is for all your content...pictures, videos, text, anything you want to display or distribute through the page.

Music Player Options
This is a content box that you can paste anything in, but we set it aside for your music player so we could keep it together with putting background music as a single .WAV or .MP3 file or MIDI file

A Note on Content
You can go to the UpCrowd Content page for a lot of great sources of content from music to widgets. You can upload 20 images to UpCrowd, but you can link in as many as you want. Pictures in your gallery will appear in the pulldowns of your edit page, but you can link in any picture as long as you have a URL (http://www...etc). If you want to use link in a lot of images, we recommend using a free online service like Photobucket or Flickr which will let you batch upload images and then give you embed codes for pasting them into upcrowd.

Right Side Content
"About Me" and "Who I'd Like to Meet" are on the right side beneath the music player table (if any). We are going to make these names dynamic so don't be surprised when you can change these titles.

Left Side Content
The remaining boxes appear on the left side beneath your links table.