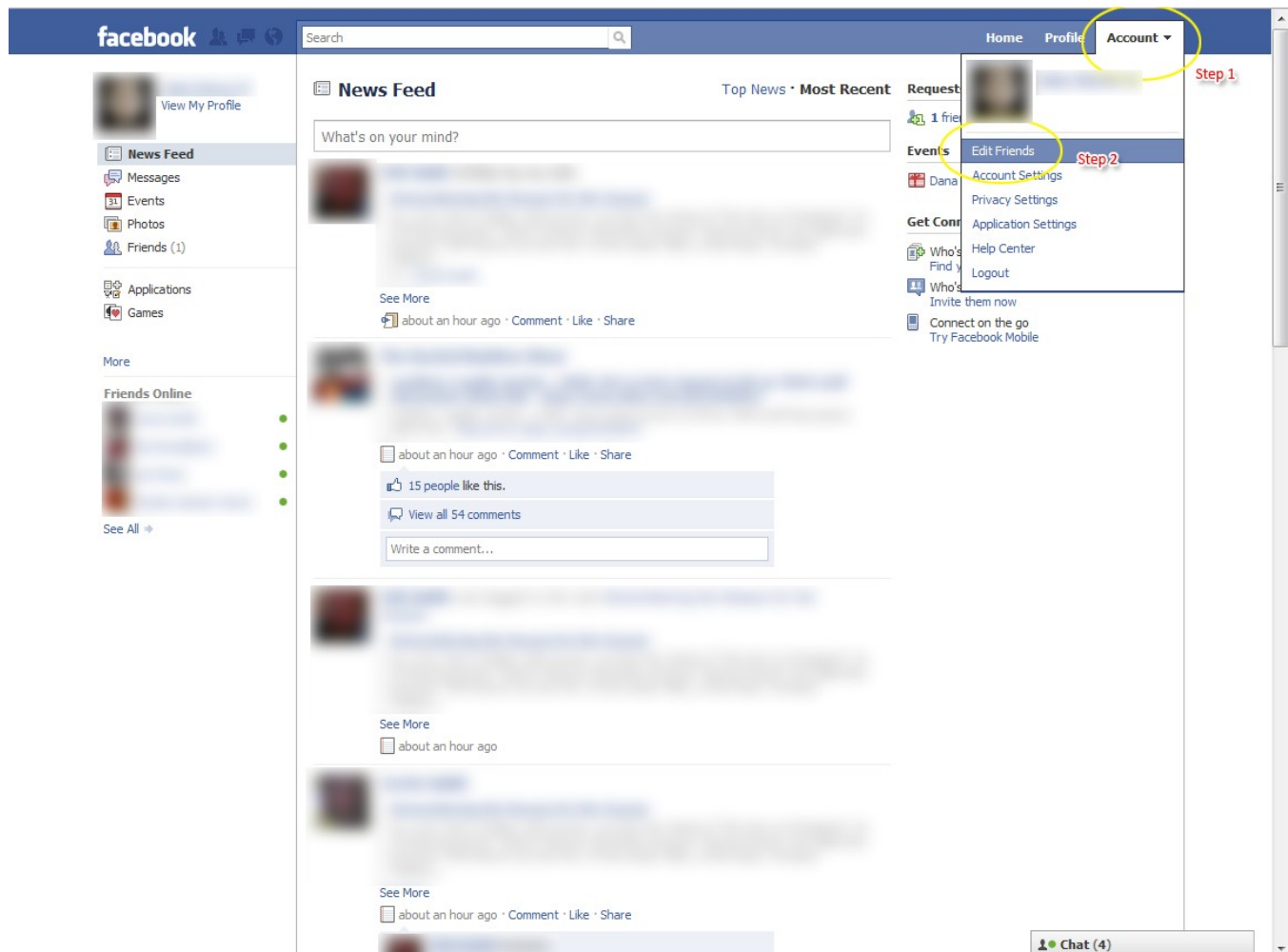


How to Set Up a Limited Profile on Facebook.

This shows you how to create a “Limited Profile” group on Facebook to hide almost all of your information from those people that you “have” to add (like nosy relatives or your coworkers), but that you don't want to see your online activity.

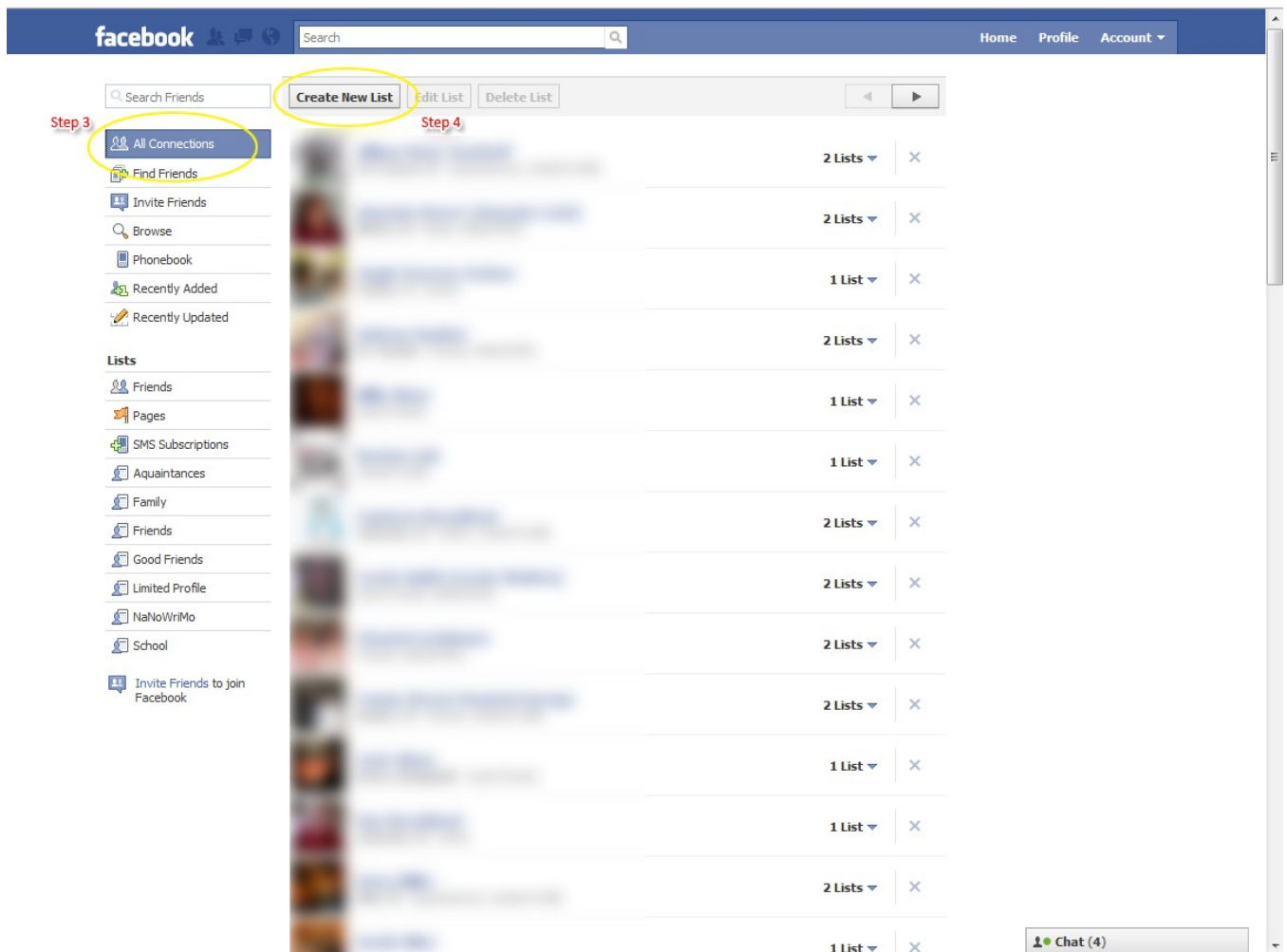
Step 1: Click the “Account” Link at the upper-right hand side of the page.

Step 2: Click the “Edit Friends” Link in the menu.



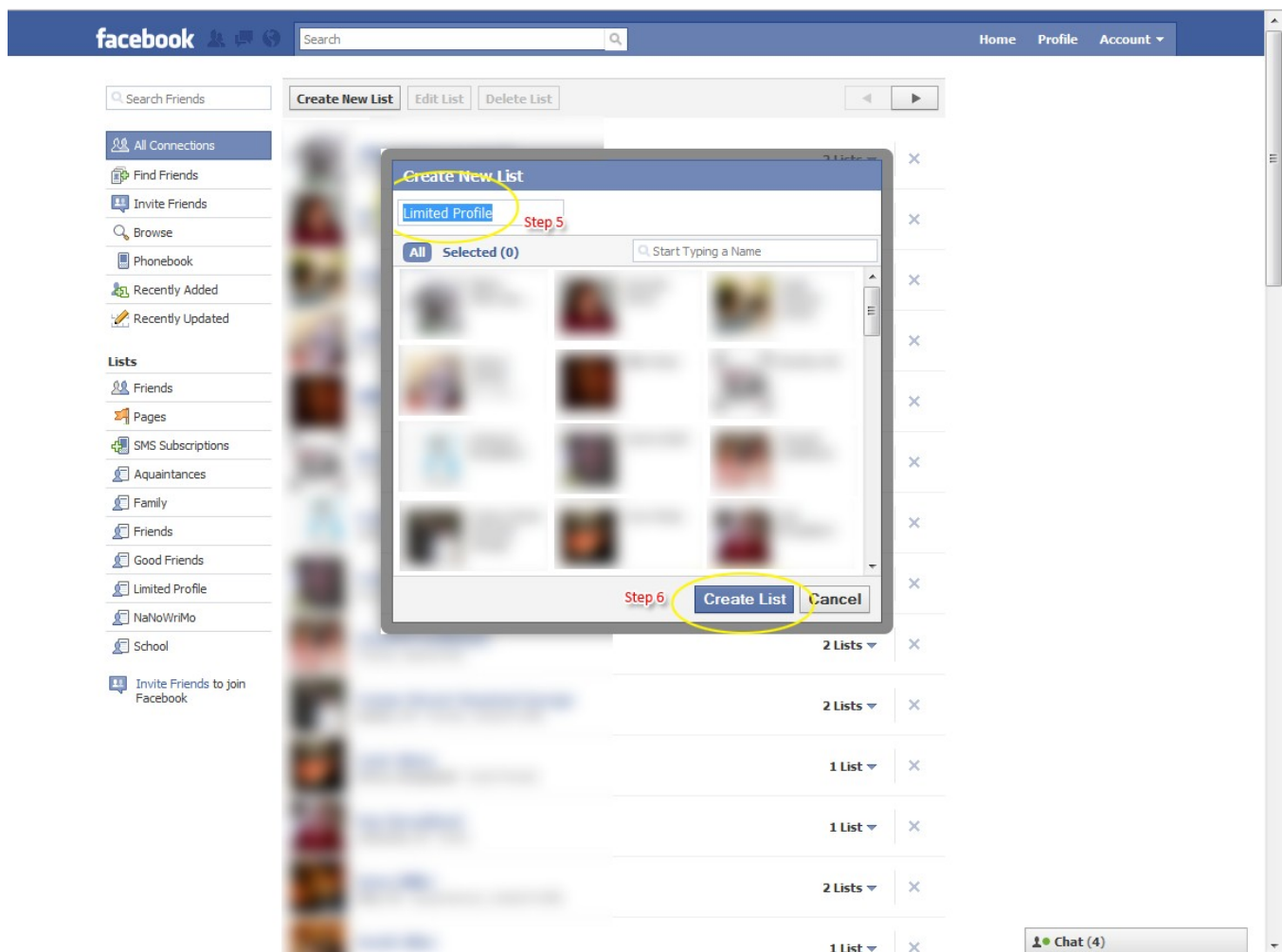
Step 3: Click the “All Connections” Link on the top left side of the screen.

Step 4: Click the “Create New List” Button on the top left side of the screen.



Step 5: Type in a name for the Limited Profile group you wish to create (in this Example: “Limited Profile”) and select at least one person in the list to assign to your new group. You must have at least one member selected.

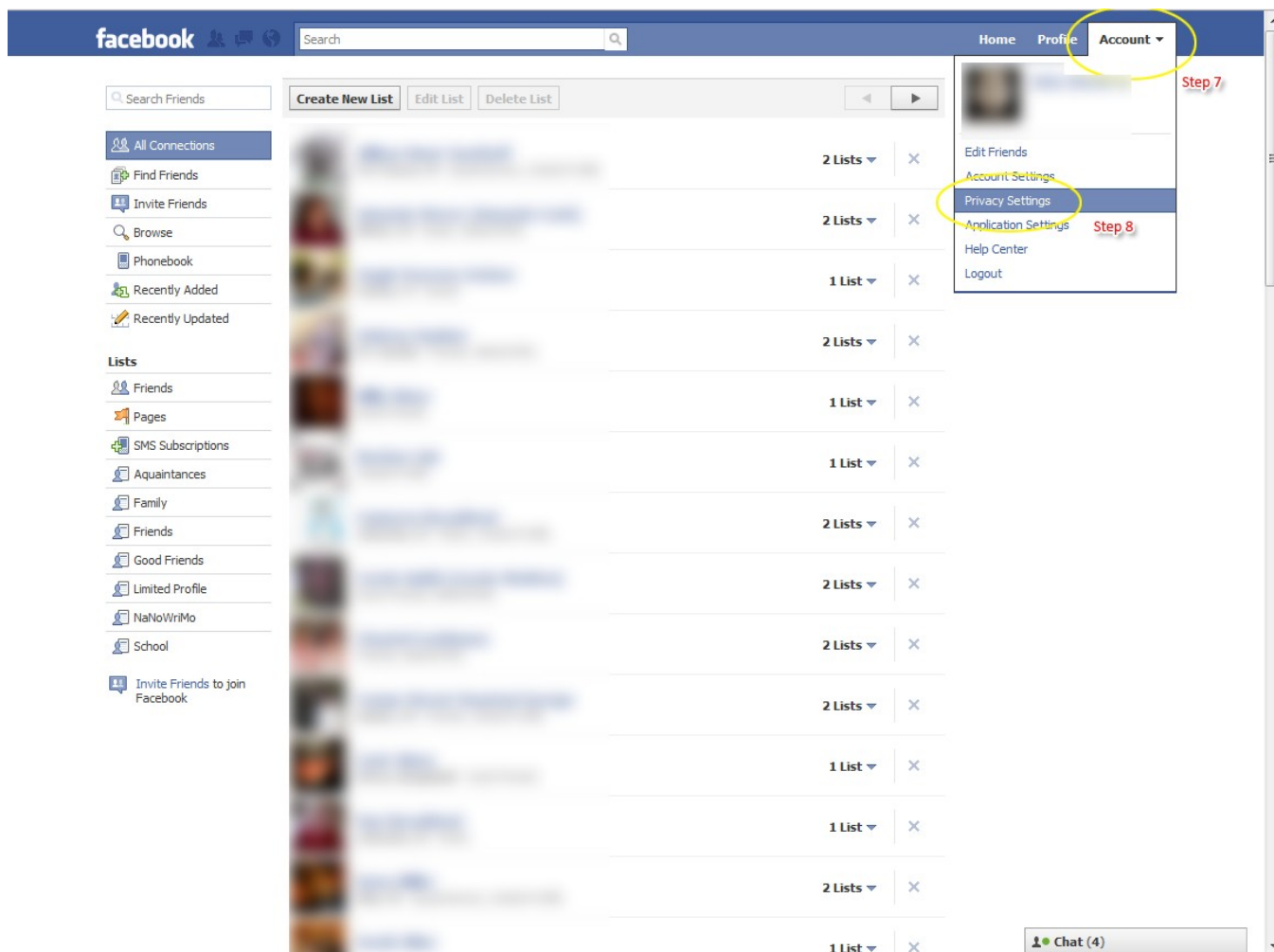
Step 6: Click the “Create List” Button at the bottom of the list to save your new Limited Profile group.



Now that your Limited Profile group has been created, you need to set the privacy permissions for the group.

Step 7: Click the “Account” Link at the upper-right hand side of the page.

Step 8: Click the “Privacy Settings” Link in the menu.



Step 9: Click the “Profile Information” Link.

Privacy Settings

**Profile Information**

Step 9

Control who can see your profile and who can post to your Wall

**Contact Information**

Control who can contact you on Facebook and see your contact information and email

**Applications and Websites**

Control what information is available to Facebook-enhanced applications and websites

**Search**

Control who can see your search result on Facebook and in search engines

**Block List**

Control who can interact with you on Facebook

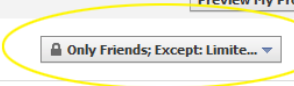
The “Privacy Settings > Profile Information” page contains all of the permissions for the various sections in Facebook. For this example, we will be settings the “About Me” permissions. To set permissions for all of the other sections, simply repeat the following process.

Step 10: Click the drop down menu to the right of the “About me” section.

Privacy Settings ▸ Profile Information

[← Back to Privacy](#)[Preview My Profile...](#)**About me**

About Me refers to the About Me description in your profile

 Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Step 10

Personal Info

Interests, Activities, Favorites

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Birthday

Birth date and Year

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Religious and Political Views

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Family and Relationship

Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Education and Work

Schools, Colleges and Workplaces

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Photos and Videos of Me

Photos and Videos you've been tagged in

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Photo Albums[Edit Settings](#)**Posts by Me**

Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Allow friends to post on my Wall Friends can post on my Wall**Posts by Friends**

Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

Comments on Posts

Control who can comment on posts you create

Only Friends; Except: Limite... ▾

To edit settings for Groups and other applications, visit the [Application Settings Page](#).**Step 11:** Click the “Custom” Link in the drop down menu.

Privacy Settings > Profile Information

← Back to Privacy Preview My Profile...

About me About Me refers to the About Me description in your profile	Only Friends; Except: Limite... Everyone Friends of Friends Only Friends • Custom edit
Personal Info Interests, Activities, Favorites	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Birthday Birth date and Year	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Religious and Political Views	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Family and Relationship Family Members, Relationship Status, Interested In, and Looking For	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Education and Work Schools, Colleges and Workplaces	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Photos and Videos of Me Photos and Videos you've been tagged in	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Photo Albums	Edit Settings
Posts by Me Default setting for Status Updates, Links, Notes, Photos, and Videos you post	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Allow friends to post on my Wall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friends can post on my Wall
Posts by Friends Control who can see posts by your friends on your profile	Only Friends; Except: Limite...
Comments on Posts Control who can comment on posts you create	Only Friends; Except: Limite...

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Step 12: In the “Make this visible to” section, click the drop down box and choose the appropriate setting. For example, to show the information to only your friends, choose “Only Friends”.

Privacy Settings > Profile Information

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Custom Privacy

✓ **Make this visible to**

These people: Only Friends Only friends can see this. Step 12

✗ **Hide this from**

These people: Limited Profile

Save Setting Cancel

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Step 13: In the “Hide this from” section, start typing the name of the group (in this example, “Limited Profile”) and then select the group you created in the first steps of this article. Click “Save Settings” to complete the changes.

The screenshot shows the Facebook Privacy Settings interface. A 'Custom Privacy' dialog box is open, allowing users to control visibility. The 'Make this visible to' section is set to 'Only Friends'. The 'Hide this from' section has a search box with 'lim' entered, and a dropdown menu showing 'Limited Profile' as the selected option. A red 'Step 13' label points to the dropdown. The background shows various privacy settings for profile information, photos, and posts.

Repeat Steps 10 thru 13 to set permissions on every other section.

Important Note: Photo Albums require you to set permissions on individual albums (which is why there is a button labeled “Edit Settings” instead of a drop down menu).

Important Note: *This process does not work for Applications that you have added to Facebook.* Those have to be modified directly, which you can do from the “Account > Application Settings” page, and some have so few options that hiding them is impossible (such as your activity on, say, Farmville).

Until those applications provide appropriate privacy settings (which they most likely won't, since preventing information to spread hurts their business) you will either need to stop using them, or live with everyone knowing how well your farm is coming along and what your horoscope is for today.

If the application *does* provide you with the option to choose your permissions, you can simply put the “Limited Profile” group into the “Hide this from” sections of their permissions page, just as you did in this article.

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