Getting Started With Google+
How to subscribe to Google+:
Log on to your aucegypt mail account, then visit the url http://www.google.com/+/learnmore/.

Now click on the +1 icon on the right.

The following window will appear:

You may want to read the “privacy policy” and/or uncheck the checkbox of “Google may use my information” if you want to keep your information private.

Notice that Google+ is in beta, which means that some new features might be still under development.

After you fill the needed information and press upgrade, you get the following mail in your mailbox:
Getting Started With Google+

Hey User,
Welcome to Google+ - we’re glad you’re here! Here’s a video and some tips to help you get started:

- What are circles?
- How can I see what people are sharing?
- What else can I do with Google+?

Getting started on Google+

Find people you know
Circles are the heart of Google+ - they control who you share with and whose posts you see. Find people you know, then drag and drop them into circles that match your real-world relationships.

See what people are sharing
Now that you’ve added people to your circles, visit your stream to see what they’re saying. When you find something you like, add a comment or click +1 to just say “cool!”

Share something
To post for the first time, click “Share what’s new” - you can include photos, videos, and links. Select the circles or people you want to share with, or choose “Public” so that anyone can see what you have to say.

Getting back to Google+

Click on your name to return to Google+
A red icon means you have new stuff to see in Google+

Congrats, you’ve made it to the end of this epic email. If you’re still seeking answers, check out the Google+ Help Center.

Enjoy!
- The Google+ Team
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You can follow the links suggested in the email and watch the tutorial videos to get more acquainted with Google+

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Add people to circles:

Circles are the heart of Google+. You use them to control who you share with and whose posts you see.

You can add people to your circles by selecting them and press “Add to circles”. Google+ has four ready-made circles which are Friends, Family, Acquaintances, and Following. You can also create new circles at your preferences.

You can also search for people you know using the search textbox. If you have other mail accounts like Yahoo or Hotmail, you can connect to them to add your contacts to your circles.
Follow Public Posts
When you press continue, you get the following window:

This allows you to add public / famous people to your circles so that you can follow their posts, news and updates.

By clicking Continue, you get to update information in your profile.

Additional Profile Information
Upgrading your profile information makes it easier for people to find you and connect you to their circles.
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Google+, Get Started

The following information is from the website: (Google+ Details)

Getting started with your profile in Google+

Your profile is the way you represent yourself on Google products and across the web. With your profile, you can manage the information that people see -- such as your bio, contact details, and links to other sites about you or created by you.

While your profile is public, your full name is the only required information that will be displayed on your profile; you’ll be able to edit or remove any other information that you don’t want to share.

Your profile is all about you, and you deserve to be in control of your information. Here's how your profile empowers you to take command of your privacy:

Choose visibility settings for specific profile sections

The stuff you keep on your profile isn't meant for everyone. Choose who you want to view specific profile sections. So as you edit your profile, keep in mind that you can choose to make a section public, private, or anywhere in between.

Allow people to contact you directly via your profile

You can choose to allow people to contact you directly from your profile. This lets you give people an option to get in touch with you, without exposing your email address, or worrying that someone you know will abuse it.

Display people on your profile

People in your circles and people who have added you to their circles are publicly displayed by default on the side of your profile.

You can choose who appears on your profile and who gets to see them.

The Posts Tab

The Posts tab organizes all the posts shared by the profile owner. When you view someone else's Posts tab, you'll be able to see all of the posts the profile owner has shared with you or posted publicly.

Choose whether your profile is indexed by search engines

While your profile is public, you can choose whether you want it indexed by search engines. This helps you be as visible as you want to be.
Add and share photos and videos

There are several ways to add photos and videos to your albums in Google+ and share them with the people who care about them. In Google+, you get unlimited photo and video uploads.

Create a new photo post from the stream or the Google bar

1. Click Share at the top of the stream or in the Google bar.
2. Click the camera icon in the share box.
3. Add photos to your post:
   - Add Photos allows you to upload photos directly from your computer. Photos uploaded here will be added automatically to your "Photos from posts" album. Click Edit photos and hover your cursor over the photo to view rotation options , to edit using the Creative Kit , or to add captions.
   - Create an album - Drag and drop or Select photos from your computer. Hover your cursor over a photo to view rotation options , to edit using the Creative Kit , or to add captions. Change the album name, if you'd like. Click Create album.
   - Select Photos from your phone, choose photos to upload and click Add photos to post.
4. Add text, circles or people to share with, then click Share.

Upload and share from your Google+ Photos homepage or from the Photos tab on your Google profile

1. Click the Photos icon at the top of the page or go to the Photos section of your profile.
2. Click Upload new photos to open the upload window.
3. Create a new album or click add to an existing album.
4. Add photos to the album:
   - Drag and drop photos into the box.
   - Click Select photos from your computer.
   - Click From your phone. These photos have been uploaded from your phone to your private Instant Upload album.
5. Hover your cursor over a photo to view rotation options , to edit using the Creative Kit , or to add captions, then click Create album.
6. To share your photos to the stream, add text, circles or people to share with, then click Share.

When you upload photos and videos and share them in Google+, you create a post. The people you share the post with are given access to the album you shared. Share albums you have already created by clicking the Share album button when you open the album. Here are a few other ways to share your photos and videos:

Share photos from your phone

You can find and share photos you've uploaded with Instant Upload in the Photos from your phone section of your photos homepage. You can also share photos directly from your phone:
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- Share from your iPhone
- Share from your Android phone

Share individual photos in the lightbox view
You'll see a **Share** button for individual photos when you open them in the [lightbox view](#). When you share with this button, you create a post for the individual photo and give the people you share with access to just that photo.

About circles
Google+ Circles helps you organize everyone according to your real-life social connections—say, 'family,' 'work friends,' 'music buddies,' and 'alumni.' Then, you can share relevant content with the right people, and follow content posted by people you find interesting. For example, you might post an announcement about your engagement and show it only to people in your friends and family circles, or maybe you see a post from the circle you created for your book club that there's a recent article on your favorite author.

You can also decide to customize your personal profile information for your circles. For example, your contact details, location, and relationship information would be visible to your friends circle, while your employment history and education would be visible to your alumni association circle.

About the +1 button
The +1 button lets you start great conversations. When you click +1 you're publicly recommending pages across the web. You can also use +1 to share with the right circles on Google+. +1’s can help improve Google Search too, since you can see which pages your social connections have +1’d right beneath search results and ads.

The +1 button can appear in a variety of places, both on Google and on sites across the web. For example, you might see a +1 button next to a Google search result, Google ad, or article you’re reading on your favorite news site.

What happens when you +1 something?
When you +1 something, the +1 button will turn blue to confirm that you've recommended the page, and your +1 will be added to the +1’s tab new window of your profile. Here you can manage all your +1’s and decide whether you want to publicly display the +1’s tab.

If you’re a Google+ user, you’ll also have the option to share the webpage you +1’d in Google+. Just click the "Share on Google+" box, enter your comments, choose the circles you’d like to post to, and click Share. Like other content you share, these +1’s will appear in the streams of the people you share with.

Regardless of the circles you choose to share to on Google+, and whether you chose to publicly share your +1’s tab, your +1’s will still be visible to others viewing the content you +1’d. For instance, your +1 could appear as part of an anonymous aggregated count of the people who have also +1’d the same
thing. Your name could also appear next to the +1 button on a website, or beneath a search result or ad on Google Search. This helps friends and contacts identify which content may be most useful to them.

**Control who sees your +1's**

You can control the visibility of the +1’s tab on your profile, and if you’re a Google+ user you can share the webpage you +1’d to specific circles as well. However, remember that +1’ing is a public action. Anyone could potentially see items you’ve +1’d when they visit the same places on the Web.

For example, let’s say Kyla has added Arielle, an architect who often posts publicly, to one of her circles on Google+. Arielle decides to +1 her favorite design website. Kyla might see Arielle’s name and photo in +1 annotations on Google Search, even though Arielle doesn’t have Kyla in a circle herself. Arielle's +1 helps Kyla decide to check out the site, and Kyla ends up loving it!

Now imagine that Arielle chooses to hide the +1’s tab in her own profile. While Arielle's +1 on the design website remains publicly visible, neither Kyla nor anyone else on the Web who finds Arielle's profile will be able to see Arielle's consolidated list of +1's.

**About the stream**

The stream is the place to have meaningful conversations with the people you care about. It centralizes all the content shared by people who are in your circles. You might see text posts, pictures, videos, links, or location markers. When you share with people either individually or through a circle, your content will appear in their stream if you're in their circles.

**Navigating the stream**

Here's a quick tour of the stream:

**Left hand column of the stream**

**Profile photo and link to your profile:** This is the photo that you've chosen as your main profile photo. If you'd like to change it, click on your name to go to your profile, and click **Edit Profile** at the top of the page.

**Stream and Circles:** Click **Stream** to see content shared by all the people who are in your circles. Clicking a circle name will display the stream for just that circle. Learn more about **filtering your stream**.

**Notifications:** This is a full page view of all your **Google+ Notifications**. You can receive notifications when important events occur, such as when you're added to a circle or when you're mentioned in a post. Learn how to **manage your notification settings**.

**Chat:** Enable **Google+ Chat**, so you can video chat and send instant messages to people in your circles.
Main stream column
In the center of the stream, you'll see content from your own posts as well as from people who are in your circles and have shared with you specifically, shared with a circle you're in, or shared publicly. Get started sharing in the stream.

In addition, you can navigate throughout Google+ using the four icons at the top of the page: Stream, Photos, your Profile, and Circles. If you need help finding someone, try the search box at the top of the stream.

Right hand column of the stream
In your circles: Here you'll see the total number of people you have across all of your circles, along with photos from a subset of those people.

Start a hangout: Hangouts are the perfect way to chill online with the people you know, just like you would if you were sitting right next to them.

Suggestions: This shows people that Google+ thinks you may know. It's an easy way to find and connect with people who may or may not be on Google+ already.

About Hangouts
Hangouts are the best way for you to say, “I’m online and want to hangout!” Hangouts lets you:

- Chill with friends that are scrolling through the web, just like you!
- Use live video chat that puts you in the same room together!
- Coordinate plans, whether it's working on a project or meeting up for coffee.
- Maybe you’re bored. Start a hangout, invite your circles, see who’s around!

Start a hangout
You can start a hangout from the stream whenever you want. You can either go to plus.google.com/hangouts or simply click the blue Start a Hangout button on the side of your stream.

You'll be taken to a "green room" where we’ll help you get your camera set up and choose additional circles or individuals to add. No one can see you while you're in the green room. Once you click the green Hang Out button your video feed will be broadcast.

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