

Glossary

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| Chat: | Instant messaging with friends who are online at the same time. |
| Facebook stalking: (creeping) | Socially acceptable stalking, generally includes looking at other people's statuses, profiles, photos, and news feeds. |
| Fan: | Users may become "fans" of people, places, objects, or basically anything that they like. |
| Highlights: | This list is selected by Facebook to show the most visited pages, photos, etc. based on the action of a user's friends. |
| Like: | Users can "like" status, posts, comments, and/or basically anything that is on Facebook. |
| News Feed: | A list of current events happening on Facebook, which updates every few seconds with new statuses, posts of pictures, etc. |
| Notifications: | A virtual newswire of who has written on a user's wall or updated their status, posted new photos, events, and much more. Notifications tell users about new games or quizzes other friends are taking, etc. |
| Poke: | Originally a way to let users know when others are checking them out, many people use it now as a way to kindly annoy their friends. |
| Tag: | When a user is tagged, it sets a link up to their profile page, as well as letting all other users know if the person is located in a specific picture, status, note, etc. |
| Username: | Used to provide a way to look up friends and find profiles on Facebook, by typing the username after www.facebook.com in the URL. |

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| FEBRUARY 2004 | thefacebook.com is launched by founders Mark Zuckerberg, Dustin Moskovitz, Chris Hughes, and Eduardo Saverin. | DECEMBER 2005 | The site now exceeds 5.5 million users. | FEBRUARY 2008 | Other languages are added, eventually reaching over 65 translations. |
| SEPTEMBER 2004 | Groups application and Walls are added, enabling users to write on other profiles and create groups of people interested in a common cause. | SEPTEMBER 2006 | Facebook adds the News Feed and Mini-Feed to its applications. | APRIL 2008 | Facebook Chat is created. |
| DECEMBER 2004 | thefacebook.com grows to almost 1 million users. | DECEMBER 2006 | 12 million users are on Facebook. | JANUARY 2009 | Facebook is now growing rapidly, reaching 150 million users. |
| AUGUST 2005 | thefacebook.com's name is formally changed to Facebook. | MAY 2007 | 65 partners and 85 applications are used to launch the Facebook Platform. | FEBRUARY 2009 | Users are able to "like" items. |
| SEPTEMBER 2005 | Facebook opens its networks to high school students. | OCTOBER 2007 | The number of Facebook users more than quadruples, growing to more than 50 million. | JUNE 2009 | Users are now able to get Facebook usernames. |
| OCTOBER 2005 | Users have the ability to add photos. Schools across the world are able to join Facebook. | NOVEMBER 2007 | Facebook ads are added to the site. | SEPTEMBER 2009 | Facebook has over 300 million users, doubling in 9 months. |