

# friendfeedUPDATED

things they are a changing....

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Do you friendfeed?

I started using friendfeed about six months ago and must admit I am very impressed with it, so I decided to create a brief report about the service and the recent updates to its user interface.



Friendfeed allows you to share information with all your friends and colleagues. Sharing information can start a chain reaction if people enjoy what you are sharing they may comment or like the post. Some very interesting conversations can be started on friendfeed.

Friendfeed is a one stop shop where you can add all your services that you already use e.g YouTube, Flickr, Twitter, digg and many more

keeping them all together in one place. Someone who never visits these sites normally will then be able to see all the information or pictures you are sharing at different places around the web.

Friendfeed will allow you to have a public or private feed. If you choose a public feed anyone can see it but with a private feed you have to approve each person who wants access to your feed and anything you post will not be seen by anyone else.

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**friendfeed changes Love them or Hate them there's no going back,** so here are a few pointers to the new friendfeed.

If you follow thousands of people on friendfeed you may need to make use of the pause realtime updates button (top right of blue feed round pause button) so that you can read a post that interests you, also you can pause the realtime updates by using the shortcut key (q), when you want to resume just press play again.

You can have a private or a public feed but if you decide on a public feed you can still achieve a certain amount of privacy by using the Direct Message facility. Don't forget x off to my feed (to stop the post from showing up in your feed) then just keep adding the usernames of the people you want to receive your message.

You now have the option to write a short bio about yourself which will allow the friendfeed community to learn a little bit about you. When you make a post or comment on a post your avatar will now be next to your entry allowing users to focus on the post and not so much where the post originated from. If you hover over your avatar or any avatar (if the person has filled in their bio) you will be able to read a short

piece about them which may, in turn, help you decide if you would like to follow them or not.

Rooms are now called Groups, you can create your own Group on a particular topic or join any groups that are of interest to you. When you discover something interesting you can also use friendfeed bookmarklet to post to your group or your feed or to both. In your sidebar you can change which groups appear by hovering over the orange tab at the top of the list until prefs appear. Click on this and you will be able to choose which Groups to display.

You can now post from your email directly to your feed ([share@friendfeed.com](mailto:share@friendfeed.com)) or to a group ([groupname@friendfeed.com](mailto:groupname@friendfeed.com)) or to a friend ([username@friendfeed.com](mailto:username@friendfeed.com)). You can also attach a photo to your post and this will show up in your feed the subject of the email will be the title of your post and the body of the email will appear as a comment on your post.

You can also split your feed up into filters thus giving you a powerful way of searching through all this information contained within friendfeed. For example you could search on Crochet (all friendfeed users) you could then add other advanced search options if you want (number of likes and number of comments) and this will return any posts with the word Crochet and the number of likes or comments you specified. You can then change the name to something to remind you of the search you performed (e.g Crochet Action).

As well as subscribing to friends you can also subscribe to their comments and likes, which you can then add to a filter if you so desire and give it a name to remind you of whose comment/likes you have subscribed to.

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If you discover an entry on a person feed which you particularly enjoy you can click the share button below the post and this will bring up a share box (similar to the friendfeed bookmarklet) which will allow you to share to your feed or to a group. You can also copy the shorten url and post this on for example twitter and when someone clicks on the link they can then be taken to your friendfeed (if you set it up this way).

I must admit I am a big fan of friendfeed, I like the fact that it's like a one stop shop where information from many different sites are all pulled together allowing you to digest content that you may never otherwise have seen (as some of the sites could be ones you would never normally visit.)

**friendfeed** has a real sense of community, **long may she reign**

(yep that's right something this good just has to be female)

Cheers

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