

Information

Social Media refers to any digital platform that allows a user to connect with other users. Common forms of social media platforms can include: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter or YouTube. It is all vital to understand that any opportunity for users to connect with other users is considered social media. This definition extends to online or digital games that connects users together and any websites that allow users to post comments (blog or news and current affairs page). Social media is a common feature in most websites and digital platforms.

While social media allows us to connect with users around the globe, understanding how data is released on social media platforms is imperative for students to identify the safety measures needed when working in online spaces. Keeping certain information private (personal details, passwords, full names) is a high priority. Understanding the difficulty of retracting information after it is posted (digital footprint) is also important. It is imperative that we teach students the realities of working online. While there are benefits to collaborating online, we need to ensure the risks are also identified.

Curriculum Expectation

There are certain protocols (rules) when we interact in an online setting. Students will learn how social and ethical protocols will influence their actions. Examples can include the type of language we use and how we engage with other users, the type of information we share and keep private, how we obtain information and post the information.

Video Resource

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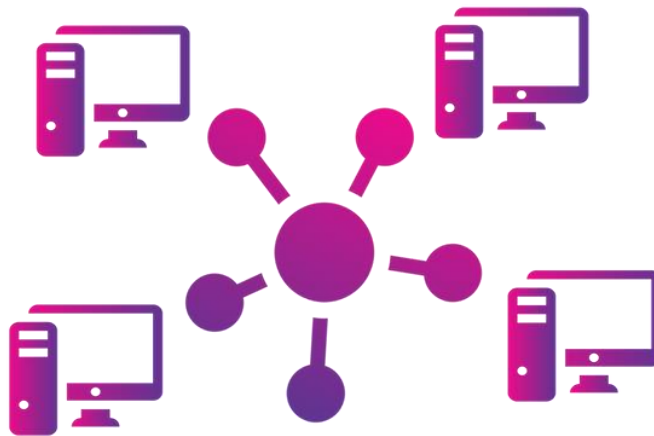
This video explains the term social media and its presence today.



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ONLINE COLLABORATION

Rules and regulations when working in an online space



Taking into consideration:



Ethical protocols



Social protocols

Consider safety when using online environments



Privacy procedures when posting



A users' 'digital footprint'



Sharing information

