

# LinkedIn Connection Guide

A handy framework for deciding who to accept and connect with on LinkedIn.

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# Who do I connect with on LinkedIn?

My philosophy is that every client, every business contact and even every friend was a stranger, once. Then we meet for the first time and we develop the relationship from there.

On LinkedIn, I encourage you to be open to connecting with new people, especially if you like what they do, if you have mutual friends or if they are in a related industry or city to you. You shouldn't connect with 'everyone' but keep in mind that every stranger now could be a future friend, colleague or client.

## LinkedIn Connecting Framework

This is a framework for you to use, and adjust according to your own personal preferences.

Criteria	Connect?
Do I know them personally?	
Do they look interesting?	$\checkmark$
Are they be a potential client or colleague?	
Are they an industry peer?	
Do we share mutual contacts who I know, like and trust?	$\checkmark$
Are they an aspirational contact?	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>
Do they publish useful content?	
Are they in my city or a city I visit regularly?	<ul> <li>Image: A start of the start of</li></ul>
Have they interacted with my content?	$\checkmark$
Did we go to the same college or school?	?
Do we share common interests or hobbies?	?
Do they look spammy?	×
Do they look fake?	×
Are they completely unrelated to my business or interests?	×
Is their LinkedIn Profile incomplete or inactive?	×

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### Feel free to connect

For more tips, templates and videos please connect with me: www.linkedin.com/in/adamfranklin

### Are you my next coaching client?

If want to use LinkedIn to **grow a lucrative pipeline** of high-value B2B clients, I'm looking for my next intake of **5 consultants or advisors** who:

- 1. Are already working with high-value clients (\$10k annual spend), and getting them results.
- 2. Are making at least **\$15k** a month.
- 3. Have capacity to work with 2-3 new clients, starting next month.
- 4. Have at least 500 connections on LinkedIn.
- 5. Are friendly and coachable.
- 6. And can find **30 minutes a day** to allocate to the work...

Either email "LinkedIn Program" to me at <u>adam.franklin@bluewiremedia.com.au</u> or book a LinkedIn Growth Session with me via: <u>www.bluewiremedia.com.au/growth</u>

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