

Facebook: Makes making imaginary friends easy

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Making friends is too much work. First you have to meet them, then find something you have in common with them, then talk to them, then keep talking to them, then facebook-friend them, then hang out a couple of times, maybe have a class together...just such a long process.

Why go through all of that when you can just make friends on Facebook.com? Facebook is unique in that it offers a wide variety of things called friendlications (also called applications), or programs created solely for the purpose of forging new friendships.

While all friendlications hold the promise of potential time shares in Jamaica, there are a few that stand out:

BLOODLINES

Vampires are hot right now—really hot—so you need to hop on that hearse-of-a-bandwagon and you need to hop on it fast. Once you're a red-eyed, fanged, blood-thirsty creature of the night, your friend request count will go through the roof of that coffin you've been resting in.

Before you can declare yourself a member of the undead, you must choose a type of vampire to be: Sanguinarian, Autovitalic, or a Moonlighter. Since none of those things are real, I'm not going to waste time explaining them.

Once you choose your type, you become a vamp creeping through the streets of Loisaída, a grungy city filled to bursting with blood-seeking missions and, more importantly, blood-drinking friends. Bloodlines has over 300,000 vampires, and seeing that you're a vampire, well...let's just say that shared common denominator puts the "friend" in friendlication.

SORORITY LIFE

If you've ever wondered what it's like to be in a Sorority and want to get the entirely wrong idea, Sorority Life is your friendlication!

So much is available to you in Sorority Life, like cars (a Porsche 911 so you can drive in style), boyfriends (Seth the Surfer is your new Mali-boo), glam hairstyles (Lauren Conrad ponytail, anyone?), and, of course, lifelong friends. So many possible friendships await you, but unlike other sororities, you don't have to pay for them with cash money: You get to pay for them with brownie points! (You can't just get friends for free, okay? It's a sorority, not a sor-poor-ity.)

Use your brownie points to win friends and social status. Be sure to win over the House Mom and the In Crowd (the players with the highest win count) so that everyone will want to be your friend, making you the friendliest friend on this friendlication.

FARMVILLE

Whoever said overalls and chewing tobacco isn't cool anymore was dead wrong, because FarmVille is bringing sexy back to the barnyard.

With over 63.7 million users and more than 2 million fans, FarmVille is by far the best friendlication Facebook.com has to offer. By playing FarmVille, you automatically become a farmer, making you friends with all the other farmers in the world—"cha-ching" goes the friend

There are three things that bring you success in FarmVille: You have to plow the land, plant your seeds, and harvest your crops. It's just like being a real farmer, only better because you don't have to drop out of school in eighth grade!

Once you make bank with your harvest, you can buy all sorts of fun stuff like barns, fences, and decorations. Your tricked out farm will surely impress other farmers, and you better believe that you'll be hosting the next hoe-down in FarmVille!

Once you become a sorority sister, a vampire, or a farmer, you no longer have to deal with that traditional, girl scout-style, friend-making crap.

Because, really, who has time for that?



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