

LINKEDIN TRENDS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

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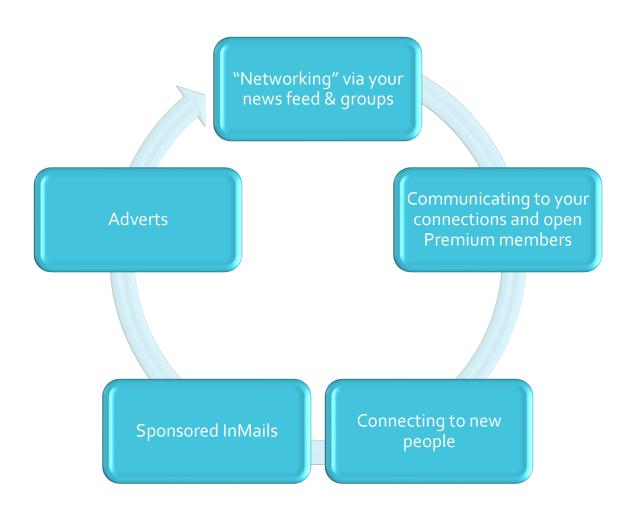
- Specialising in 2 things:
 - Lead generation on LinkedIn
 - Marketing Automation
 - Our team makes >50,000 connections per month on LinkedIn!



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5 Approaches to Lead Generation on LinkedIn



The Basics

Your public profile is your first impression. What does it say about you?

- Decent profile picture no holiday snaps, no husband, wife, kids, dog!
- Keyword-Centric
- Punchy and interesting headline
- Make sure you get All-Star status:
 - According to LinkedIn:

Users with complete profiles are 40 times more likely to receive opportunities through LinkedIn.

The Basics

Settings:

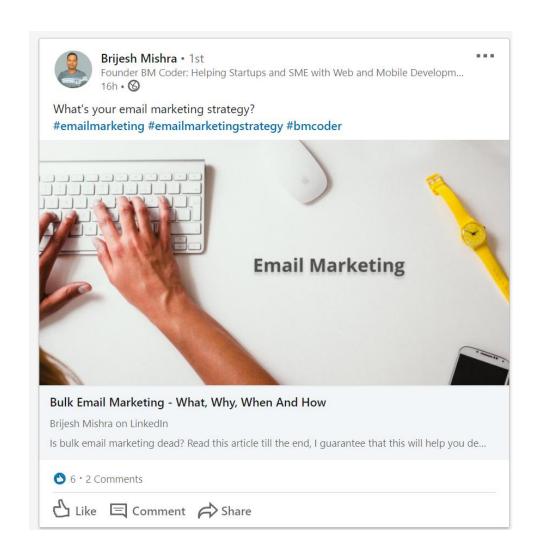
- Have a long, strong password.
- Switch off the Similar Profiles feature.
- Switch off sharing of connections.
- Disconnect old devices.
- Do an audit of what you're sharing.

Posting content:

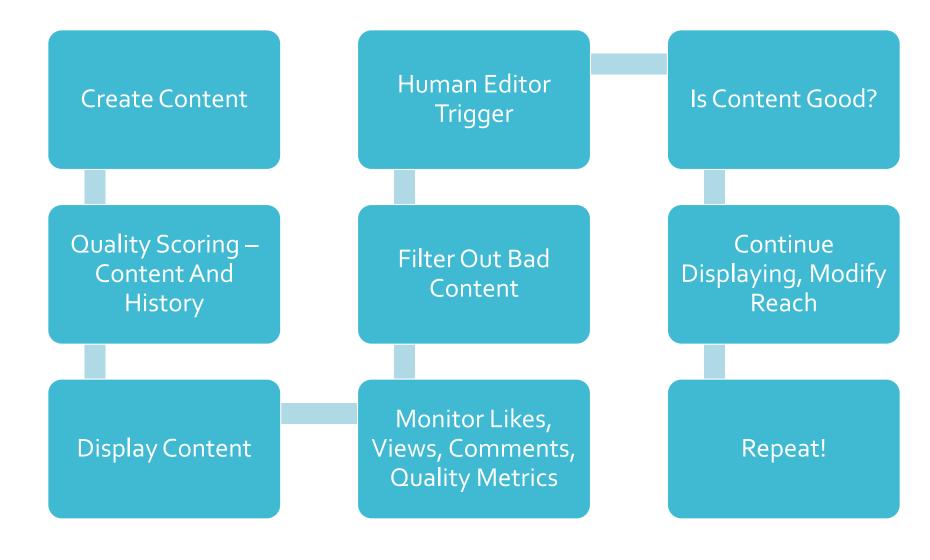
Types:

- Text
- Images
- Articles
- Video
- Shared Post
- PDF

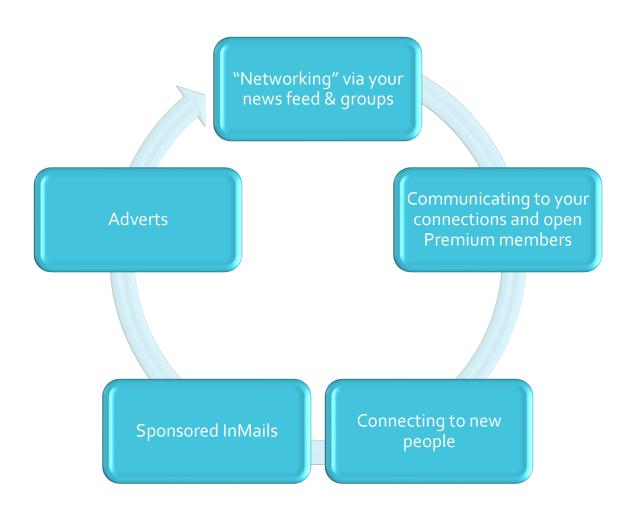
Avoid external links!



How does my content get shared?

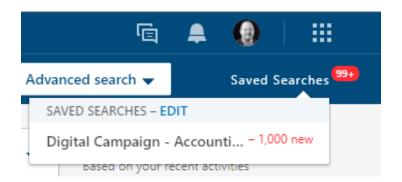


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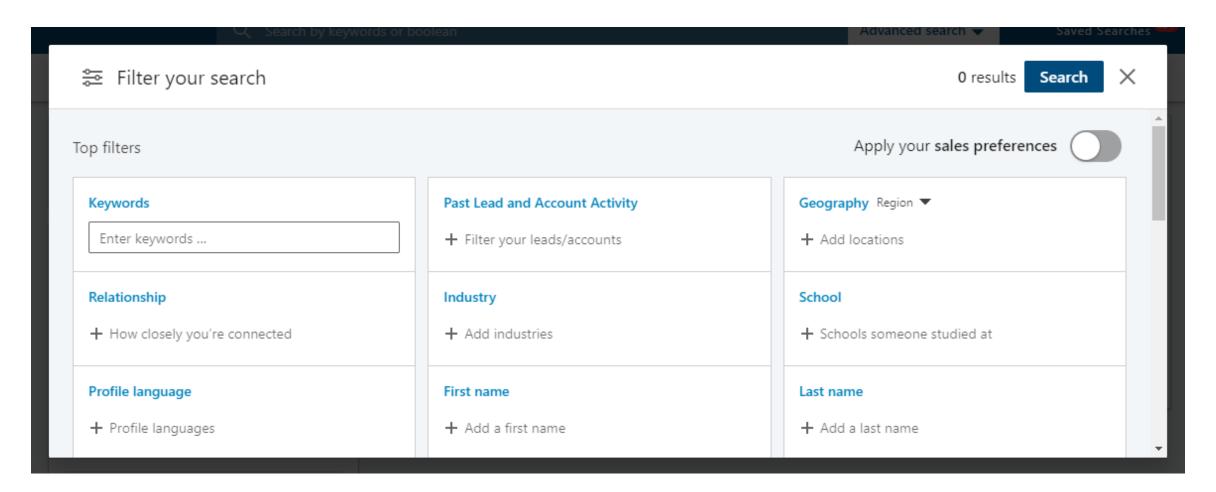


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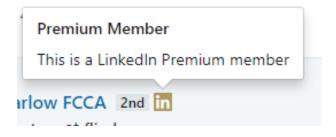


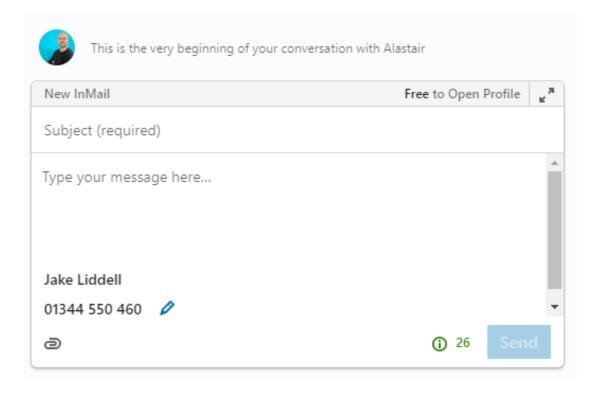


How do you find people?



Your network and open connections

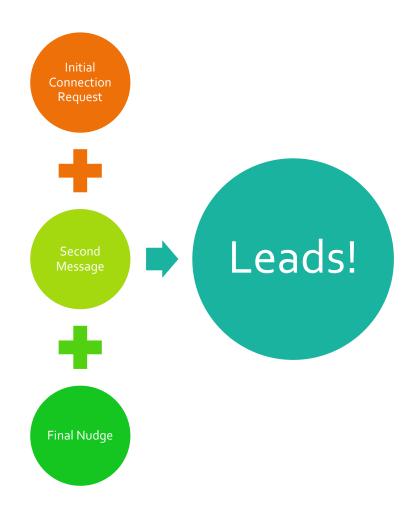




Outbound Connecting

- Highly effective for generating conversations... But there are some things to be careful of.
- LinkedIn don't like it... at least publicly.
- Hard limits for connecting
 - after 100 connection requests in a day you will have to enter a captcha.
 - after 3000 in a month, you will be stopped until next month
 - LinkedIn will sometimes force you to enter an email address to connect.

The Process



Outcomes

They ignore You

They connect and say nothing

They connect but tell you "no"

They engage!

Shall we connect?

Jake.



Anton Ruddenklau • 9:28 AM

Thanks Jake. I will accept your invite but don't need lead generation services as we are drinking from the fire hose on that front. Antony

Write a message...



Crafting an Invite Message

- Care must be taken. A potential lead can be lost with a poorly crafted initial message.
- Worse still, this carries a risk of getting your account blocked, if too many people are not pleased to receive the message.
- 300 character limit
- Friendly and personal is key

An Example

Hi Sally,

I came across your profile and saw that you are based in Shoreditch – just round the corner from us.

We have done business with companies similar to XYZ Design Media. Would love to show you some examples?

Look forward to connecting. Jake.

Lettercount.com

Write or paste your text into this online character counter:

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Count characters | Reset | 253

2 approaches

- The "open" and "intriguing" approach
- The "direct" approach

Open

Hi Sally,

I'm the founder and CEO of 3 businesses, two of which have achieved multiple 7-figure exits.

Interested in building relationships with similar business leaders.

Shall we connect?

Best regards, Jake.

Direct

Hi Sally,

I specialise in LinkedIn lead generation for companies such as XYZ Design Media.

I see you are the sales director - would you be the right person to talk to regarding this?

Regards Jake

The second message

Once someone accepts your connection, you can have a conversation.

Subsequent messages have a 7,000 character limit.

But still, get to the point. You are looking to engage and get off LinkedIn as soon as possible

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Hi Sally,

Thanks for connecting.

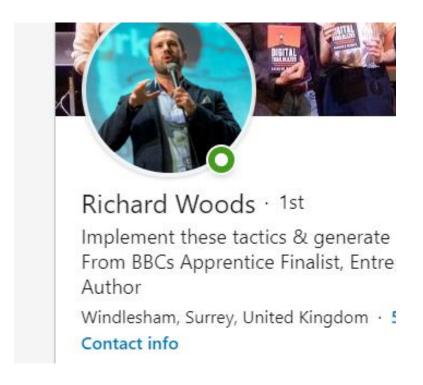
As mentioned, I'd like to present some of our case studies from companies that we have worked with who are just like XYZ Design Media.

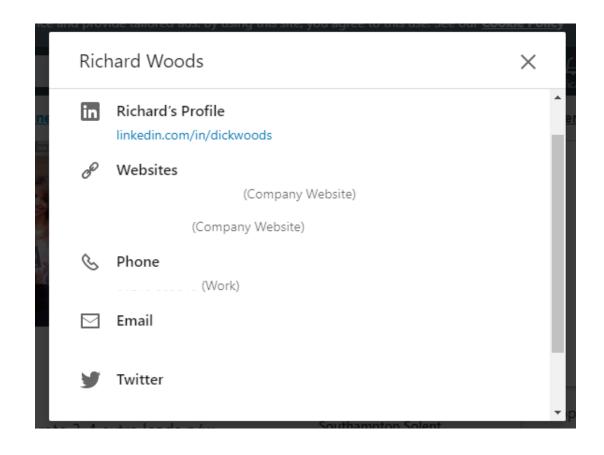
Do you have time for a chat? Or I could send over our white paper? It breaks down how we were able to increase overall profitability of ABC's marketing efforts by 248%.

Thanks, Jake

Once they connect

Once you've got a connection, you can view their contact details:





Just because it feels good...

To misquote Skunk Anansie... it doesn't make it right!

Remember;

- Your prospect probably signed up to LinkedIn way before their current position
- They probably used a personal email address, not their preferred work email address
- They are probably blissfully unaware that they are sharing this information, as they probably set all this up years ago
- They will often take offence at you using it...

But the potential is there. Stick them on your mailing list and spam them until kingdom come. But I told you not to! Alright?

Other things to consider

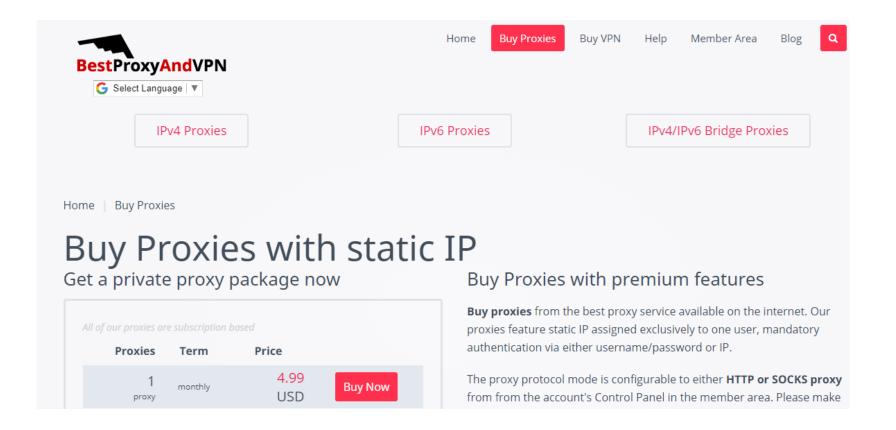
- Can you cope with the leads?
 - What is your process for actually following up with these people? If you don't have one, you'll be wasting good time and money.
- Do you have the time to do this?
 - Be in no doubt, even 30-50 connections a day will take you an hour or two of your time.

Don't get yourself banned

- It is against the LinkedIn T&Cs to allow someone else to log into your account.
- It is against the LinkedIn T&Cs to use software to automate connections.

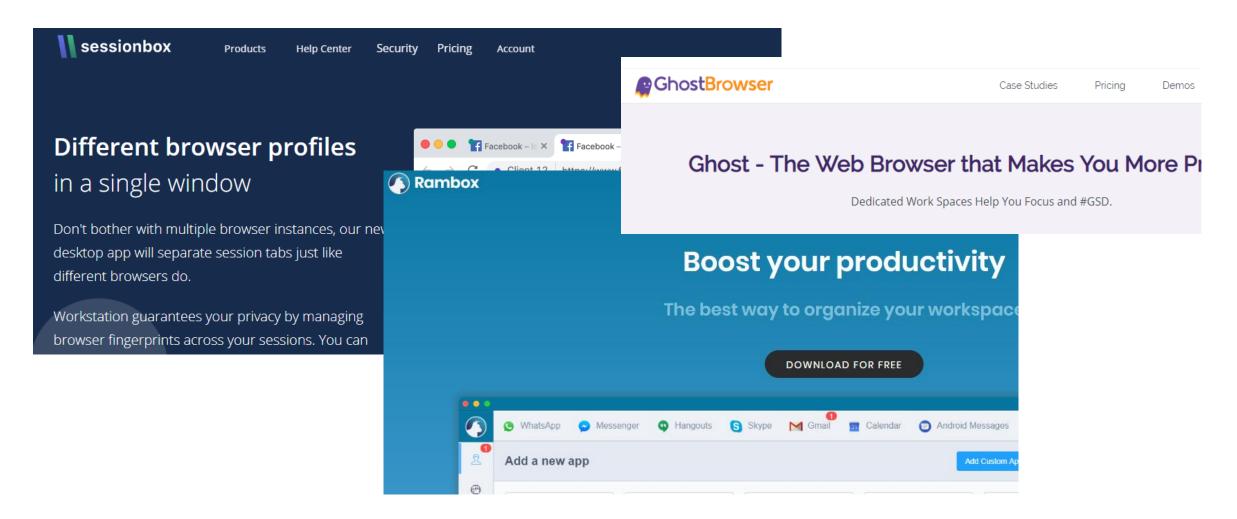
Set up a proxy

 A proxy allows someone in Manchester, or Sydney, to appear to be in London.



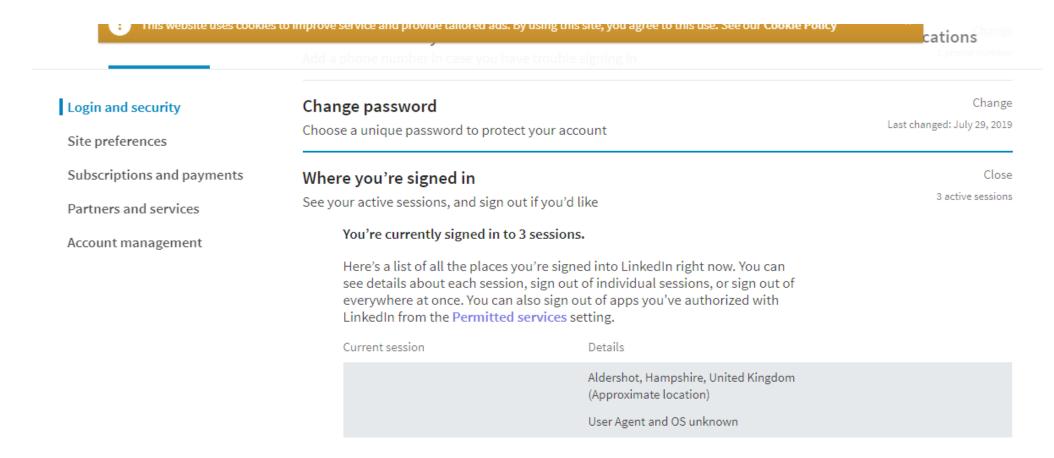
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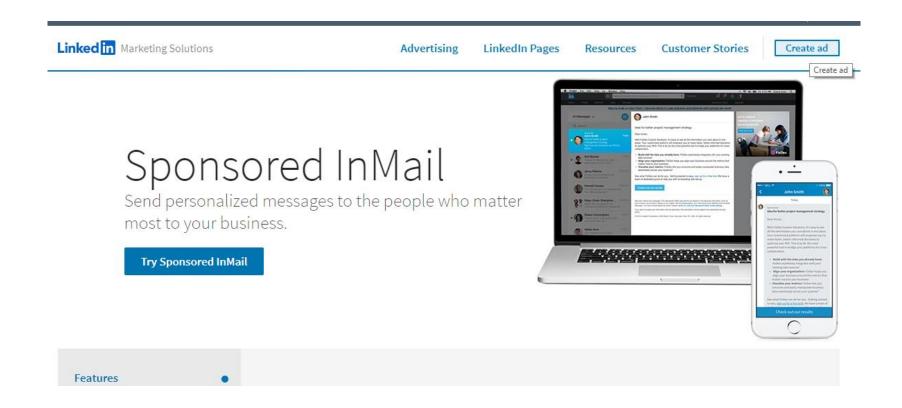
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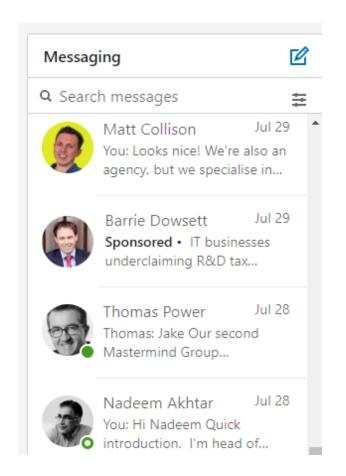


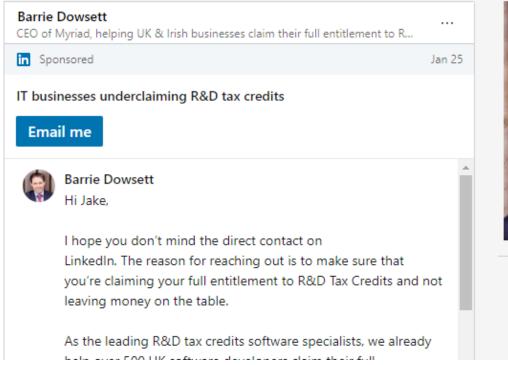
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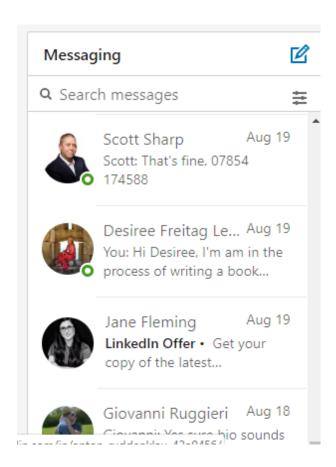


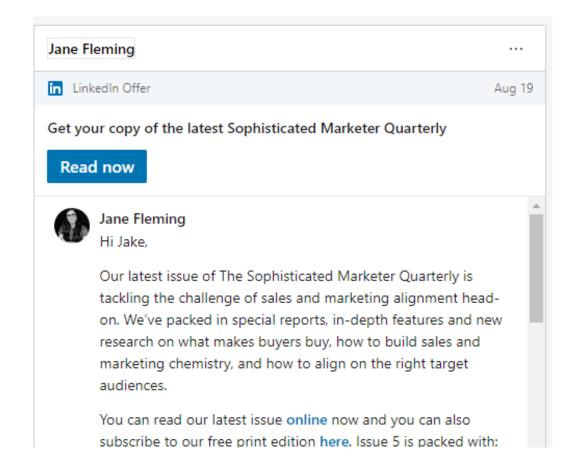
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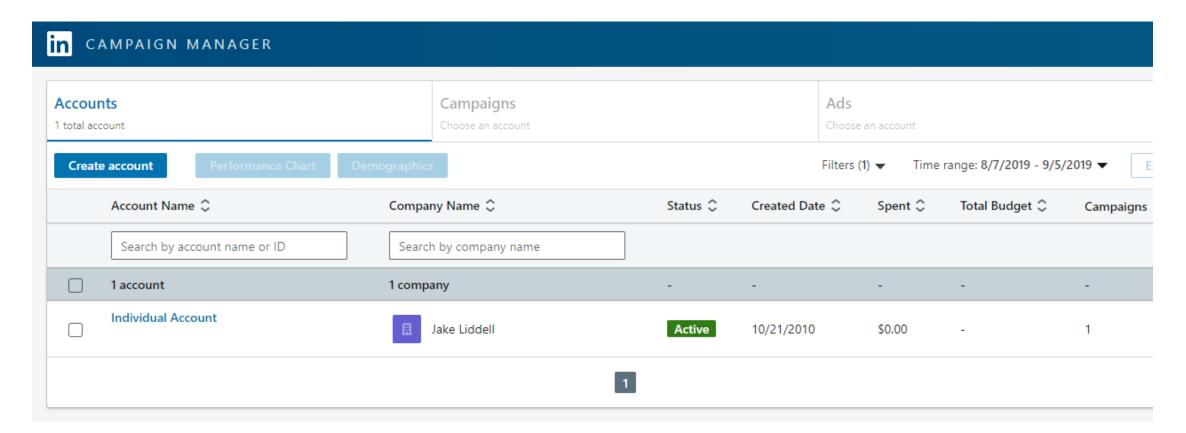
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