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## Where have all my old friends gone? Day 24

Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Today's group of 18 are the end of the line.

One last post is significant, something we say to ourselves and each other all the time. "Today is the first day of the rest of my life." That's a true statement. However, since she disappeared, we have no idea how she is spending those days. I hope in a happy, successful environment.

The final results:  
267 out of 448 friends are still actively sparking - a nice round 60%

Here are the day by day statistics.

Day	Active	Inactive/Missing	% active
1	7	3	70%
2	6	4	60%
3	5	5	50%
4	9	11	45%
5	7	13	35%
6	8	12	40%
7	11	9	55%
8	12	8	60%
9	12	8	60%
10	9	11	45%
11	9	11	45%
12	10	10	50%
13	14	16	47%
14	18	2	90%
15	6	4	60%
16	12	8	60%
17	12	8	60%
18	7	13	35%
19	15	5	75%
20	15	5	75%
21	17	3	85%
22	17	3	85%
23	14	6	70%
24	15	3	83%

A few final observations:  
I'm very happy that I have 267 active friends and slowly, over time, I plan to check out how I know them all. How do we find each other anyway?

51 pages have gone dark. I assume that means that they have closed their accounts. Is it true that it can never be reactivated? If that is the case, I might as well remove them. Perhaps they have reinvented themselves with a new name? I did. I was here nearly 9 months before the start date listed in my INFO.

131 of my old friends have not deleted their pages, but are no longer active. I'm keeping them in my list. Who knows? They may be back.

Then there are the 6 not included in my numbers because I have no idea if they are active or not.

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They have taken their page PRIVATE.

I'm not sure of the reason for this. They must have had a public page once or it's unlikely they would be in my list. If I come across someone whose page is already private, I assume that they want to be left alone and I respect that by not bothering them.

I remember reading one blog about the intention to go private because of mean comments. That's very sad.

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**PHHHISC**



1821 days ago



**MT-MOONCHASER**

Re: "private" pages - I noticed a couple years ago that Spark seemed to have changed the default settings on new accounts and there were lots of accounts on at least one of my teams that had very few new members with public pages - maybe they didn't realize that they had a choice. Last time I looked, it seemed to me that new accounts are now public.

I have one friend that experiences anxiety and panic and at times she has taken her private page offline while she processes what is happening to her. Those of us who are her friends usually get the story, but she posts things that she doesn't want the whole Spark (and internet) world to know and make comments on, especially with unsolicited advice. Others go back and delete blogs for the same reasons.

Anyway, interesting study, and like others have commented, 60% seems like a pretty high rate - is it because you are more cautious about adding people as friends?



1829 days ago



**CD4199227**

Nice percentage!

I was going to ask you ...are you going to run NYC again? I am looking at 2017 good Lord willing and the creek don't rise!

1830 days ago



**DEBVNE**

I came to your page after reading a comment you wrote on a blog. I think your data on friends is fascinating, I have only read your final day's worth of work. Just have to comment on the private page bit, I set mine to private a while back. I am still newish to spark (under a year on spark radar) yet I encountered some less than lovely behavior...as in mean, creepy, stalkersish! Yes, sadly in spark. Private was merely a way to remove that ugly bit, happily a few still reached out and friended me. My page is back to public, here's to hoping the less than lovely leave us all alone.

YOU, are a huge inspiration and have the best kind of spark! All the best, deb

1830 days ago



**CHANGINGHORSES**

That was an awesome study. I enjoyed following your numbers. Let's carry on and hope the others come back to join us!



1830 days ago



**PRNCSCUP1-2FULL**

Wow! I'm impressed with the 60%. Wish I had time to go through my friends and check in, but sadly I simply don't! Mean comments.... Why?!! I'd guess because of their own self hatred! Some people take their page to private to prevent it from showing up in a general internet search.

Thanks!

1832 days ago



**GINIEMIE**

Maybe we knew the same person who went private due to mean statements. I remember reading that once. I pray I never hurt anyone's feelings. Private pages are about, but some people may have jobs where the company screens what they are doing on-line. Never know these days. I wonder sometimes how I've met some of my spark friends, mostly through groups I belong to or belonged to, but sometimes someone falls on my blog and I friend them-after checking their page

of course.  



1836 days ago

**MISCHAKEO**

In teresting,,that is sad about the private pages due to cruel comments.

1837 days ago

**BBEGAN**

Awesome results! Thank you so much for doing this - it has been very insightful.

1837 days ago

**PHEBESS**

I know several people who actually were being trolled here. So they changed their photo, limited their involvement, things like that.

You'd think this wouldn't be a site to get weirdos, but they tend to be everywhere.

1837 days ago

**SUNNYBEACHGIRL**

People have all kinds of time issues and this is hard so it may be easy to drop. Good project

1837 days ago


**WILSONWR**

That was quite a project! 60% is actually higher than I would have expected - a lot of my Spark Friends have disappeared over the years. It really is sad.

1837 days ago

**ONEKIDSMOM**

60% is a great retention rate... look forward to your insights on how you connected with your

267 active friends! 

1837 days ago

**DOVESEYES**

Such a great project to carry out, the outcome is really impressive I think 60% is amazing. Many thanks to SP for giving us a platform to meet so many wonderful people and realize we are not struggling alone.

1837 days ago

**LIVEDAILY**

If a person closes their account with SP, it isn't closed for good. They can always reactivate and/or join anew. I think people keep their SP pages private for a variety of reasons: fear of strangers, negative past experiences on other social media sites, fear of revealing too much about themselves, fear of the unknown in general. I've had several folk leave comments on my blogs, and I go to thank them and find their pages are marked private. That can be sad. People do things for reasons we'll never know.

1837 days ago

**KRISSEY82**

60% is awesome! I'm glad you did this project; it has been interesting to read.

I always wonder about people who "disappear" as well. I hope that it is for good reasons---they are doing well, but they are busy, or so, etching along those lines.

1837 days ago

**KRISZTA11**

60% still active is remarkable, it is much better than what I expected!

Mean comments are sad... I have never seen one personally, but heard a few SP friends complain about some in these years- very rarely, I love this about SP!

1837 days ago

**HOLLYM48**

I think 60% is a pretty good number of active members all things considered. Very interesting project!



Have a great day!  
1837 days ago



**PHOENIX1949**



1837 days ago



**JEANKNEE**

Folks do not have to have public Spark pages to friend us. If we are a mutual friend of theirs, then we can view their private page. Otherwise, we cannot. I suspect those with pages that cannot be viewed have friended you; but, have not been friended in return.

60% seems very respectable to me. Honestly, expected it to be lower. Would love to, hear some "how we met" stories.  
1838 days ago



**CD4114015**

I have seen alot of private pages also and not gotten ANY of what I call "mean" comments but the world is the world, I suppose! GREAT blogs!  
1838 days ago



**TCANNO**

I have wondered where some of mine have gone You see that some have not logged in for months in some cases Does it mean we are not motivating them or have they given up Trev  
1838 days ago



**LOVENHWOODS**

**AWESOME AWESOME AWESOME**

Are you planning on sharing this information with the Spark Establishment...aka Spark Guy and all?? I would think they would be very interested! Let us know if you do...or if you have, please!  
1838 days ago



**SEABEACHRAT**

It's a good reminder to be encouraging and take a little time to do so. Thanks!  
1838 days ago



**50YEARSAWIFE**

Some people just want to watch and learn from afar. We each need to chose our own path to a healthy life.  
1838 days ago



**LIVINGLOVINLIFE**

I have always wondered why be on a social network and then make your page private. But that is a person's decision. I have enjoyed you accounting of your friends status. I probably should do the same. I have some friends that have died I know but I have kept them on my friend list because I don't want to forget them. Do you remove your deceased friends from your friend list?

1838 days ago



**WATERMELLEN**

I love the idea of some "how we met" stories!! And am so grateful at how infrequent "mean" comments are here: although early in my Spark career I do recall there may have been more of them, and some instances where people were clearly hounded off the site. (I simply delete anything mean, silently . . . assuming it wasn't intended!! And of course try not to post mean comments myself.)  
1838 days ago



**HORSESHOEHONEY**

60% isn't bad. It makes me sad that some people feel the need to go private because of mean comments though. We are here to encourage each other, not further tear each other down.  
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**JERZRN**

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