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First impressions. That's what Facebook is all about isn't? If not why would people spend so much time on trivial things as profile pictures?

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The Gulf News web editor is definitely in the number three category when it comes to profile pictures

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You put up a picture, presumably your face, because duh, it is FACEbook after all. But what lies behind these magnificent pictures? Most likely four types of personality poses!

One, you sit in front of your PC, and go through a huge list of pictures and then stumble across the latest, newest, best pictures of yourself, and say: oh, this is the one! After many agonistic trials, you pick your last but not least best picture of all! Now, this is your Modeling personality pose.

Two, you are one humorous person; you like to make people laugh. You look at people's profile picture, and say: Hey, I'm creative, I'm cool, and I'll make people laugh rather than look at me in boredom! You take one weird looking snap shot of yourself, and put it up on Facebook. Now, this is your Wacky personality pose.

Three, you don't bother to even go through a list of pictures, because you

know you're most likely not going to put it up anyway. You like to remain hidden, unrecognized, because it perfectly fits your personality type. You say: Hey, I'm better than this. Why should I put my picture up and let others judge me! Instead, you put a picture of something else. Now, this is your Don't Look at Me personality pose.

Four, you're a question mark to who doesn't know you. You are not just hidden, you're mysterious. You like to remain unseen by the public, because you whether don't like being stalked by crazy maniacs, or it's because you like to raise suspense about who you are, once you're name is popped up in a search. Now, you are the Question Mark personality pose.

So I seem to be trashing facebook profile pictures, what about me and my profile picture(s)? Oh, my first profile picture was a cocktail mix, a little bit of number one, three, and four.

I had my eyes. No, I didn't pull them off; I just cut them out of my face picture. So it's one in terms of I did surely do take time to pick my favorite eye picture, three in terms of I didn't show my face, rather than a part of it, four in terms, you wouldn't know who I am unless you knew me all too well.

Currently, I remain hidden.

So what is it all about profile pictures anyway? Fame? Comedy? Mystery? Nothing at all? Oh, I guess the answer is first impressions for the viewers. They see your picture, they like it, they like you.

Yet, what's the point to all of this? Choosing a different picture every once in a while, or even within 24 hours? Ah, a waste of time perhaps.

For example, there is an AUD vs. AUS profile picture group. The person, who gets the best rating, is the winner and his/her picture is put up.

The funny thing is, there a 'good looking' group, and a 'bad looking' group that works to make fun of the 'good looking' group. What a joke and a waste of time!

But isn't that what's facebook is all about? Wasting time?

Have your say:

What does your profile picture say about you? Did you spend hours or minutes choosing it? Do you change your picture regularly?

Your comments

Interesting article, I agree that first impressions do make all the difference on FB. I remember someone once sending me a friend invitation, I didnt accept it for about a week because their profile picture was so unclear and i didnt recognize the name (later it turned out to be a mate I met in class). Yes facebook can be seen as a waste of time, but then again so is watching TV, listening to music and playing videogames, and I don't see us stop doing any of that that anytime soon. Oh, and my profile pic most certainly switches between types one and two.

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Very well written and quite amusing..It was very enjoying to read. I do hope

there are more articles on Facebook as it is currently the number 1 social network on the internet.

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