

Sign Up for Google+ and Join the Bits & Bytes Google+ Community

To join Google+ you require a Google Account. If you already have a Gmail Account, then you also have a Google Account. If you do not yet have a Gmail Account, then you have 2 options: get a Gmail Account; or get a Google Account without a Gmail Account.

Go here to create your Google Account:

<http://goo.gl/uGfVDL>

If you want a Gmail Account, you just fill in the boxes as indicated. If you want to use your existing non-Gmail Account, then left click the link "I prefer to use my current email address".

Now you're ready to start using Google+. Here are some helpful guides:

<http://goo.gl/6Dq5Oh>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBgy-zY9b04> (video, a little old)

Be sure to have a profile picture handy, or have a webcam available to take a snapshot. (This is important – a snapshot distinguishes you from all the other same named people in the world.)

Now get started on your profile, and your circles.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3eCWpeos9w>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sd5oasTjNuA&feature=c4-overview-vl&list=PLE6E46E3C8E8B5E69>

Here's an article, barely a month old, which covers pretty much the whole Google+ topic. Consider it a supplement to the above notes.

<http://mashable.com/2013/10/27/google-plus-beginners-guide/>

Now read about Communities:

<http://mashable.com/2013/01/18/google-plus-communities-beginners-guide/>

Go to the drop down column on the left of your Google+ tab. Select Communities. At the top right, put your cursor in the "Search for Communities" box. Type in "bits and bytes", but without the quote marks, then hit Enter. You should see a photo of the entrance to the DCC with the labels "Bits & Bytes Computer Club" and "Private community".

Click on the photo. Since our Community is reserved for Members and friends of the Club, you will have to request access to content posted in the Community. A Moderator will grant your request as quickly as humanly possible.

Enjoy.