

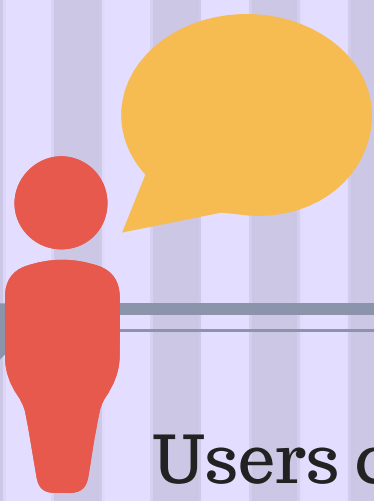
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where new friends meet



Meet Me...Or Him...Or Her



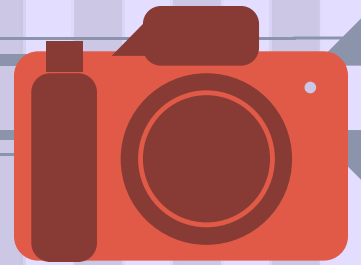
MeetMe is an application designed specifically for meeting new people. It is available on desktop, Apple, and Android devices. This program utilizes GPS technology so that members can meet people who live in their area, similar to Tinder and Snapchat's new Snap Map feature. The app can be used to meet new friends or romantic partners. Users need to be 13 years or older.



Features

Chat:

Users can chat with strangers in an email/messaging format. Within this feature, users can send pictures, which may feature explicit content.



Live video:

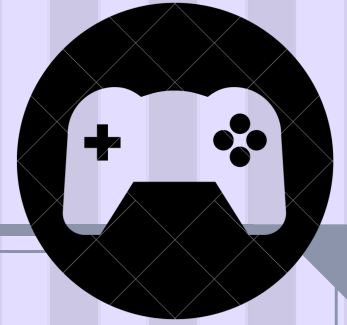
Users can live video chat with new people they meet, which allows for relatively un-monitored contact between strangers.



Newsfeed:

Similar to that of Facebook, MeetMe features a newsfeed section where people near each other can post statuses for everyone to read. These statuses may contain hints to a person's current location or innapropriate comments.

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Games:

When MeetMe first started, the app was praised for its games, which were used for connecting strangers through a fun activity. The games are mostly tame (like Solitaire), but one game in particular raises concern. Blind Date is a game where users answer questions about themselves and then are matched up with other users that have similar preferences. This could be used to make inappropriate connections with other people.



Ask Me:

Ask Me is a feature that allows for users to ask each other any questions that they want. These questions could be inappropriate or used to bully and often aren't monitored.

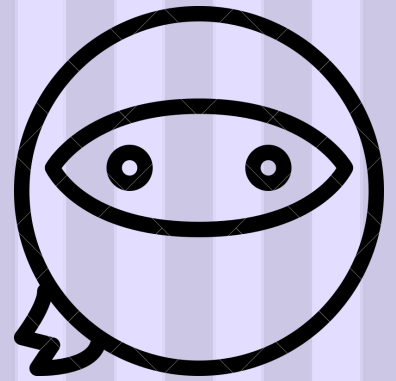


MeetMe Credits:

MeetMe Credits are in-app currency that can be earned or purchased with actual money. These credits allow people to access more specialized features, such as stealth-browsing and spotlight.

Stealth-Browsing and Spotlight

On MeetMe, users are able to find out who has viewed their profile. With MeetMe Credits, users can purchase stealth-browsing, which allows them to look at other people's profiles without the other person finding out. This can be positive because it makes learning about people less nerve-wracking, but it can also be dangerous because it means that predators can purchase it and stalk young users' profiles without them knowing.



With so many users, it can be hard to get noticed. MeetMe Credits allows users to purchase Spotlight, which boosts their profile so that they are seen by other users faster. Spotlight can garner unwanted attention and emphasize users to people that could want to hurt them.



Keeping Your Kids Safe

- Talk to your child about who they are chatting with. Tell them to not to give anyone else their private information. If you don't approve of who they are talking to, ask them to stop chatting with them.
- Talk to your child about stranger danger. Make them aware that they don't 100% know that who they are talking to is telling them the whole truth. Talk to them about never meeting someone they met online in real life.
- Make sure your child is aware of their privacy settings. MeetMe accounts are automatically set to public, so anyone can see your child's profile unless they change the privacy settings.
- Encourage your child to branch out to people they know in the real world before resorting to strangers. Get them involved in activities where they can make friends and meet new people without having to use an app to do it.

Resources

"Everything a Parent Needs to Know About MeetMe"

<https://www.teensafe.com/blog/everything-parent-needs-know-meetme/>

"MeetMe - Chat and Meet New People"

<https://www.common sense media.org/app-reviews/meetme-chat-and-meet-new-people>

"S.F. Sues MeetMe App Over Kids' Safety"

<http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/S-F-sues-MeetMe-app-over-kids-safety-5201095.php>

SocialSafety.org (affiliated with MeetMe)

<http://socialsafety.org/>

MeetMe Support Center

<https://help.meetme.com/customer/en/portal/topics/775855-account-privacy>