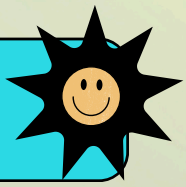


# HOW TO: NETIQUETTE



## \_WHAT IS IT?

"Netiquette" is the word for rules of communication and behavior in a digital space. These rules can be defined by admins or page operators for a group, page(s) or chat. A netiquette explains: What is allowed in this group / community / on this page and what is not wanted?

## \_BUT HOW?

There are no fixed rules for writing a netiquette. If you belong to an organization (association, initiative or company) or you are several admins of a group or page: The best thing to do is to talk with each other about what is important to you. It is advisable that your netiquette includes at least 3 aspects, namely...

### 1. What kind of content/posts would you like to see in the community?

(i.e.: What is your community about? What kind of contributions would you like to encourage?)

### 2. What type of posts are not wanted?

(You should at least exclude: spam / advertising; insults and hate speech; fake news & rumors; possibly also posts without reference to the topic of your group / page)

### 3. What happens if people or posts violate your netiquette?

(e.g. posts are deleted / reported; users are excluded if necessary)

You can get help to create a netiquette at "Modsupport" of the Amadeu Antonio Foundation: <https://www.amadeu-antonio-stiftung.de/modsupport/netiquette/>. On their page, you will also find help on how to deal with problematic comments!

On Facebook, you can create "group rules" for a group. Here is a guide: <https://www.facebook.com/help/462230500886400>

## \_WHAT DO I NEED THIS FOR?

A netiquette can help to make the space safer for people in your community (safer space) if, for example, insults and discriminations or fake news are explicitly forbidden. A netiquette also makes work easier for admins: users know the rules and can follow them. This means less moderation is needed. If moderation is necessary, admins can use the rules as a reference. If a post has to be deleted or blocked, a reference to the netiquette contributes to transparency: this way, the person posting knows why the post was blocked or deleted – and can make more helpful posts in future. It also helps other readers to see that there is no room for hate – nor room for advertising or phishing, for example.



DW's netiquette policy <https://p.dw.com/p/MF1G?maca=en-Twitter-sharing>



From dw.com  
Everyone can reply

- We do not tolerate any form of discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia, abuse of minorities, religious insults, profanity or other forms of hate speech.

Source: Deutsche Welle

## EXAMPLES:



<https://la-red.eu/netiquette>  
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We kindly ask you to respect the following rules.