



Facebook can be used on the web or via an app, and the location of settings and features can differ. We look solely at the desktop version for the first four chapters of this book, before introducing the mobile apps.



Although Facebook asks for your birthday, you will be able to control who sees it later.

Getting a Facebook account

Facebook allows you to create a single, personal account for free. The sign-up process takes very little time, and you can complete it at **facebook.com** using a web browser on your computer.

Once you have created an account, you will be also able to access Facebook through any browser, smartphone and tablet device that you may own.

- 1 Visit **facebook.com** and select **Create New Account**
- 2 Enter your name, your mobile number or email address and create a password
- 3 Use the drop-down buttons to select your date of birth
- 4 Now, indicate whether you are female or male, or select **Custom** to select your pronoun and enter your own gender preference
- 5 Click the green **Sign Up** button

Confirming your Facebook account

- 1 You will need to confirm your account before you can use it. Watch out for an email or a text message depending on how you signed up. Make a note of the confirmation code and select **Confirm Your Account**
- 2 Enter the code on the Facebook website when prompted and select **Continue**. You may be asked if you want your computer or device to remember your password. This will make it easier to log in to Facebook in the future but, for security, never allow this on a public computer