



A Guide to VIP.tel

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Welcome to VIP.tel

Thank you for participating in our beta program in advance of our commercial launch. We hope that you will enjoy seeing the functionality of the .tel. If you have not already signed up for VIP.tel, please visit <http://telnic.org/vip>.

This document is intended to be a quick guide to getting the most out of the .tel domain and to give you a clear understanding of what can (and shouldn't) be done with a .tel domain name. So please remember, you are in control of the information you wish to be seen by anyone.

If you have any feedback or questions this guide doesn't cover, please visit <http://www.telnic.org/vip> or email VIP-support@telnic.org. There is also a much more technical area for questions within our developer resource site at <http://dev.telnic.org>, where you will be able to find a community of people interested in the technical aspects of the .tel as well as further guides, whitepapers, code and applications.

In the meantime, please enjoy the ease of publishing information and only having to give out one simple name for people to remember!

Kind regards,

The VIP Support Team

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THE CONCEPT

The .tel is a new Top Level Domain that allows registrants to store, publish and manage contact information and keywords directly in the Domain Name System (DNS), the global and powerful system that stores locations of all the websites in the world. This is the first service of its kind that enables anyone to use the DNS to store information other than the location of websites. It provides an exciting new use of internet infrastructure that will completely change the way we will be able to communicate and keep in touch with others.

The .tel will allow its owner to:

- Add all types of contact details, text, keywords and location information
- Re-order contact information
- Edit contact information, text, keywords and location
- Create folders that allow easy navigation (e.g. london.uk.hotels.tel)
- Create Profiles (e.g. work, home, travelling...)
- Accept 'Friending' requests from others in order to share relevant/private contact information with them
- Manage private information
- Manage the information that groups of people have access to

Wherever life takes you, you'll always be in the right place for your friends, family, colleagues and associates to find you. Your VIP.tel domain name is accessible from any device connected to the internet, and all your information will be displayed in a 'click to communicate' format.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Take a moment to familiarize yourself with your new .tel domain name. Let's remind you of some of the functionality available to use today again:

It's one simple contact address for life – All you need to do is to give your friends, family and colleagues your .tel address and they will then be able to keep in touch with you how and when you want them to.

All of your contact information in one place – The .tel enables you to store all of your contact information, including telephone numbers, email addresses, your favorite websites, social media pages, your blog sites, location-based sites, links to OpenID, OpenSocial or other identity verification solutions, and numerous other contact channels and technologies, all under one simple name. You can also encrypt your information so no one else can see it unless you grant them access to it – that includes Telnic and your .tel service provider.

Instantly updated, you're always in the right place – If you lose a mobile device and change the number, move home, gain a new contact solution like Skype or another Voice over IP (VOIP) service, change jobs, move overseas, travel a lot, start a new business or move premises, or even join a new social network, you can update your .tel and it will change instantly as it uses the DNS to publish to the internet almost instantly.

Tell people how you want to be contacted – If you have a number of ways in which you can be reached, you can prioritize the order of the contact information as it is displayed to people, so you can ask to be contacted first by email, or through your blog, or other ways. You can also change the type of information available depending on your location or the time of day. This is especially helpful if you're a frequent traveller for example.

Show people where you are – Additional functionality within the .tel allows you to tell people where in the world you are. This location can then be used, under your control, to help people find you physically or to help services you subscribe to produce personalized offerings for you, giving you a better experience. You don't need to use this function if you are uncomfortable with giving out this information.

Tell the world about yourself – Your .tel also allows you to use an unlimited number of keywords to enable you to say something about yourself. These keywords are open to everyone, so again, be careful how you describe yourself! You can tell people where you work, your hobbies, your qualifications, anything you don't mind sharing publicly.

Your interactive calling card on any device – Once you have published the information, you can access it from any device with an internet connection through a browser. You don't need to format it in any special way, and it will be accessible instantly. Friends and business contacts can simply type in the address you give them and it will quickly appear on the device as it does not need to locate a website to get your information. This is a significant benefit of not storing the information as html on a website – the .tel is fast, low-cost and easy to access in any format. And of course, it's as up-to-date as you make it.

Search engine optimization built in – For those more concerned with being found online, the .tel enables you to be discovered more quickly through search engines. The structured information, keywords and links to a domain name all enable search engines to see the relevance and purpose of the .tel and therefore its usefulness to people searching for related information.

Easily change your published profile – You will be able to set up a profile like 'work', 'home', 'travel', 'holiday' and so forth (the profile titles will only be visible to you) that quickly change the public and private contact information available to people looking at your VIP.tel, depending on which profile you make active.

WHAT SHOULDN'T I USE IT FOR?

Keyword functionality should only be used to help people find you if you haven't given them your .tel domain name. It should not be used as a CV or as a place to store information you might easily forget. Make sure that you only put information that is helpful for people to find you and that is not helpful for people to impersonate you.

For example:

- Never put your date of birth, home address, social security number, bank details or other financial indicators about yourself in your keywords.
- Never put information about other people you know within the keywords without asking them beforehand.
- Do not put the places you frequently go to, such as clubs, restaurants, bars, gyms, etc., by name.

Always follow sensible rules for publishing personal information online – unless it is made private, anyone can find it.

Remember, if at any time you wish to change the information in your .tel, you can do so and the information will be automatically updated.

SET UP YOUR .TEL

When you registered your VIP.tel domain name, you will have set up a username and password to manage your .tel domain name and been provided with a link to the management console where you can store, change, update and publish your contact information under your .tel.

Using the username and password to log into the management console will provide access to your .tel communications 'hub', where you can store contact information, web links, location records and keywords.

Never give anyone else your username and/or password for your .tel. This is crucial in maintaining the security of your contact information. Telnic will never ask you or need your username or password.

Once you have logged into the management console, you have complete control over your .tel. The information you store as private will not be accessible by anyone else.

If you have any problems logging into your management console, or you lose the link from which to manage it, email VIP-support@telnic.org.

To log in to your management console, visit <https://demo.vip.tel>.

THE DASHBOARD

Once you've registered your VIP.tel address, you will be routed to the management console or **Dashboard** (see Fig.1). This is the main control panel for populating your new .tel domain with contact information, text, keywords and, if you would like, a location. The **Dashboard** has a number of distinct parts which will be explained below.

When you buy a .tel domain name, it may look different depending on the .tel service provider from whom you have purchased your .tel domain name.

In the center column of the Dashboard is the main control panel for **Profiles**, **Contact Information**, **Headers**, **Keywords** and **Location**.

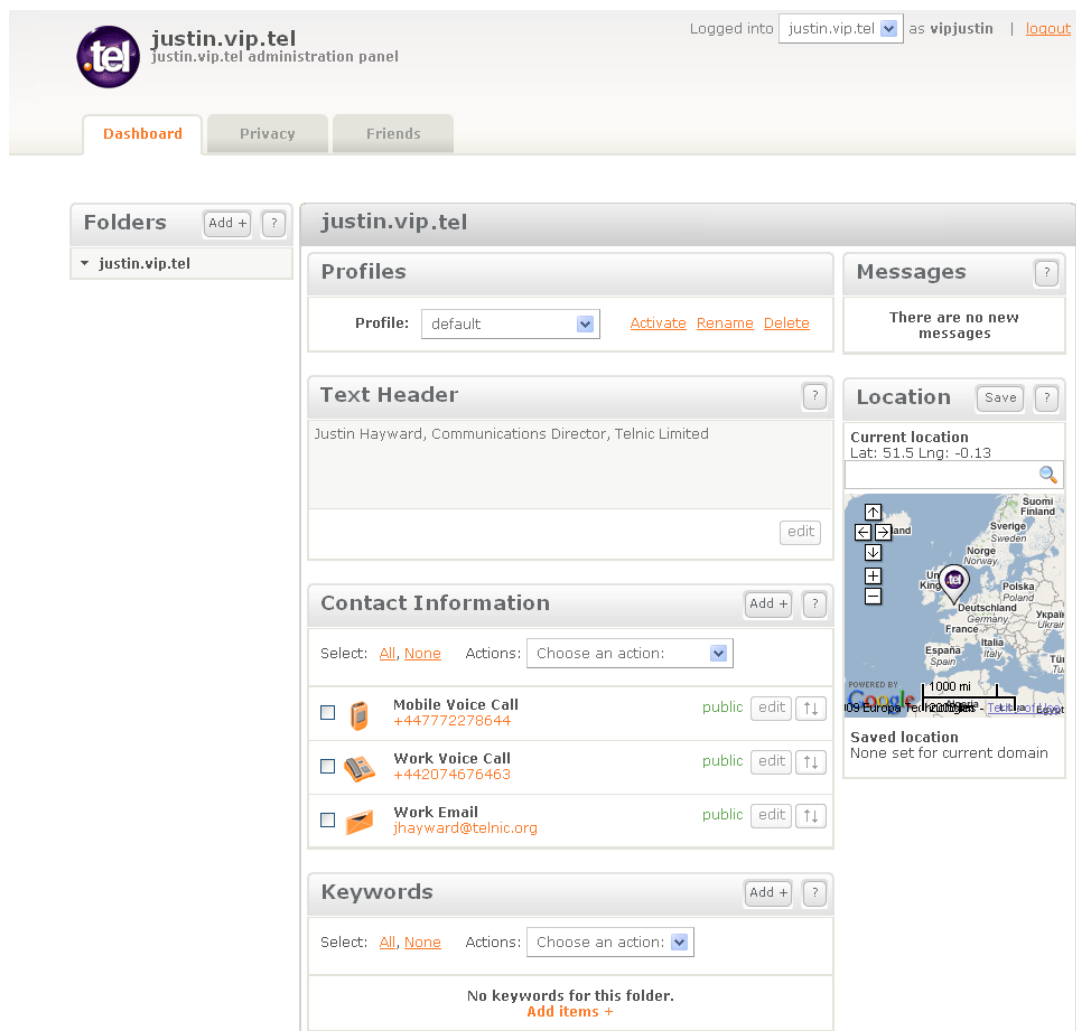


Fig.1

Two further tabs are also visible behind the **Dashboard** tab, called **Privacy** and **Friends**.

Profiles

A Profile is a set of contact information, containing both public and private information that enables you to publish a selection of contact information that you wish to direct people to use depending on the activity or time of day. For example, if you have an office telephone number, a mobile telephone number and a private home telephone number, you will not use all of them at the same time! Therefore, a Profile allows you to easily change between preferred contact information as you move from different environments.

When you first access your .tel management console, you will have a default Profile set up already, in which all contact information will be automatically allocated. When you input a piece of contact information (see the next page) you will be able to choose to add it to the default Profile, another Profile that you have created or no Profile at all, storing it in the .tel domain but in a 'disabled' (i.e. not viewable by anyone) state.

To create a new Profile click the Profile drop down box and select 'Create a new profile'. Once you have named your Profile (the label you give it will not be viewable by anyone else), click Save. You can re-name your Profile at any time by choosing the Profile you want to rename from the drop down box and selecting 'Rename' profile, changing it and pressing Save. You cannot

rename the default Profile, but you do not need to use this.

To delete a profile, choose the Profile you want to delete and press Delete. When prompted choose 'Yes' and the Profile will be deleted. Important: you cannot delete an active profile, nor the default profile. In order to delete any profile it must not be active. To delete the active Profile, select another Profile to activate from the drop down box and press 'Activate'. Then you will be able to select the Profile you wish to delete and select 'Delete'.

To activate a Profile, choose the profile from the drop-down box and then click 'Activate'. The current Profile in use will have "(active)" next to it. This will be the view that people will see when they access your .tel domain.

If any contact information is not allocated to the active Profile, it will be shown in grey in the Dashboard. All active information within the current profile will be displayed in black. Note that public and private contact information can be displayed in a profile, and that only those with access to view the private information will be able to see it (See Page 20 for how to set up Privacy and Friending).

You can find out how to add or remove a piece of contact information to a single or multiple profiles on the next page.

Remember: A piece of contact information has to be allocated to at least one Profile in order for it to be active and viewable when someone accesses your .tel domain. Additionally, one piece of contact information has to be public in every single Profile in order to comply with the Acceptable Use Policy for a .tel domain. If you are concerned about security, this piece of information does not have to be a personal piece of contact information; it could be a link to a general website for example, or even a link to your .tel domain!

Contact Information

When you first log into your .tel, there will be no contact information. When you add contact items to your .tel, each item will be displayed on a separate line, shown on the right (Fig.2). Each piece of contact information will also have a status of **public** or **private**, indicating whether that piece of contact information is viewable by everyone or a selected group of people.

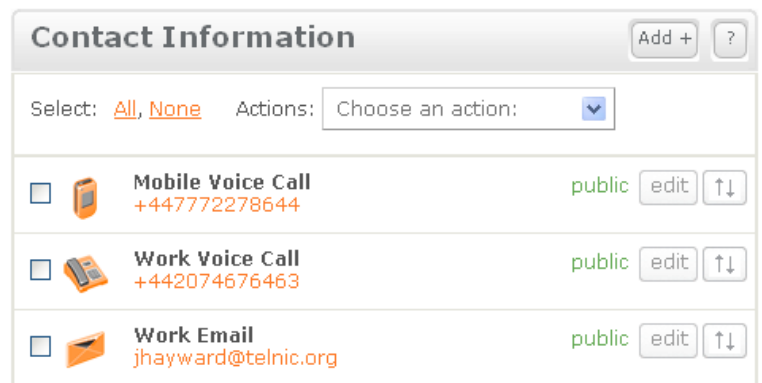


Fig.2

To add a new contact, click on the **Add** button in the upper right corner, and the screen shown right will appear (Fig. 3).

The **Add new item** screen asks you to:

1. Select a type of communication:
(voice, email, fax, VoIP etc.)
 2. Select the location for the number such as 'Home' or 'Work'
 3. Add a personal description (e.g. 'emergencies only' or 'ext. 1234')
 4. Enter the Value (i.e. Skype ID, phone number, etc.)
- Phone numbers must use international dialling codes and no other characters apart from numbers (i.e. A US number should be +1XXXXXXX, UK +44XXXXXXX).

A screenshot of a form titled "Add new item". It has a close button "X" in the top right corner. The form contains two columns of input fields. The left column has "Record type" (a dropdown menu with "Voice Call" selected) and "Location" (a dropdown menu with "None" selected). The right column has "Give this record a label" and "Enter the value", both with empty text input boxes. At the bottom, there is a "Show advanced options" link, a "cancel" button, and a "save" button.

Fig.3

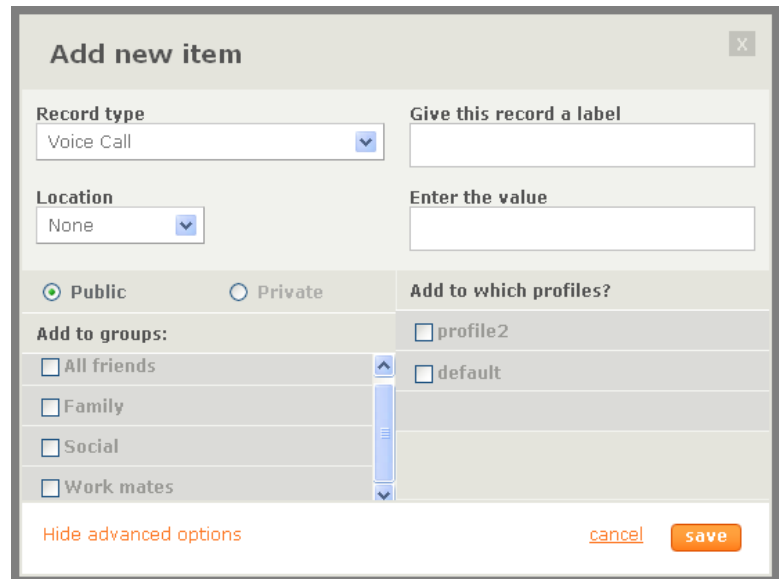
Advanced Features

When you first add a piece of contact information to your .tel domain, the contact information will automatically be stored in a default **Profile** and will be viewable by everyone (public). To find out how to create and manage different Profiles, please see Page 10.

Within the **Add new item** screen, by pressing the **Advanced** link, you can make a piece of contact information **Private** by switching the status of the information to 'Private' and allocating it one or more **Groups** (Fig. 3.2). Information is immediately made private when it is allocated to a Group. If it is not allocated to a Group it will remain public. For more information on setting up and managing Groups, please see the Privacy and Friending section.

If you have set up more than the default Profile (such as 'work', 'home' or 'vacation') and you have this Profile enabled as the activated view, the contact information will automatically be allocated to the Profile being edited. If you have more than one **Profile**, when you enter the piece of contact information, you may allocate that piece of contact information to one or more of these Profiles. You can also decide not to allocate it to any Profiles. This will store a piece of contact information in your .tel management console, but it will be 'disabled' as it is not allocated to any Profile and therefore not viewable by anyone.

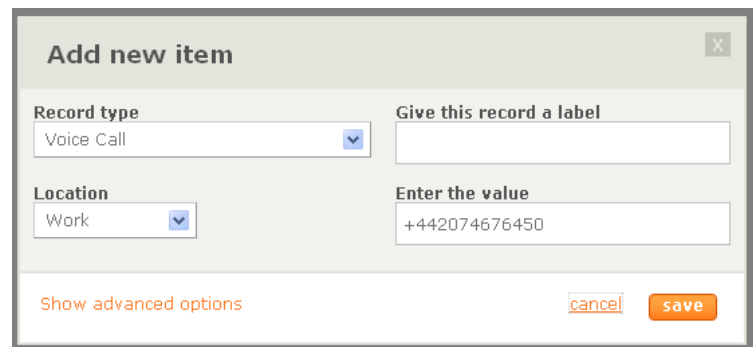
When you are done (Fig. 4), click **save** to publish the information. For example, as shown right, we will add another work telephone number with a +44 country code.



The screenshot shows the 'Add new item' form with the following fields and options:

- Record type:** Voice Call (dropdown menu)
- Give this record a label:** (empty text input field)
- Location:** None (dropdown menu)
- Enter the value:** (empty text input field)
- Public/Private:** Radio buttons for 'Public' (selected) and 'Private'.
- Add to which profiles?:** Checkboxes for 'profile2' and 'default'.
- Add to groups:** Checkboxes for 'All friends', 'Family', 'Social', and 'Work mates'.
- Buttons:** 'Hide advanced options' (text), 'cancel' (text), and 'save' (orange button).

Fig.3.2



The screenshot shows the 'Add new item' form with the following fields and options:

- Record type:** Voice Call (dropdown menu)
- Give this record a label:** (empty text input field)
- Location:** Work (dropdown menu)
- Enter the value:** +442074676450 (text input field)
- Buttons:** 'Show advanced options' (text), 'cancel' (text), and 'save' (orange button).

Fig.4

You can edit a piece of contact information by clicking the **edit** button (Fig. 5) to the right of the contact information.

The arrows icon to the right of the edit button (Fig. 5) allows you to change the order of contact items as they appear in your .tel. You can also re-order the items by simply dragging and dropping them within the list. This order typically represents the preference of how you wish to be contacted (e.g. if mobile is on top, that is presumably the preferred way of reaching you).

More options are available in the Actions box at the top of the contacts list (see Fig. 6). Tick a contact item and from the list, select the action you want to perform:

- Copy a piece of contact information to a sub-folder (Fig. 7).
- Move a piece of contact information to a sub-folder.
- Delete a piece of contact information permanently.
- Change the status of a piece of contact information from public to private by adding it to or taking it out of a private sharing folder.
- Adding or removing a piece of contact information to the Profile being edited or all Profiles, making it enabled (viewable) or disabled (not viewable) to others.

You can move and copy one or multiple contact items between sub-folders inside your .tel.

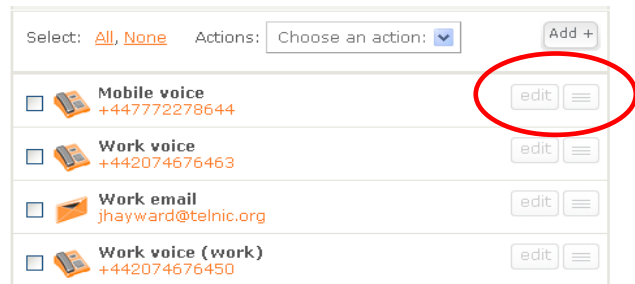


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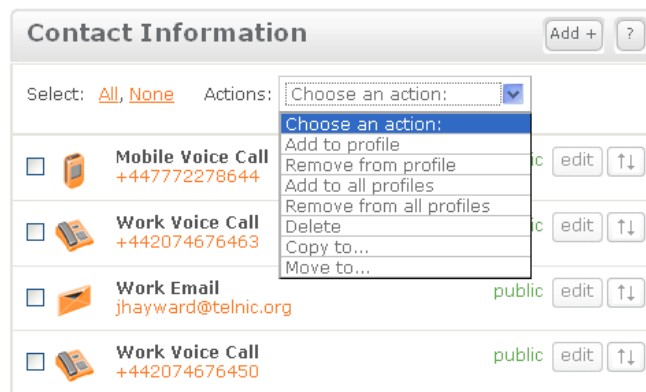


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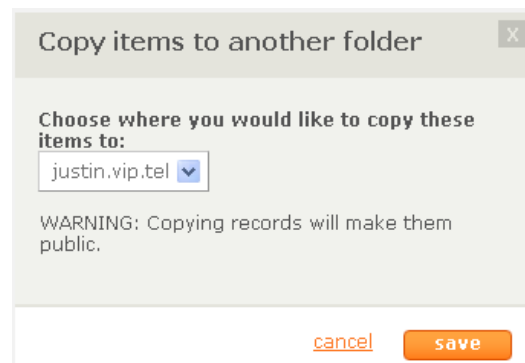


Fig.7

Text Header

You can create a short description for yourself at the top of your .tel by clicking **edit** in the Text Header box (Fig. 9) at the top of the page and writing a description of yourself, such as your title, your business or a motto or your favourite quote. Simply click the text box, type in the text and click **Save**. Text in this box is limited to 265 characters.

Text headers are linked to Profiles. Different profiles can have different text headers.

Keywords

You can also publish descriptive keywords to help friends or customers find you.

As a default, no keywords are present (Fig. 10). To add keywords, click the **Add** button in the upper right corner of the **Keywords** section.

The **Add Keywords** box will appear (Fig. 11) that will ask you to select a category for your keyword from the left-hand menu and enter a value. If no category matches your keyword, use Free Text. As shown, Hobbies & Interests have been selected and the value entered was 'Theatre' (Fig. 12).

Click **save** and the keyword is immediately published under your .tel domain. Note that unsaved keywords entered on other tabs are lost when you save a set of keywords on one tab.

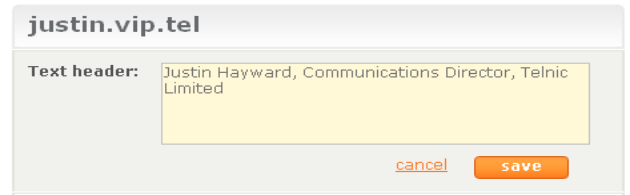


Fig. 9

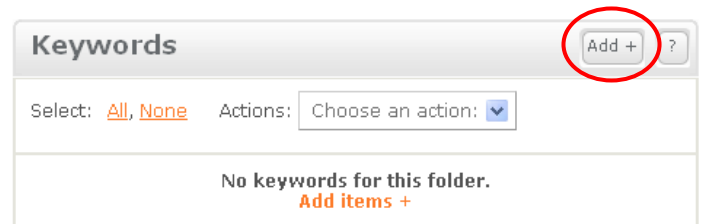


Fig. 10

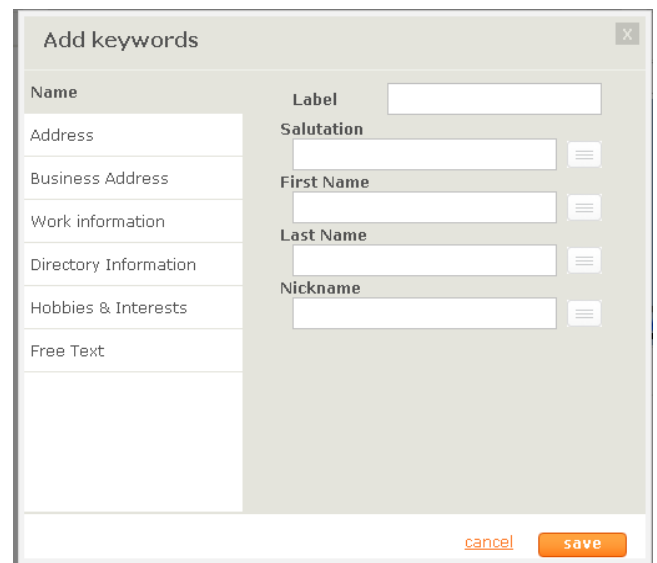


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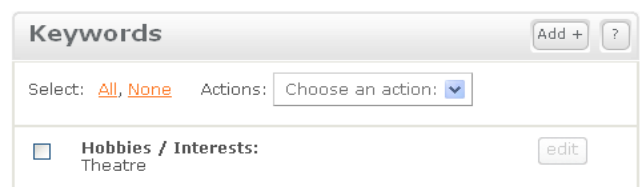


Fig. 12

When you click **Directory Information**, you have the opportunity to fill in a number of different options that provide keywords for a business directory service (Fig. 13). You can also re-order this information.

Multiple keywords can be added in one box separated by commas.

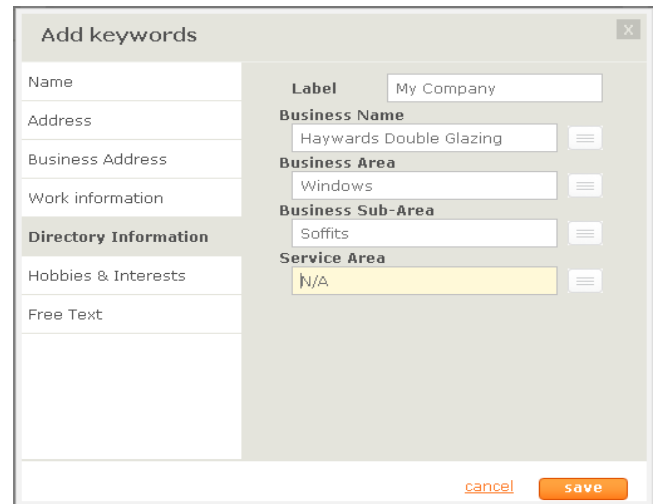
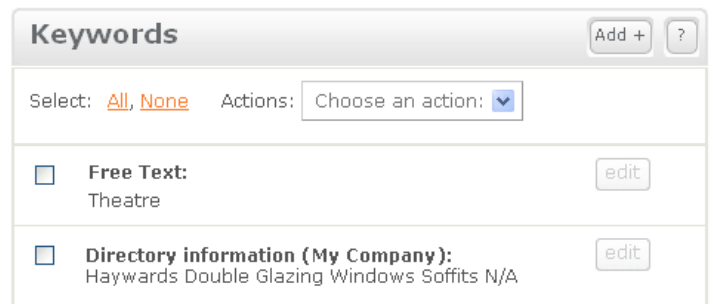


Fig. 13

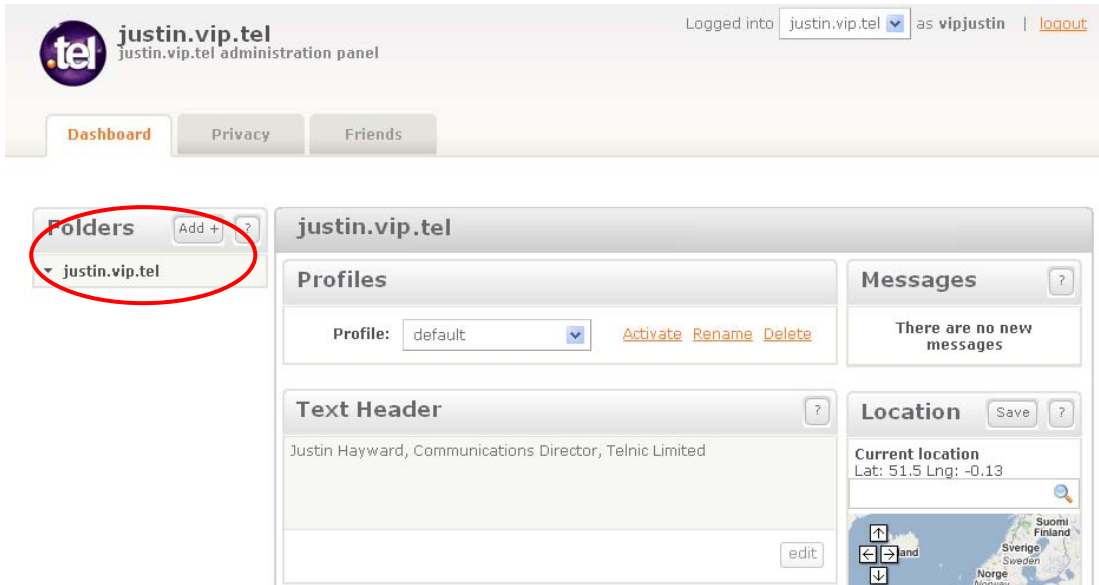
These keywords are indexed by leading search engines and can assist businesses and professionals in attracting new customers as well as make sure friends have found the right person!

Keywords are independent from Profiles but can be changed at different folder levels. This means that regardless of the profile showing, the keywords will always be the same for that folder or sub-Folder view.



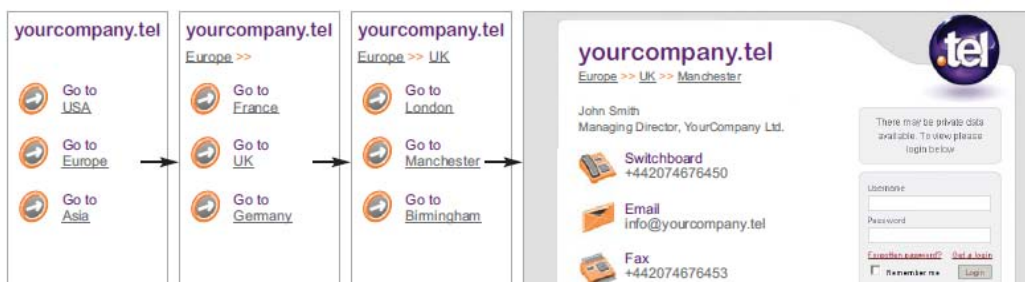
Folders

In the left column of the **Dashboard**, you can manage your **Folders** (Fig 14).



You can use **Folders** to enable navigation inside your .tel domain. For example, if you have a lot of contact points, you may not wish to display them all on one 'page', as it may be difficult to navigate on small devices. Instead, you can use **Folders** to logically group contact information – like social media sites, professional information, or gaming handles for different environments and platforms, in different folders. The information in these folders will be viewable by everyone. Private information will not be supported in these sub-folders. Profiles also apply to sub-Folders, meaning that depending on the Profile you choose, you can select different information to show at the sub-Folder level. So for example, if you have set your .tel Profile to 'work', you may have work-related information stored in the sub-folder (for example, links to press coverage about your company). If you set your Profile to 'vacation', you may have holiday-related information stored in the sub-folder (for example, links to photo-sharing sites or your holiday journal).

It is more likely that businesses and organizations will use the folders section of the .tel to store information about complex organizational structures such as locations of offices, retail outlets or departmental divisions, enabling customers to quickly search and easily find contact information for local offices or internal functions such as customer services, complaints or sales.



The creation of these Folders is managed from this area of the **Dashboard**.

To add a Folder, click the **Add** button in the upper right corner (Fig. 15), and you will be presented with the screen shown right (Fig. 16). As with the domain name, only letters, digits and hyphens can be used to create a sub-folder name (no spaces or other characters can be used and the folder must contain at least one letter with a minimum of three characters in the folder name).

Once the name of the folder is entered (Fig. 17), click **Save** and the folder is immediately published (Fig. 18). A link to that folder is also placed automatically in the page of information displayed at that time. The dashboard will only show the first level of sub-folder under the current view.

To view deeper folder levels, go into the respective sub-folder.

Contact information is easily added to a new folder simply by clicking on the folder and adding more contact information, text, and keywords to a sub-folder, just like with your main .tel folder (Fig. 19).

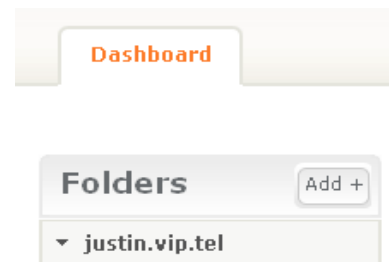


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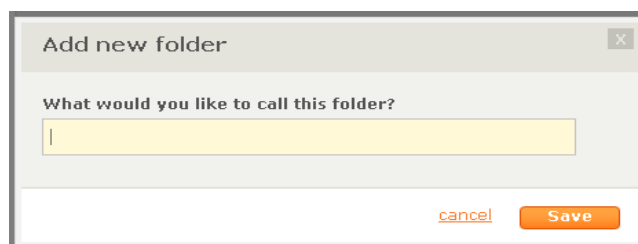


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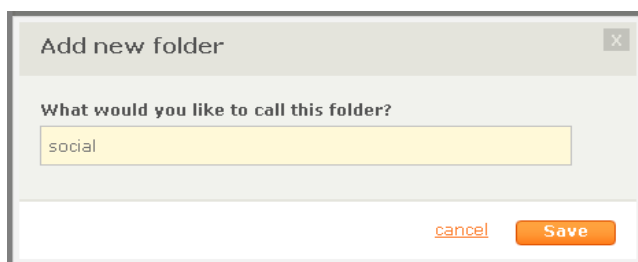


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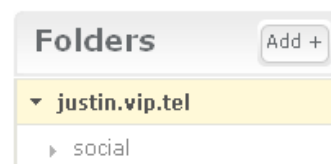


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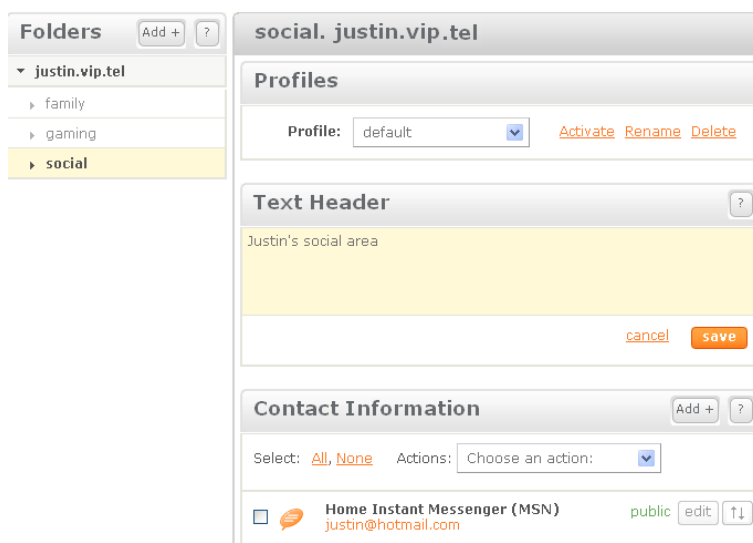


Fig. 19

Location

You may wish to publish a location record indicating your location (Fig. 20).

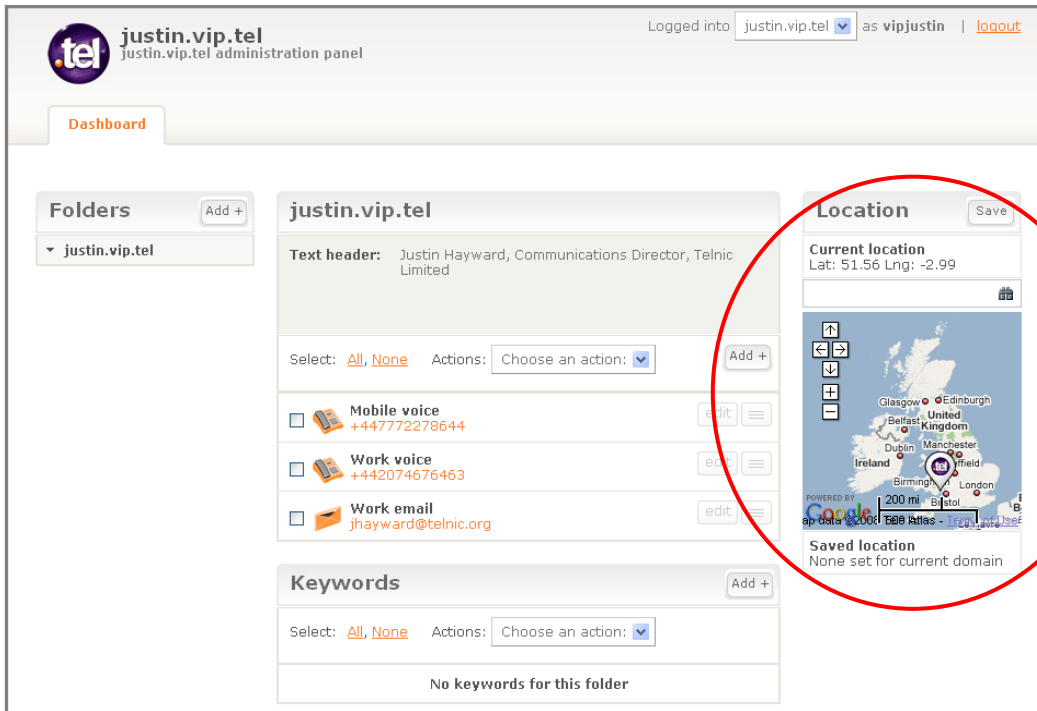


Fig. 20

To enter a location record, type in an address or postal code (e.g. London, W1T 2DJ) and click **Save** (Fig. 21-23). The new location record is immediately published. This location will be displayed as a link to Google Maps; to make the street address visible, use the Address keyword.

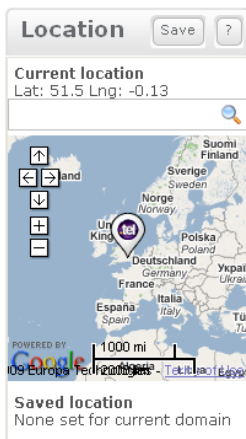


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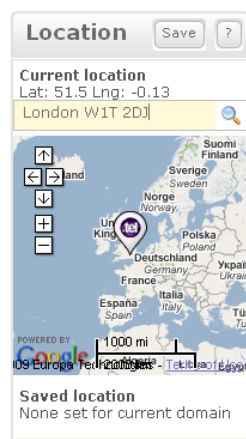


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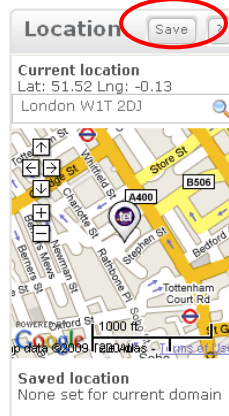


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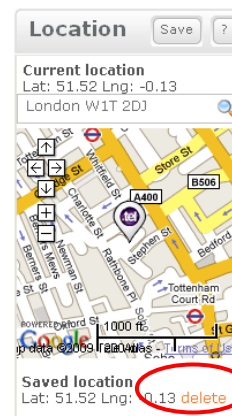


Fig. 24

Remember, your location record will always be public (you can use other services such as BrightKite and share these as private links), but you don't have to put a location record in your .tel if you don't want to. You can also update it with a general location, rather than a specific one. It is entirely your own choice. You can also delete the record completely by clicking the **delete** button (Fig. 24).

Location records are independent of Profiles but again can be set at every sub-folder level.

SUMMARY: GROUPS vs. PROFILES vs. FOLDERS

What's the difference between a Group, a Folder and a Profile?

A Group is a collection of one or more friends of your .tel domain that have access to different items of private contact information. So a Group could be called 'work friends', 'family', 'relatives' or 'football team colleagues'. The label of a Group is not viewable by anyone else.

A folder is a sub-domain of yourdomain.tel (e.g. folder.yourdomain.tel) that will allow you to store contact information related to that specific sub-domain.

The folder's purpose is to organize a navigational tree (e.g. Hertz → Europe → London → Airports → Heathrow → Reservations: tel, fax, email) , to help people find the appropriate information quickly and easily. In our example above, a user can simply click to reach the Hertz reservations number at Heathrow Airport.

A Profile is a collection of public and private contact information structured in a way to easily and quickly change the contact information displayed to people depending on how you wish to be contacted at that time. So a Profile might be called 'home', 'travelling', 'work', 'unavailable', all showing different types of contact information for the different ways you'd like to be contacted. The label of a Profile is not viewable by anyone else.

PRIVACY & FRIENDING

The powerful functionality of the .tel enables you to encrypt your private contact information for the first time ever in a system that is completely under your control. This service uses industry-leading 1024-bit encryption that is employed by banks and security companies, making it extremely difficult to crack. Telnic will continue to review the security of the .tel service to make sure that it stays at the forefront of data protection.

When you make certain contact information private, you are encrypting it so that it turns the information into a nonsensical string of characters. In order for you to be able to view it and for you to enable others to view the information you wish to share with them, you need a key to decode the information. This key will be generated when you accept a request to see private information from an identified individual, a process we call 'Friending'. For this Friending to be possible, both you and the person requesting information will need to be identified by the global Telnic Friending System which provides you with a unique username and password.

When .tel domains go live, anyone will easily be able to apply for a username and password from the Telnic Friending System without having to purchase a .tel for themselves. This will allow them to access the information any .tel owner wants to share with them.

This user name and password will be different from your management console user name and password. Why? Because you may have multiple .tel domains and will not wish to share information or be friends with others through all of these domains.

For the purposes of the VIP.tel trial, your Telnic Friending System username and password will be the same as your trial username and password. You will not be able to invite anyone to be a friend at this time unless they have a VIP.tel trial domain. These are free so please encourage them to set one up! You will automatically be logged into the Telnic Friending System when you sign in to your management console.

PRIVACY

Making a record private

With privacy, the following points should be remembered:

- For a record to be private it must belong to at least one group of 'friends', otherwise it will automatically revert to being public. This is because the record will not be encrypted with a unique key until it has been paired to at least one person. This person can be you.
- Private information is only supported at the third level of the VIP.tel domain (Justin.vip.tel) and not other levels (social.justin.vip.tel). Anything put into sub-folders remains public at all times. On commercial availability, privacy will only be supported at the second level (justin.tel)
- Keywords and location records cannot be encrypted in the DNS so will remain public at all times.

We covered making a piece of contact information private when creating a new entry on Page 11. There are two other ways of making a piece of contact information private:

- By editing the contact information after it has been created (Page 14).
- By adding pieces of contact information to groups of individuals on the Privacy page (Page 22).

Making a record public

Changing a record from private to public in the dashboard will automatically remove it from the private sharing folders. Equally, removing a piece of contact information from all private folders on the Privacy page will make the information public.

The figure below (Fig. 25) shows the Privacy tab in the management console.

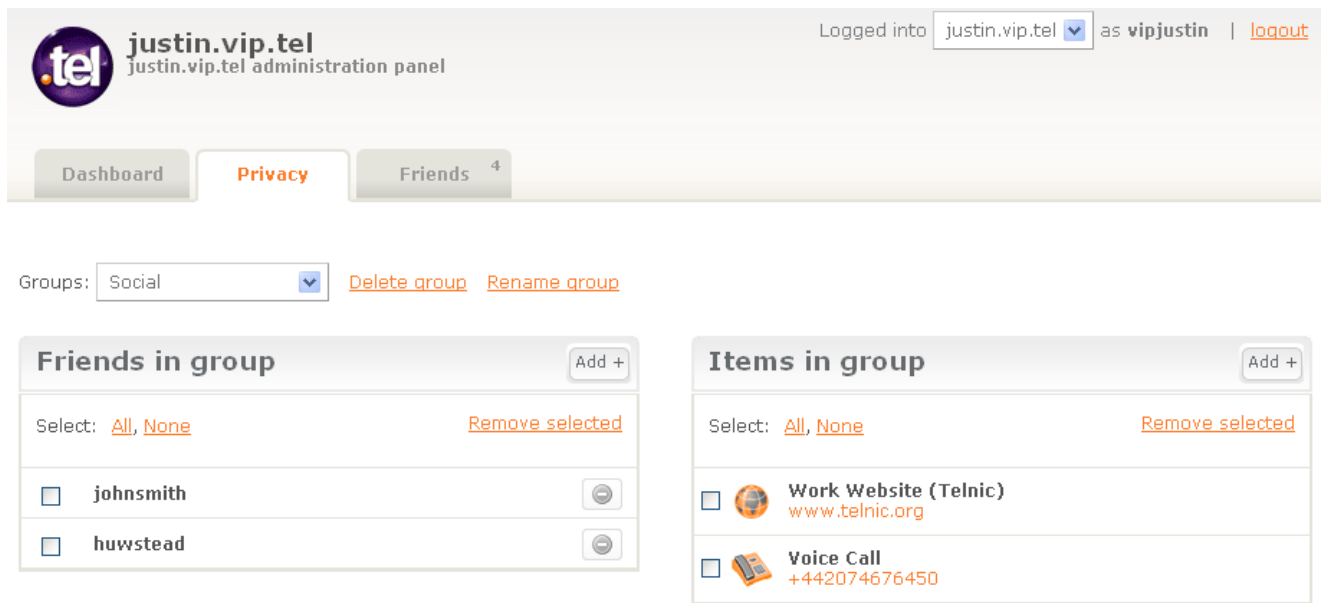


Fig. 25

The Privacy page is broken into two columns. The left column shows **Friends** in the **Group** and allows the addition of further **Friends** and the removal of existing Friends. The right column shows Items (contact information) in the Group and allows the addition of further Items or the removal of existing Items. The drop-down list selection is also provided that allows user to create new groups, rename or delete existing ones.

Groups

When you first visit this Privacy screen, you will see one folder called All Friends and another called Family. These groups are here to get you started and for you to use if you want a simple way of sharing all of your private information with all of your friends (e.g., personal email addresses or a link to your residential address).

You can create as many groups as you want, each with different contact information (or lists of contact information) in them. This will enable you to put different individuals in different groups so that you can change the information that they see. You can label these groups with 'work friends' or 'my work team' or 'extended family' so that you can easily manage who goes into which group. This is a view only available to you, it is not publicly shared. You cannot re-name or delete the All Friends group.

Adding Groups

To create a group, Use the Groups dropdown and select the “Create new group” item at the end of the list (Fig. 26). From the resulting screen, provide a Group name and click **save**.

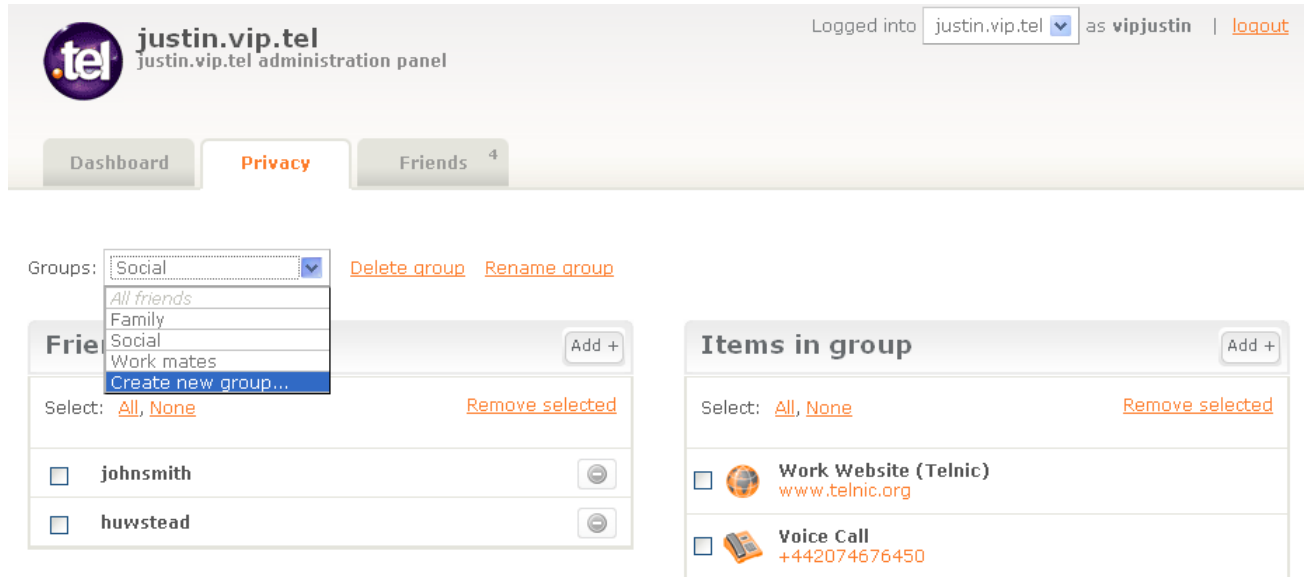


Fig. 26

You may add friends to multiple folders.

To add a friend, click “Add+” in the title of the **Friends In Group** column (Fig. 27).

When they view your information, they will see the sum of all the pieces of contact information shared in these different folders.

You can create a group with only one person in it, such as your best friend, partner or spouse (Fig. 28). There is no limit to the number of people you can have in a single group.

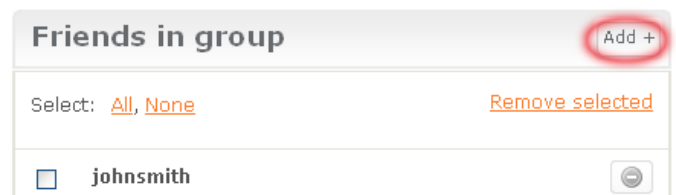


Fig. 27

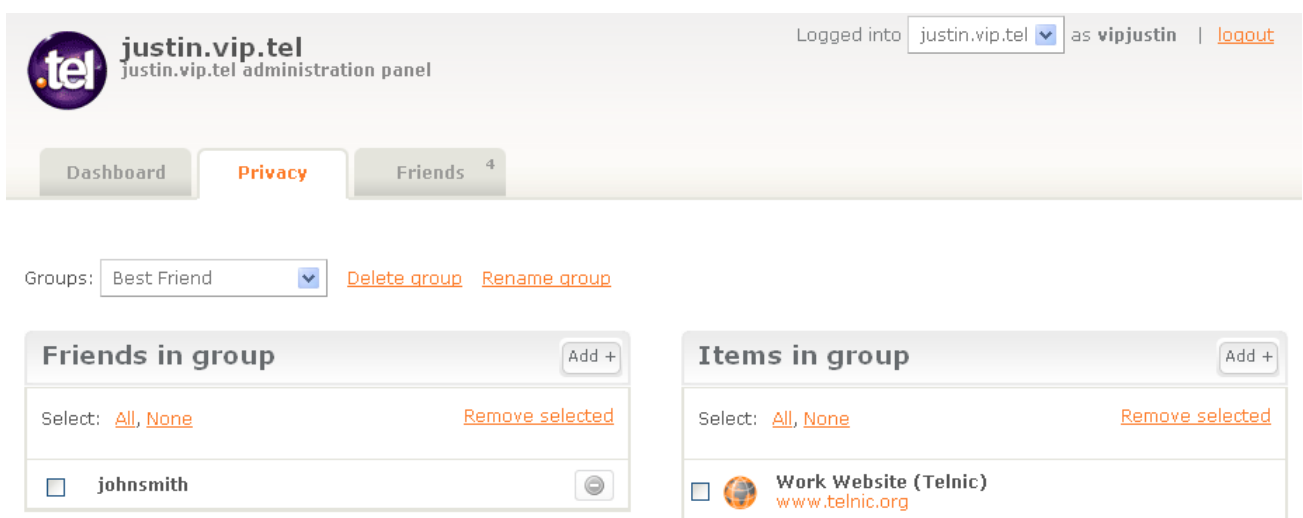


Fig. 28

Important note. You are automatically included within the All Friends Group. This is your Telnic Friending System identifier which enables you to see all of the private information that you store. So when you visit the proxy page for your domain to check what private information is available to view, you will be able to see this. You will need to add yourself to all of the other folders you create, so that you can see all of the information being made private when you view it over a browser or other devices. You can also delete yourself from these folders, including the All Friends Group, which will prevent you from seeing all private contact information when viewed outside of the management console.

Adding contact information to Groups

To add a piece of contact information to a folder (which makes it private if it has not already been added to another private sharing folder), select the folder you wish to add the information to from the drop down box (Fig. 29).

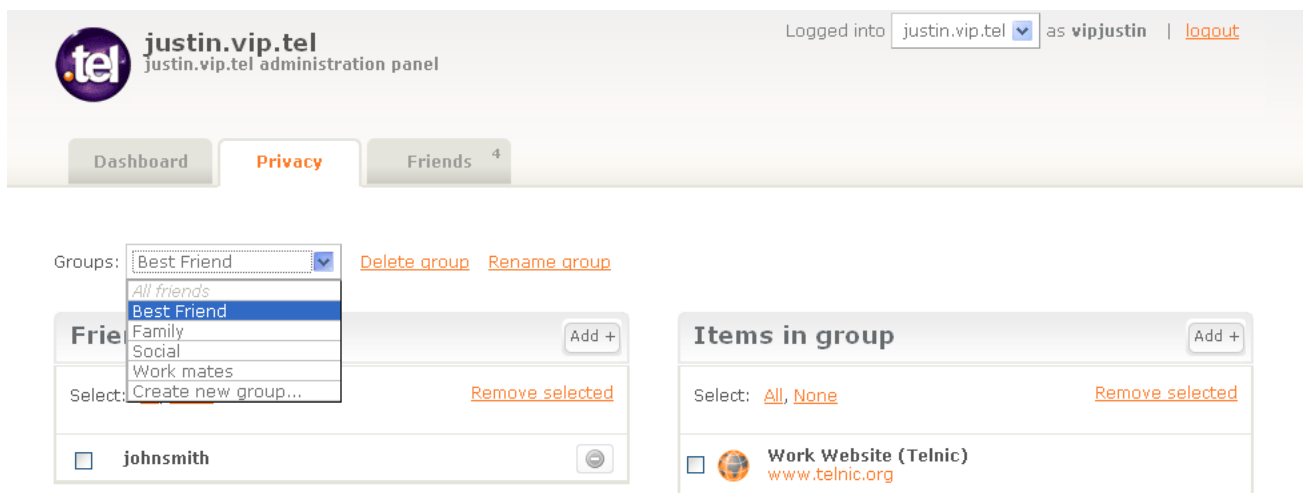


Fig. 29

Once you have opened the folder, choose the “Add+” button in the title of the “Items In Group” column. From the resulting popup screen listing items of contact information, select one or more items that you wish to add to the group (Fig. 30). Choose the contact information you wish to add and then click **Add Selected**.

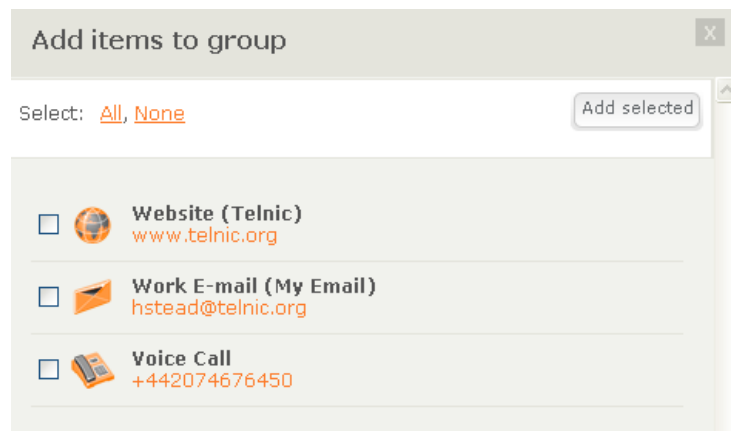


Fig. 30

FRIENDING

The figure below (Fig. 31) shows the Friending tab in the management console.

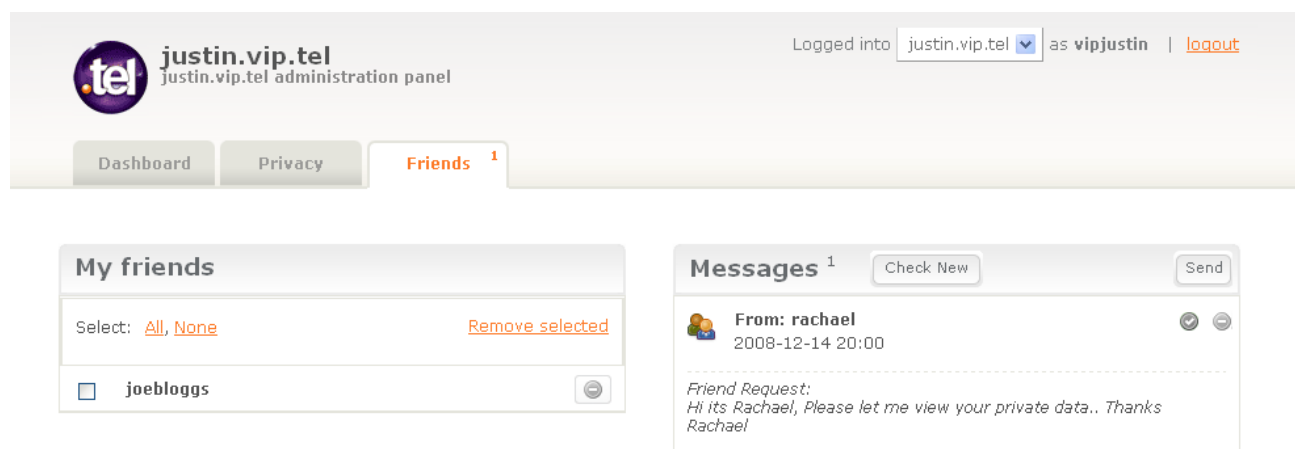


Fig. 31

The Friending page is broken down into two parts: the left-hand side shows a list of all friends; the right-hand column shows all Friending messages that require an action.

The Friending page allows you to accept or decline friend requests, view a current list of your Friends and also send and see confirmation of successful friending requests to other people with VIP.tel domains.

On commercial launch after February 3rd 2009, you will also be able to add friends and family, who may not have a .tel, once they get a TelFriends identity.

Managing Friending Messages

Friending messages establish connections between you and other VIP.tel domain owners. When you accept a friend request from someone else, you do not automatically get to see their private information as this is under the control of the VIP.tel owner and no shared authority is assumed by the system.

On the right-hand side of the Friends page, you can see up to 20 latest friending requests awaiting action. In order to see more friending messages, you will need to accept or decline the first friending request, and click the **Check New** option to refresh the page to see if any further messages are waiting.

Never accept a friending request from someone you are not sure you want to share private information with.

Accepting a request simply means that you give them the authority to see private information. They will also be notified that you have accepted their request. Declining a friending request means that you will not authorize them to see private information. In this case, the person requesting to see private information will not be notified.

The friending message system is not intended for use as an email or messaging system, so does not give you the functionality to communicate with the person applying for access to the information. This limitation enables spam and unwanted communication to be minimised during the friending process and also avoids other issues such as executable files or unsolicited and undesirable content to be embedded within the system.

A list of unread messages is also displayed on your **Dashboard** page (Fig. 32), with the full message inbox published in your **Friends** tab. A message includes the .tel domain name, date and time, and a free-form text message.

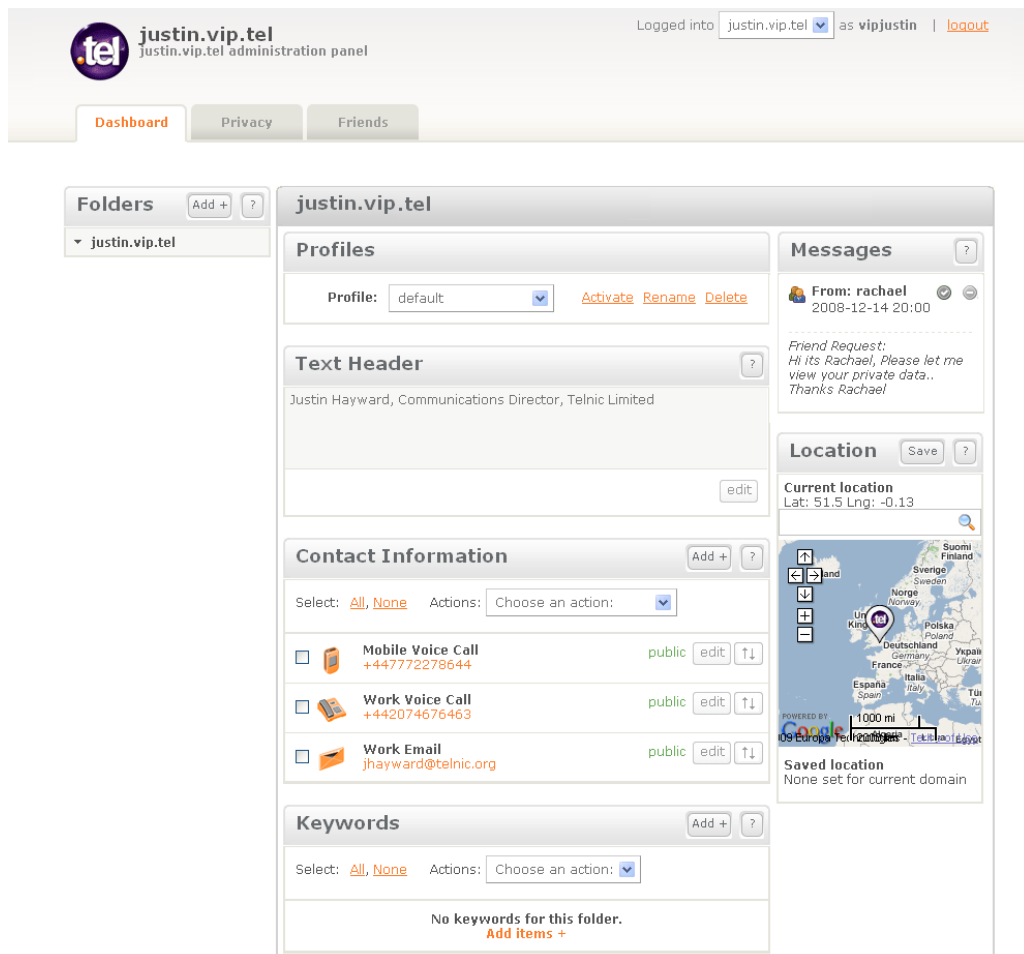


Fig. 32

To accept a friending request or acknowledge a friending response, click the green tick for the message (Fig. 33). If you do not know the person that requested to be your friend, or if you do not wish to share private information with another VIP.tel domain, click the minus icon to decline the offer and delete the message (Fig. 34).

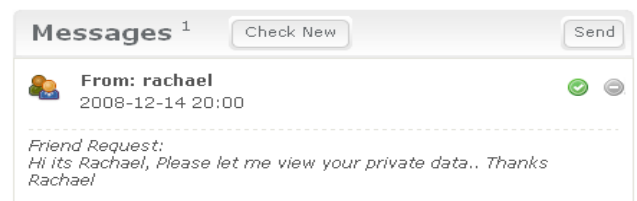


Fig. 33

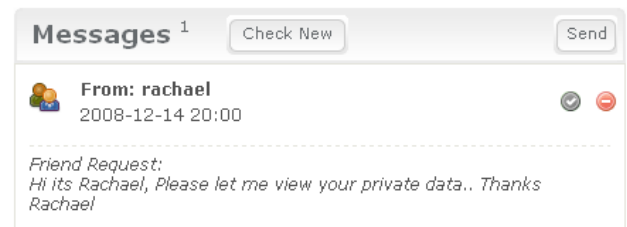


Fig. 34

If the message is a response for the completion of a successful friending request that you have sent to someone else, there will only be a tick option enabling you to confirm receipt.

Sending Friending Messages

To become a 'friend' of another participant of the VIP.tel program, you need to send that person a friending request. You can do so by using one of the options described below. Both of these friending actions allow you to send a message to a VIP.tel domain in free text format, requesting that you be added to the friend list for that domain. The system will automatically notify the .tel domain owner of your message.

Option 1:

- Go directly to the vip.tel domain that you'd like to friend (Fig. 35)
- Log in to the Telnic Friending System (Fig. 36) to see if you are a friend already
- Click **send a friend request** if you are not (Fig. 37 and 38)



Fig. 35

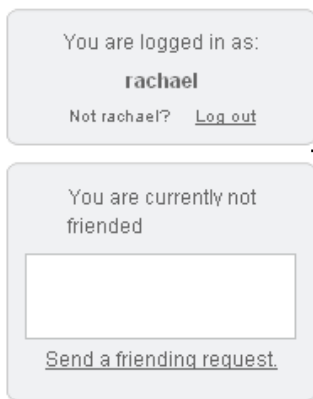


Fig. 36

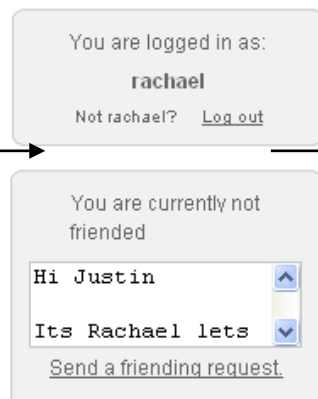


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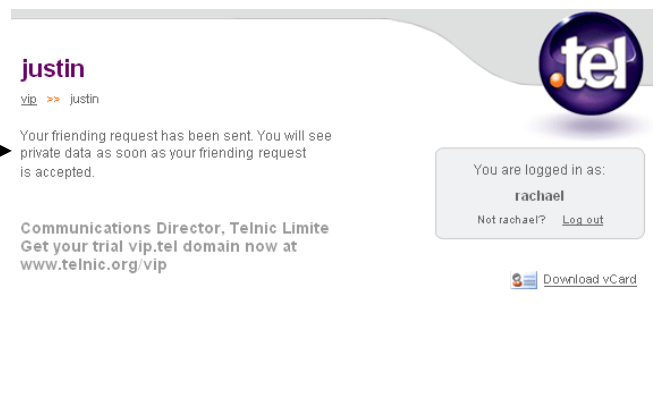


Fig. 38

Option 2:

- In your Friending tab, clicking the **send** button in the **Messages** list will open a new message enabling you to contact a known person through their Telnic Friending System identifier or .tel domain name (Fig. 39).

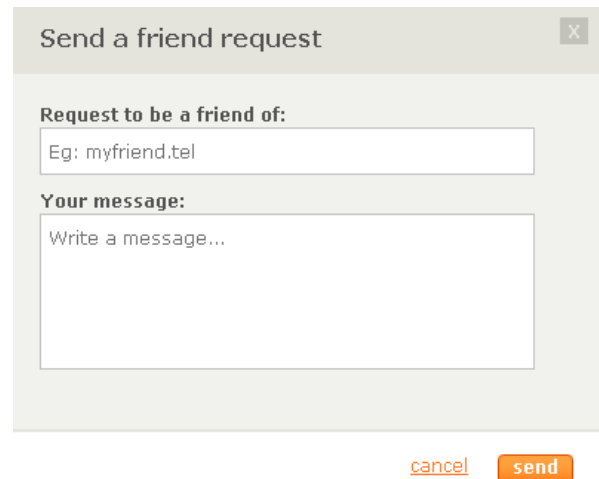
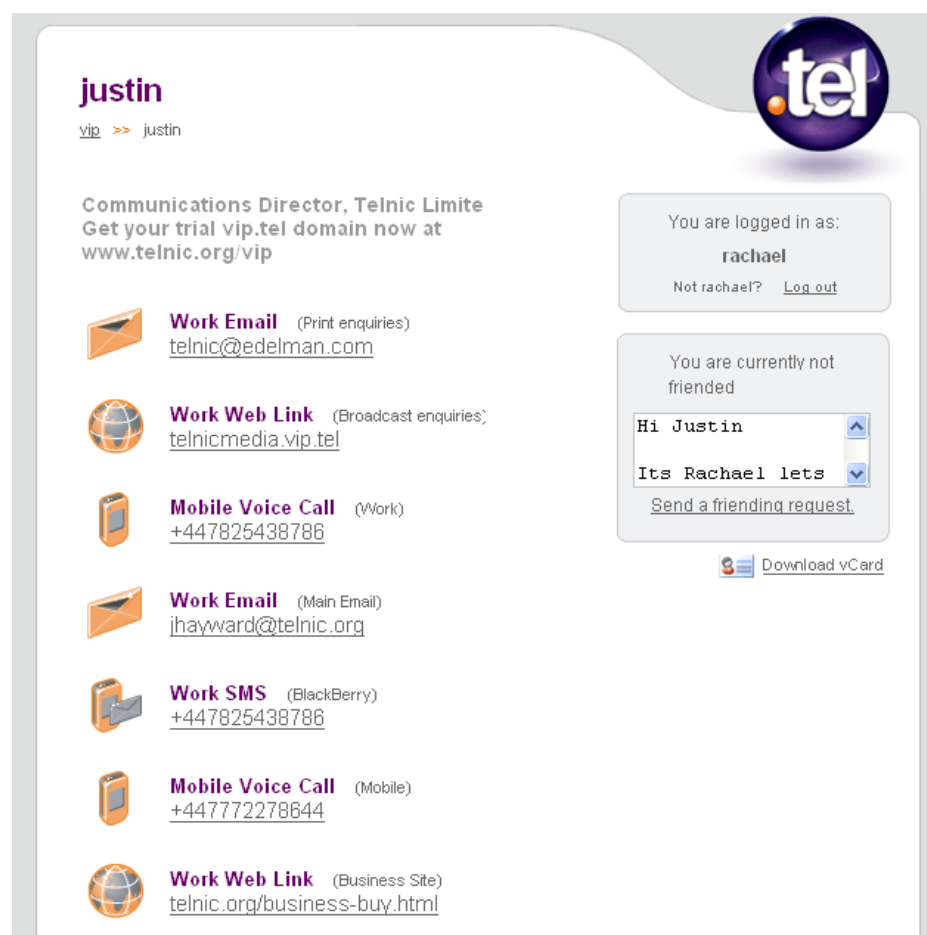


Fig. 39

Once the request has been received and accepted, you can log in at the vip.tel page and see any private contact data published for you (Fig. 40).



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Mobile Voice Call (Mobile)
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Work Web Link (Business Site)
telnic.org/business-buy.html

You are logged in as:
rachael
Not rachael? [Log out](#)

You are currently not friended

Hi Justin
Its Rachael lets
[Send a friending request.](#)

[Download vCard](#)

Fig. 40

In order to ensure that your friending request is accepted, provide enough information to identify who you are and how you know the .tel domain owner.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now you can share your .tel domain with people knowing that whenever you change your details they will have access to your most up-to-date information and only those that you wish to see your private information will be able to see it.

Get used to changing the order of the information, putting in new pieces of contact information, adding keywords that are unique descriptors for you and making information private.

Remember, only publish information with a public setting you don't mind sharing. This could be links to websites that you have a public profile on, or it could simply be the sites that you like visiting. Get comfortable knowing how to store and allocate private information and perhaps encourage some friends to sign up for a free VIP.tel account so that you can share private information with them.

If you have any further questions or would like to provide a suggestion or feedback to us whilst we are in our final development cycle, please consider the following things:

More information can be found at www.telnic.org about the overall .tel and its launch.

More technical information and feedback in a developer forum can be found and given at <http://dev.telnic.org>.

Feedback and other non-technical questions not answered on either site is welcome at VIP-support@telnic.org.

To pre-book a .tel domain name with an ICANN-accredited registrar or to find out where you can purchase a .tel domain name after December 3rd (if you own a valid trademark which meets the conditions of registration within the Sunrise period) please visit:

- For trademark owners: <http://telnic.org/business-buy.html>
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