

The 10 Tests Of Good Digital Citizenship

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1. **The Golden Rule:** Are you treating others the way that you would want to be treated?
2. **The Golden Rule 2.0:** Are you treating others the way that they would want to be treated?
3. **The Laws and Policies Test:** Does what you are doing violate a law or fundamental standard set by your educational institution or workplace?
4. **The Everybody Test:** What if everybody were doing the same thing that you are? Would you still feel good about it?
5. **The Offline Test:** What is the real world equivalent of what you are doing? Would you be willing to do that activity in the real world or make the same comment to the person's face?
6. **The Real Name Test:** Would you change your behavior if you knew that your real name would be associated with it?
7. **The Emotion Test:** Are you doing something to someone because you are angry, jealous, or otherwise emotionally charged?
8. **The Whole World Test:** Would you be comfortable with the whole world knowing what you are doing?
9. **The "Get It?" Test:** Is what you are trying to say hard to convey online? If it were misinterpreted, might it be hurtful?
10. **Your Test:** This is the test that matters most. Consider how what you are doing reflects on you as a person. What does it say about you? Do you like what it says about you? Does it reinforce the notion of the person that you want to be?