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Modifying your profile

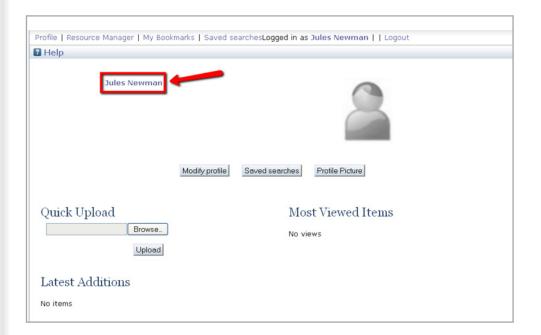
This guide covers:

- Entering and amending your details on SWAPBox
- Benefits of setting up a full profile on SWAPBox

Other guides you might be interested in are: Finding and downloading resources, Using an OER in your teaching and learning and Uploading your own OERs.

To enter your profile details on SWAPBox

Immediately after registration, your profile page will look like this:



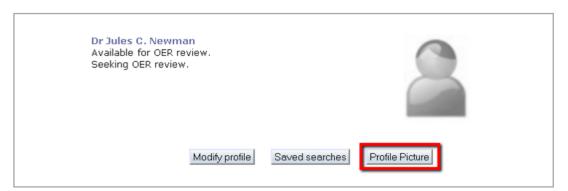
As you can see, the name details you entered during registration rather than your username have been copied over to become your profile name. If you would prefer a different display name for your profile, you can amend this by selecting 'Modify Profile' and amending the details in the name fields. Your username and log in will not be affected by you making these changes.



After making the changes in the text fields, click on the 'save' button. The amendments will be visible immediately in your user profile.



To add a profile picture, select Profile Picture, to attach and upload an image.



You should now be able to see the picture you have uploaded on your profile page.



There are a number of options to further personalise your profile page, such as adding in a short biography, specifying your occupation and indicating your interests. You can also add 'widgets'



detailing your most downloaded or viewed items or a newsfeed to your profile.

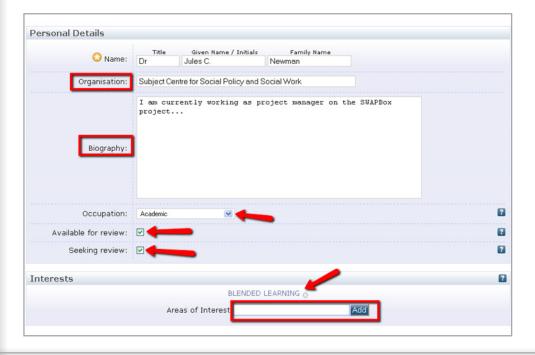
To make changes to your profile page, select 'Modify Profile'.



You will now see a number of fields under 'Personal Information' and 'Interests' that allow you to add information about yourself, your research/teaching interests and also indicate whether you would be happy to be contacted to add comments to other members' resources or are looking for comments from other members on your own materials. Remember to click save to all the changes you make.

Why should I specify my occupation or add information about my interests on SWAPBox?

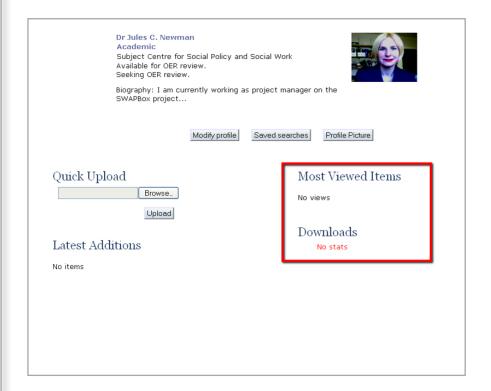
While a basic profile (registered username and password) gives you access to the upload and commenting functions and lets you view members-only resources, the OER repository is only one aspect of SWAPBox. One of the key aims of SWAPBox is the creation of an online community of educators, who interact on site. In order to help you find others with similar interests or job roles, the Browse section lets you search for members by these criteria. To ensure that your profile can be found through the Browse section, please select your occupation from the drop-down box, and add a few keywords to the Interests section.



To add a widget (for example, to display information on which of your uploaded OERs have been most viewed or downloaded, or to create a news feed) select the relevant widget from the drop-down list and click 'add widget'.



The selected widgets will then appear on your profile.

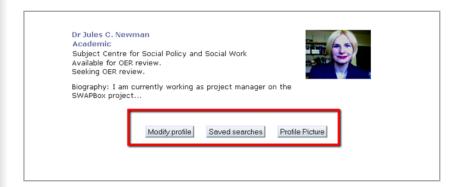


To modify your profile details on SWAPBox

You can easily amend all your profile details on SWAPBox. Once your signed in, go to the 'Profile' section.



From here, you can access the 'Modify Profile' and 'Profile Picture' links to make changes to any details previously entered.



You may also add further widgets or remove those currently selected.



Where do I go from here?

For information on how to search for existing resources, using OERs in your teaching and how to upload your own materials, please see the guides on 'Finding and Downloading Resources', 'Using an OER in your Teaching and Learning' and 'Uploading your own OERs'.