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19 Ways to Create a Profile Picture

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Are You Promoting Your Image Professionally?

The web is a visual medium... embrace it!

Discover 19 ideas and websites that will help you to make your Voices.com presence stand out, showcase your personality, and brand your profile.



Sometimes Image is Everything

You've probably heard the cliché "image is everything". In terms of audio, you wouldn't necessarily think that image means anything at all and presume that how you sound is the only thing that matters.

That may have been true years ago when agents handled most of the voice over work and break downs, but today, the reality is that the power is now in your hands to both promote yourself and get the work.

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- Vox Daily offers a daily dose of voice acting news, articles, tutorials, interviews, intelligent conversation and business ideas for voice talent and voice actors.

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Pro Headshot

If you have a professional headshot that you can use (and want to use) go for it! When you use a headshot, it's important to keep your photo current. You should have a new headshot taken every 2 to 5 years depending on your career. Many of you are also on-camera artists so you know what I mean by this. Whether or not you should use a headshot as a voice over performer is debatable... the choice is ultimately up to you and your preference.

Avatars

Here's a run down of the web's best places where you can create an avatar.

[Weblin](#) - Create an avatar and use it as your virtual self within web pages in real-time.

[Meez](#) - Create a 3D animated avatar for export directly to most web profiles, blogs and so on.

[Second Life](#) - Use this extremely popular virtual world to do just about anything, but first, you have to create your avatar. Here, avatars can be customized almost entirely, with plenty of room to create a most accurate likeness of yourself.

[Simpsons Avatar Maker](#) - "Simpsonize yourself" by creating an avatar in the classic style of the Simpsons.

[Gizmoz](#) - Create, animate, and share photorealistic, great looking avatars, and even video clips featuring them. The animation and overall look of the avatar is sourced from a real picture, actually ending up almost like a personal CGI generator.

[Gravatar](#) - Lets weblogs and similar sites display user-provided pictures from a central database.

[IMVU](#) - Just like an old-school text-based messenger, you download IMVU's software onto your PC. But with IMVU you create your own avatars who chat in animated 3D.

[fix8](#) - The webcam software that lets you animate yourself.

[Digibody's Caricature Maker](#) - Use the components of a caricature to create your unique caricature avatar.

[DoppelMe](#) - Create great looking avatars for your website or social network.

[SitePal](#) - A pay-based 3D, animated avatar creation service aimed towards business looking to create a personal presence on their website.

[Mr. Picassohead](#) - Create stunning, Picasso-like paintings which are easily transformed into avatars.

[Weeworld](#) - Interact with some quite uniquely designed avatars in a virtual world primarily based on chats and mini-games.

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[MiiWare](#) - Has a pretty cool Mii creator called MiiMaker.

[imbee](#) - The social network for young people includes an avatar creator featuring images of animals from the National Geographic Kids library.

[Yahoo's Avatars](#) - Login to your Yahoo account and simply point and click to easily create your own avatar.

Stock photography

I love stock photography. The image I used to accompany this article as well as hundreds of others here on VOX Daily have used stock photography purchased at online stock photo websites.

Try [iStockphoto](#) or [Shutterstock](#).

Take 5 minutes now and go create an avatar!

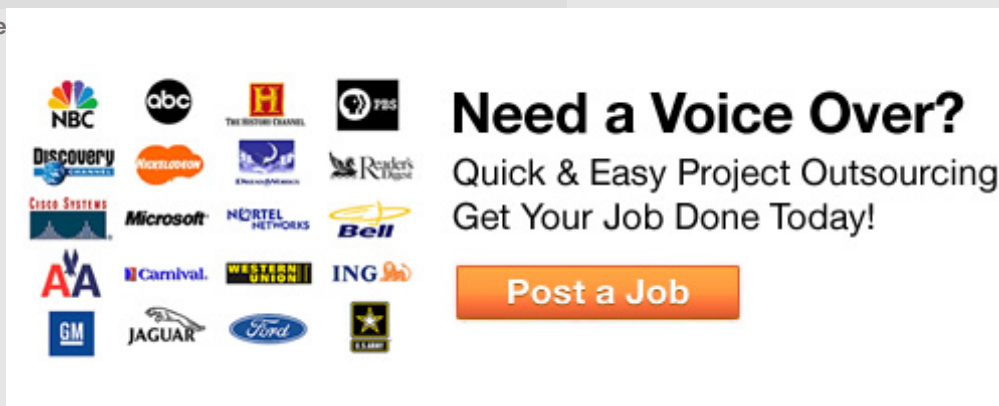
Once you've uploaded an image to your Voices.com profile, comment here on the blog and leave your URL so that we can visit to see your handiwork!

Best wishes,

Stephanie

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Great tips on making a photo!!

 Posted by: Tara LaDore

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I am a strong proponent of not having your headshot as your branding image. The last thing you want to do is give the client a reason not to hire you.

Here's my new avatar, crafted from a stock image off of iStockPhoto

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Great image, Catherine!

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