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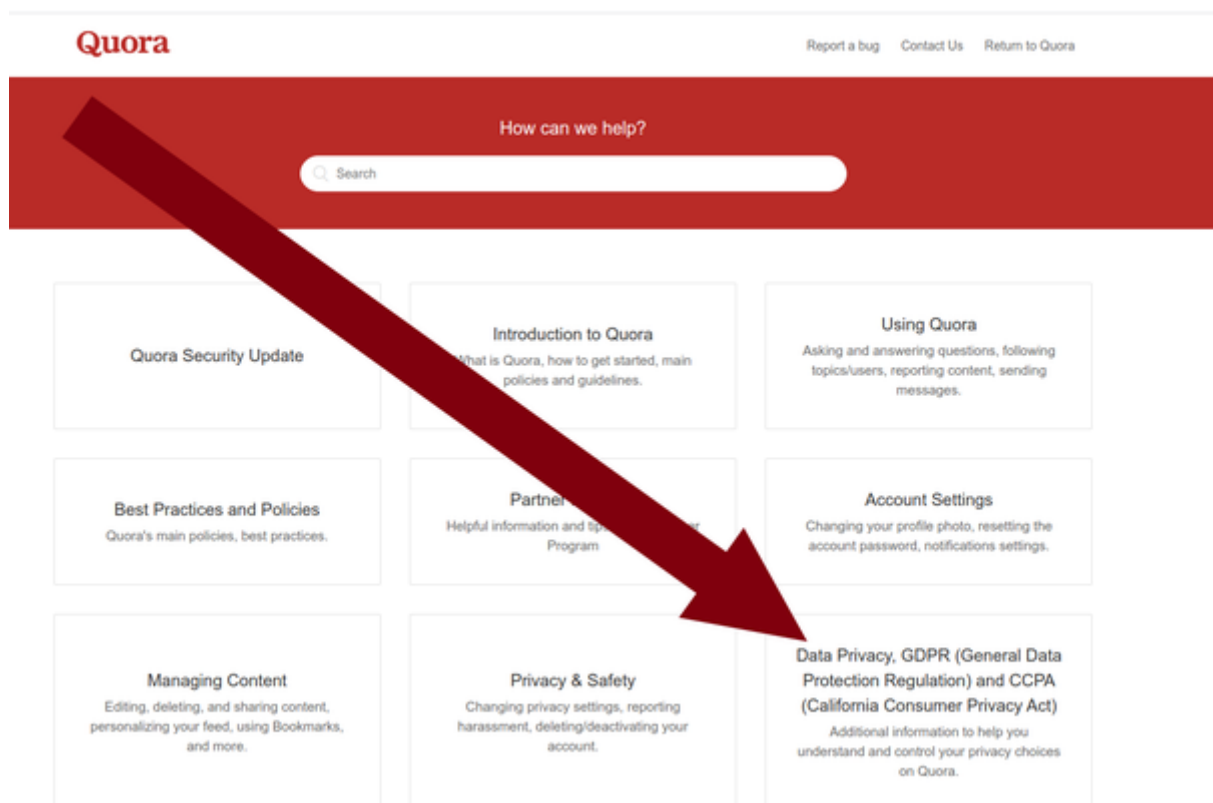
# How to Extract Your Data From Quora and Reddit



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## Thank you, GDPR!



For years, I have been what you might call a backup fanatic.

I back up my operating system, my VMs, and my hosting — all regularly.

This is all fairly easy and can be partially automated. But when it comes to smaller cloud services, I have to rely on manual methods.

That's things like [Todoist](#), cloud-hosted password managers, and everything that isn't a big monolith with an easy export functionality like [G Suite](#).

Two services had always proven troublesome in this respect, however: [Quora](#) and [Reddit](#).

Yes, there are [GitHub](#)-hosted projects aplenty promising to scrape data from both (like this project) — but a native functionality is obviously always preferable — both technically and from a reliability perspective. And last time I checked none of the Quora scrapers worked.

So ... I'm pleased to report that after a little bit of digging I am pleased to have discovered a way to back up both services.

Neither company provides convenient backup functionalities that the user can administer *themselves* (as Facebook, [Medium](#), Twitter, and LinkedIn all do). But what can I say — people begging for copies of their own data can't be choosers.

Without further a-do, here's how:

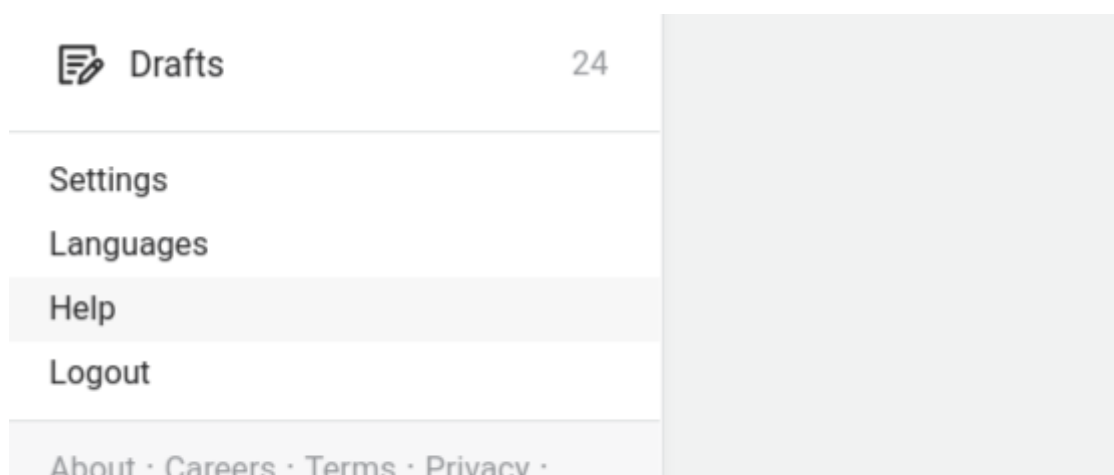
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## 1. How to Back Up Your Quora Data by Data Request

(The UI appearance and screenshots are clearly only reliable as of the time of writing):

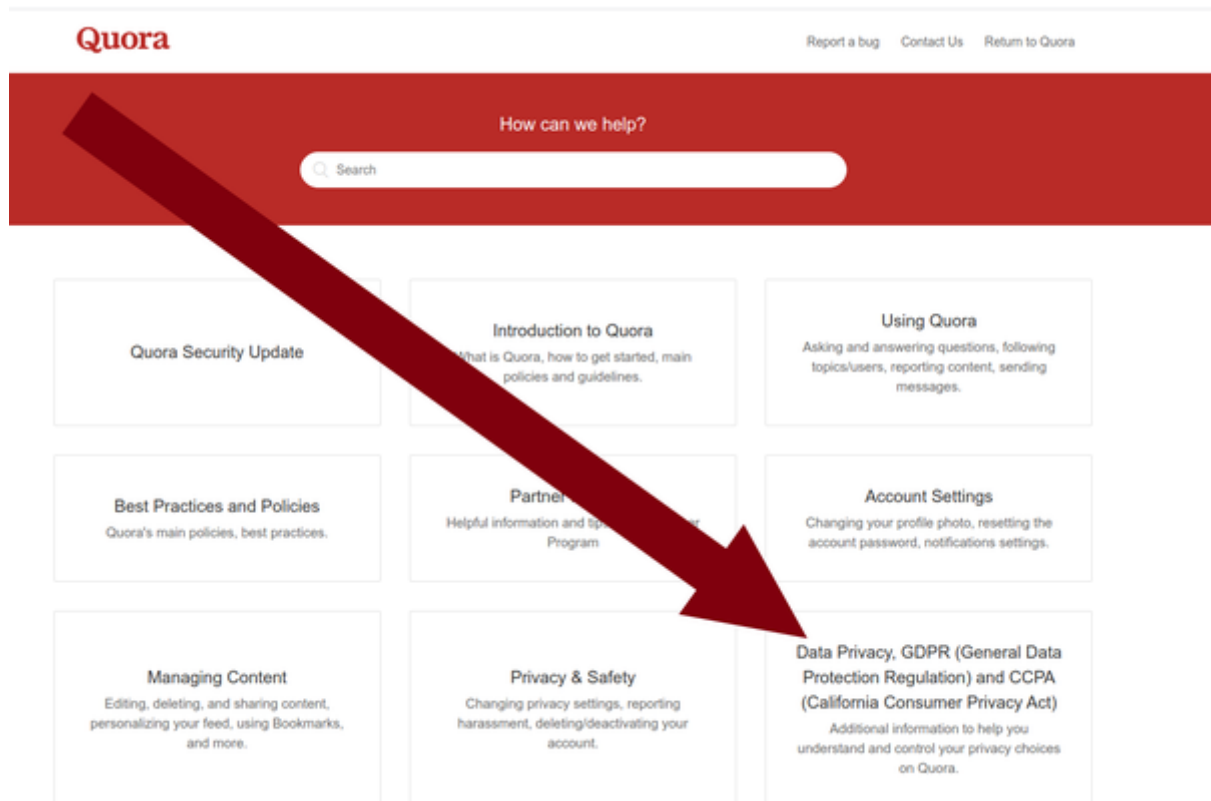
To receive a backup archive of your Quora data you need to make a data request to the company.

Under your username dropdown click on 'Help'



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In the help section landing page click on 'Data Privacy, GDPR ... and CCPA'



There's an option here entitled, "Can I Get a Copy of my Data". Click on it:

Its URL is currently: <https://help.quora.com/hc/en-us/articles/360000839503-Can-I-get-a-copy-of-my-data->

Scroll down to the 'Can I Get a Copy of My Data?'

## Data Privacy, GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) and CCPA (California Consumer Privacy Act)

Additional information to help you understand and control your privacy choices on Quora.

[Does Quora ever sell my personal data to third parties for marketing?](#)

[How can I hide ads on the Quora Platform that I don't want to see?](#)

[What opt-out choices do I have?](#)

[How can I control whether I receive adult content on the Quora Platform?](#)

[How can I block someone on the Quora Platform?](#)

[How can I control what content I see on the Quora Platform?](#)

[Can I get a copy of my data?](#)

[What data does Quora collect on me? How does Quora use my data?](#)

[Can I post things anonymously on the Quora Platform?](#)

How do I control who can see my content on the Quora Platform?

What can other people see on my Quora profile?

Follow the instructions and within 72 hours, as stated, you will get your data by email. My archive came in a little over 24 hours.

## Can I get a copy of my data?



Official Quora Account  
5 months ago · Updated

Yes. Quora will send an archive of your content and personal data to your account's primary email address on request. If you would like to request a copy of your data, you may do so by submitting a request via email to [privacy@quora.com](mailto:privacy@quora.com) or by visiting [quora.com/contact](https://quora.com/contact) and selecting "I want a copy of my data"

Please note that you will typically receive the archive within 72 hours of our team confirming that we have received your data request.



Quora will give you two archives: data and content. Content contains your answers and images:

Name	Size	Modified
images		30/04/20 23:37
index.html	866.9 KB	30/04/20 19:55

The HTML file which the process outputs looks like this in a web browser:

### Answers

#### Answer

**Question:** How do I market myself as a Ghostwriter?

**Content:**

The only complication involved in marketing oneself as a ghostwriter (versus as a bylined author) is that quite often the majority (or entirety) of one's portfolio is officially attributed to another author, i.e. the client.

There are various workarounds to this common problem, but at the very least the protocol is that clients' permission should always be sought before publicly claiming the work as that of the ghostwriter. This is vital because publicly stating that a written work is not the client's obviously negates the reason for which a ghostwriter is typically hired.

Other solutions include sharing samples privately on request (always check any contracts and NDAs signed before doing so) or forcing some kind of restriction on one's portfolio, such as password protection or token-based, time-controlled access. The objective being that it shouldn't be public-facing.

Other than that one does the typical things a writer does to get hired and win more clients. But in ghostwriting, more so than general content marketing, personal networks and referrals are key.

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**Content language:** English

Of course, if keep the images in the same folder you will get the images as well where you have them in your answers:

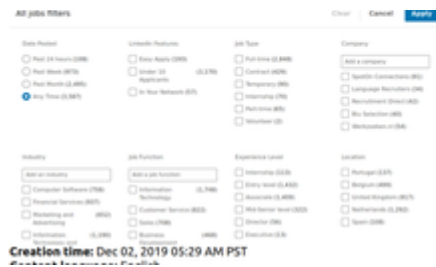
#### Answer

**Question:** How do I find out what LinkedIn skills are requested for jobs?

**Content:**

Currently, you will have to do as [Teddy Burriss](#) says and read the job specifications carefully and ask the recruiter if you are unsure.

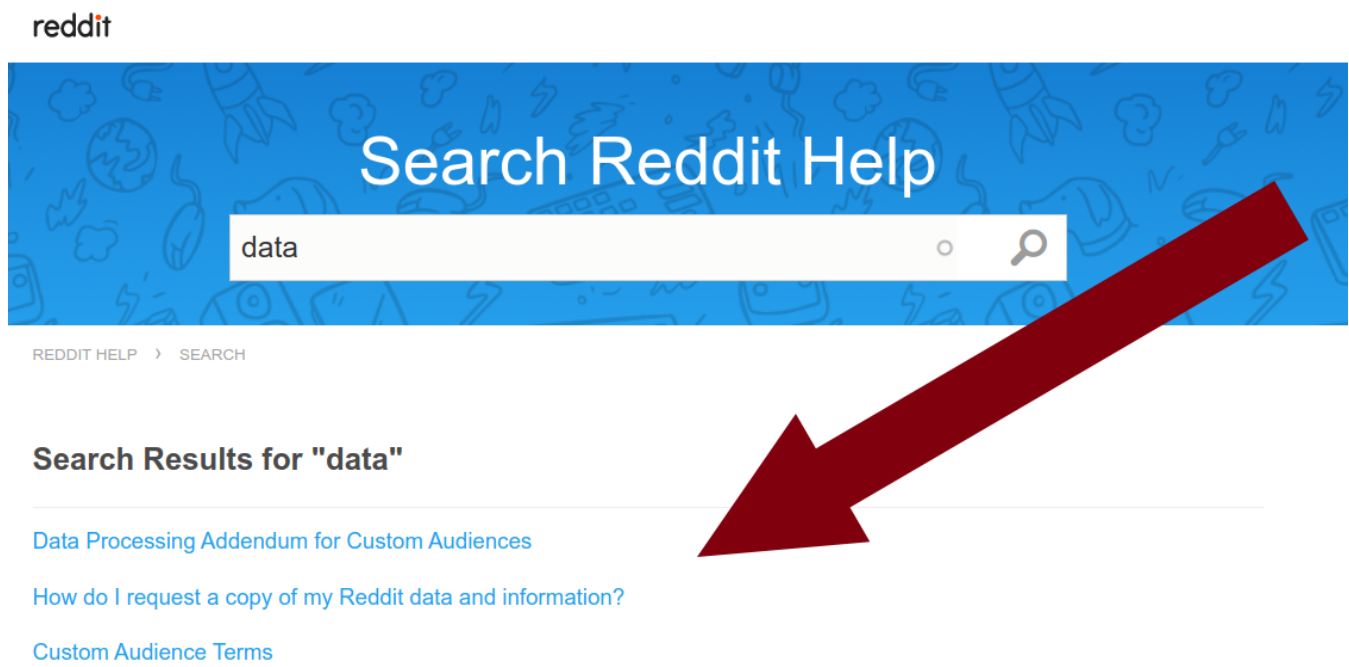
It would be a cool addition to the current set of jobs filters, but specific skills are not currently supported on either side of the marketplace as far as I know (that is to say, those listing jobs cannot cite specific skills requirements and those applying for them cannot filter jobs based on what skills the recruiter has required)



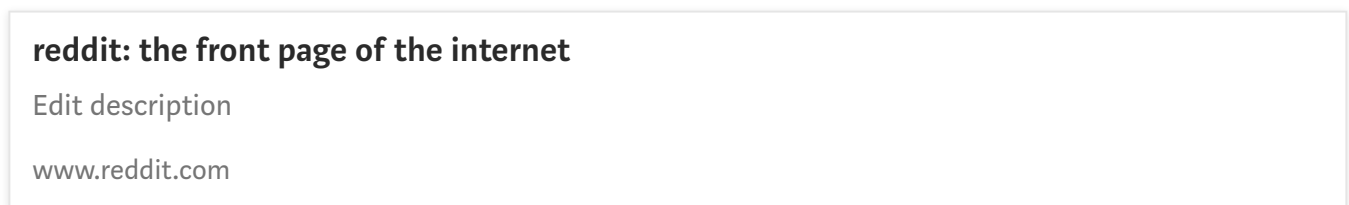
## 2. How to Back Up Your Reddit Data by Data Request

Like [Quora](#), where to download your Reddit data isn't that obvious at all.

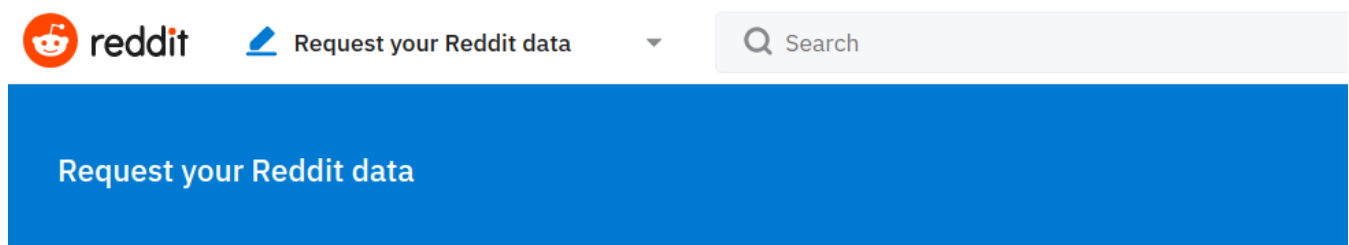
Again, the trail begins by checking out the help center rather than the account page.



That advises you to go to this URL:



I've obviously just done mine, but the page should look like this for you:



Sorry, you can only submit one request every 30 days.

It looks like we've already received this kind of request from you in the last 30 days. For an updated copy of your data, please come back after 30 days have passed since your last request.

If a download link in the message you receive expires, you can request an updated link by responding to the [message](#). For other questions or issues relating to your download, you can contact us at [RedditDataRequests@reddit.com](mailto:RedditDataRequests@reddit.com).

Complete the form below to request a copy of data Reddit has about your Reddit account. Once submitted, please allow up to 30 days for us to process your request.

USERNAME

- ☒ I want data from my full time at Reddit
- ☐ I want data from a specific date range

SUBMIT

Do as it says.

Soon thereafter the /u/RedditDataRequests bot will message you to let you know that your data is ready for download:

[/u/RedditDataRequests](#) Download a copy of your data:  
expand all collapse all

[~] from [/u/RedditDataRequests](#) [A] sent 7 hours ago

Hello,

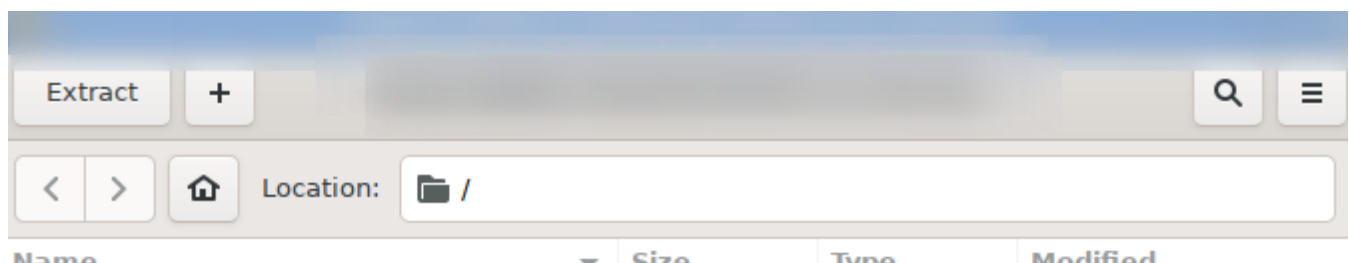
Your request has been processed, and you can download a copy of your data by clicking the link below.

[Download here](#)

If you encounter an error trying to download your data, and this message is older than seven days, you can request an updated link by responding directly to this message. For other questions or issues relating to your download, you can also contact us at [RedditDataRequests@reddit.com](mailto:RedditDataRequests@reddit.com).

Permalink Delete Mark Unread Reply

You will receive a nice Zip archive with everything from your comment and post history to your saved posts and statistics:



Name	Size	Type	Modified
approved_submitter_subreddits.csv	206 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
chat_history.csv	64.8 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
checkfile.csv	2.4 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
comment_headers.csv	477.1 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
comments.csv	1.2 MB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
comment_votes.csv	281.2 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
drafts.csv	142 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
friends.csv	15 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
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message_headers.csv	19.5 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
messages.csv	205.0 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
moderated_subreddits.csv	239 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
multireddits.csv	92 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
poll_votes.csv	144 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
post_headers.csv	207.9 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
posts.csv	704.8 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
post_votes.csv	107.0 kB	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
reddit_gold_information.csv	48 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
saved_comments.csv	127 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
saved_posts.csv	582 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12
statistics.csv	201 bytes	CSV docum...	30 April 2020, 16:12

The data is pretty well formatted.

id	permalink	date	ip	subreddit	gildings	title

It's not that hard. In both cases, I got my data back in just over 24 hours. Thank you to Reddit and [Quora](#) (but particularly, Quora) for making this possible.



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