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Iteration 6

This week I went through a couple dozen websites and almost a couple dozen tutorial videos in hopes of trying to figure out how to get the Facebook autoposter app to work for anyone, not just the admin/developer. I found no resources that directly answered this issue. They all seemed to be about the developer creating a Facebook app for self use.

app name: justin's auto poster

facebook group / org / page: GROUP X, GROUP Y, GROUP Z - these are all using Justin's AUto Poster to automate their posts on a schedule.

How does the post appear in the group?

(a) as posted by Justin?

(b) as posted by the ADMIN of GROUP X/Y/Z

While the app is “in development” mode, it can only be used by someone with an Admin or Developer role on the Facebook app and also an Admin role on a group page. I am unclear how or if it changes if the app is in “Live” mode. One video tutorial I watched seemed to indicate that it needs to be in Live mode for others to use it.

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(OPTION A) The organizations register their own app (per the 25 step process Justin outlined) and get it formally approved by Facebook.

Then their postings appear as if these are coming from them.

(OPTION B). How are all these commercial apps work?

When the posts appear in the GROUPs, do these show up as posts by APP? or posts by ORGANIZATION?

Investigate OPTION B.

All of the websites and videos I found showed the developer connecting their Facebook app to a URL domain. My assumption is that the commercial online autoposter apps must do this. The commercial websites also require that the user login to their Facebook account when registering for their service and choose which group to post to. My guess is that is how they get the information to make their services work. They must have some code that captures the Facebook credentials, uses them to return a list of groups that user is an Admin of, and then make posts. Other than the one video comment that said that an app needs to be in Live mode for others to use, I’m still unclear how to go forward and make this work. If a URL domain is needed, I do not understand how the Java program can be used. It is possible, we might need a Facebook Login function in order to capture credentials which will likely require more code of some sort (might not be Java).