

Birdopolis - Facebook - Making and Working with Test Accounts

Facebook test accounts aka test users let you test Facebook apps without involving real accounts.

Admin Notes

You will need access as an administrator or developer for the Birdopolis app accounts at <https://developers.facebook.com/apps>.

Making a Test Account

1. Go to <https://developers.facebook.com/apps> and go to the version of the app (Birdopolis-dev, Birdopolis-qa, Birdopolis [production]) where you will add test accounts.
2. Click the Edit Roles link.
3. Find the Test Users section and click its Add link.
4. In the dialog that appears, enter the number of test accounts you want to make and check the Authorize this App checkbox. Click OK and then click Close when the dialog tells you it successfully created new accounts. The new accounts will be at the top of the Test Users section.

Although the test account is useable at this point, it's best to also do this steps at this time:

1. Find the Test Users section and click its Modify link. In the list of test accounts, find the account you want.
2. If you want to give the account a better name, click on the account name and enter the name you want in the dialog.
 - Warning: Once in a great while, a name change will not work right and it will be very hard to log in to the account. If this happens, just delete the account as it cannot be fixed.
3. Make sure the app is authorized. It usually isn't for a new account (even if you checked the Authorize this App checkbox).
 1. Click the Switch To link for the account.
 2. Occasionally, Facebook will ask you to set up further security or enable the timeline for the account; just do what is the quickest to get through this stuff.
 3. If you're not on the account's home page (usually you won't be), click Home.
 4. Look for the app's link in the app listing on the left of the page.
 - If it is there, click it to make sure the app runs.
 - If it is not there (usually it won't be for a new account), type 'Birdopolis' in Facebook's search box and choose the app version you want. Authorize the app and make sure it loads OK.

Setting Up a Test Account for an Outside Tester

1. Follow ALL the steps in Making a Test Account above.
2. Click the Set Password link for the account. Set a password for the account. Note down the password so you can tell it to the outside tester.
3. Click Switch To for the account you will provide to the outside tester.
4. Click the down-pointing triangle next to Home at the top of the screen and then click Account Settings. Find the primary email for the account and note it so you can tell it to the outside tester. The email will look something like: lebioxz_yangescu_1348862449@tfnw.net.
5. Make sure you can access the app from the account (go to Home and then click the app's link). If the account has already played the app, reset the app for the account (via the god code) if you want the user to start from the beginning.
6. Tell the outside tester the email and password for the account. Have the tester log out of their own Facebook account and log in using the test account.

Using a Test Account

1. Go to <https://developers.facebook.com/apps> and go to the version of the app (Birdopolis-dev, Birdopolis-qa, Birdopolis [production]) where you will add test accounts.
2. Click the Edit Roles link.
3. Find the Test Users section and click its Modify link. In the list of test accounts, find the account you want.
4. Click the Switch To link for the account.
5. If you're not on the account's home page (usually you won't be), click Home.
6. Look for the app's link in the app listing on the left of the page and click up. If there's no link, refer to the second half of Making a Test Account above to add the link.

Adding Friends to a Test Account

Test accounts can only be friends with other test accounts for the app. Here's how to set up friends for an existing test account:

1. Go to <https://developers.facebook.com/apps> and go to the version of the app (Birdopolis-dev, Birdopolis-qa, Birdopolis [production]) where you will add test accounts.
2. Click the Edit Roles link.
3. Find the Test Users section and click its Modify link. In the list of test accounts, find the account you want.
4. Click the checkbox that precedes the account name. ONLY CHECK ONE NAME (otherwise the adding friends process will silently fail).
5. Click the Add Friends button. (If nothing happens, make sure you have one account checked per the last step.)
6. In the dialog that appears, check the other test accounts that you want to make freinds of the checked test account. (The dialog will contain the name of the test account you are making friends for; do not check it or things may not work right.)
7. Click the dialog's Make Friends button. Wait for confirmation and then close the dialog.

One Last Gotcha

- When you use Switch To to run a test account, the developer's page stays open in its own tab/window. The page displays that you are still logged in to Facebook. YOU ARE NOT! The test account is logged in and it will not have admin/developer privileges, so doing anything in developers.facebook.com/apps will now fail. You must log out the test account and log in your real account before you can working with developers.facebook.com/apps again.