

# Default Settings

## Private/Public Profiles

By default, new profiles are set to **private**. This means that only super administrators and the member him/herself may see and access that profile's information. Private profiles do not display in search results.

## Public Profiles by Default

Member profiles may be set to public by default via the administrative Members component. To do so, log in to the administrative back-end and find **Members** in the **Components** list of the main menu. Once the Members manager page has loaded, locate the **Parameters** button in the toolbar (top right, opposite of the **Members** heading). Click this. You should be presented with a series of settings. Find **Default Privacy** and set to **Public**. All new accounts will now default to public profiles.

**Note:** any accounts created before changing this setting will retain whatever configuration they had. For instance, private profiles will remain private unless manually changed by the user.