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I have two profiles - why did this happen and how can I fix it?

Duplicate profiles are sometimes created because of the various ways you can sign up to ResearchGate. The best way to fix this is to delete whichever profile is less complete. At this time, there’s no possibility to merge duplicate profiles.

To delete your secondary profile:

1. Log in with the email address you used to create your secondary profile
2. Go to your Account Settings page
3. Scroll down to the bottom of the page
4. Click the red **Delete account** button.

If you no longer have access to the old profile, please let us know through the Contact form and provide us with the ResearchGate URLs or email addresses for the duplicate profiles. Also, please specify which link should be kept and which link should be merged.

Please note that we can only transfer the publications to your new account and remove the old one. Profile views, followers, followings and questions will not be transferred.

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I've discovered a profile in my name. What can I do?

When browsing ResearchGate you might come across a profile in your name. This is most likely an **author profile**. They can be easily recognized as they have URLs that start with "www.researchgate.net/researcher/". Author profiles contain bibliographic data of published and **publicly available information**. They exist to make claiming and adding publications to your profile easier.

To claim your author profile and all the publications listed on it, click the Are you this author? button on the top right-hand side of the page. The author profile will then be merged with your ResearchGate profile. If you don’t have a ResearchGate profile yet, click Are you {name}? to be guided through the sign-up process. Once you've created an account, you'll be able to manage and edit all of the publications on your profile.

For more information about reporting duplicates, see Reporting duplicate publications and profiles