

# The Risky Business of Onboarding

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# Onboarding: how new users get in

**But wait, I'm a  
developer? Why  
should I care?**







# 30 day projects: research for dummies



Identify  
Teach  
Engage



The perfect  
onboarding does  
not exist



An aerial photograph of four small boats, likely kayaks or rowing shells, floating on a body of water. The boats are arranged in a row, slightly angled. From left to right, they are white with blue accents, red with blue accents, wooden with red and blue accents, and white with blue accents. The water is a muted blue-grey. A semi-transparent blue overlay covers the entire image, and the text 'The order is not important' is centered in white. The text is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The first line 'The order is not' is on one line, and the second line 'important' is on the line below it.

# The order is not important



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# People fake stuff



Do you need to  
know?



A good onboarding  
only asks the  
absolute minimum



Facebook - Log In or Sign Up

https://www.facebook.com

facebook

Email or Phone

Password

Log In

Forgot account?

Connect with friends and the world around you on Facebook.

See photos and updates from friends in News Feed.

Share what's new in your life on your Timeline.

Find more of what you're looking for with Facebook Search.

Sign Up

It's free and always will be.

First name

Last name

Mobile number or email

Re-enter mobile number or email

New password

Birthday

Month

Day

Year

Why do I need to provide my birthday?


☐ Female


☐ Male

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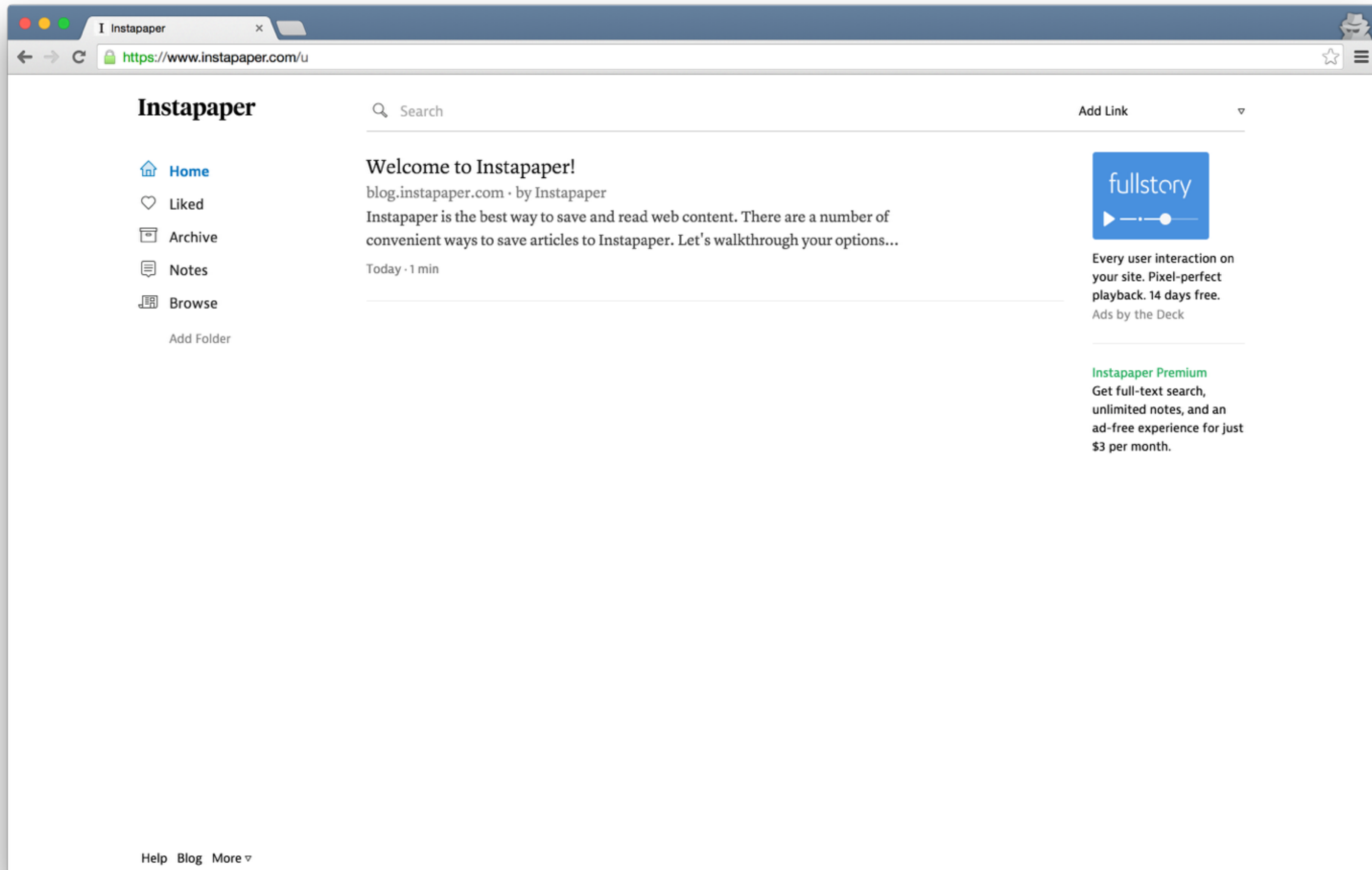
# The process

1. Make a list of everything you like to know
2. For every field, write down why you need this
3. Next, write down how a user would benefit from sharing this specific piece of information
4. Cross off everything else

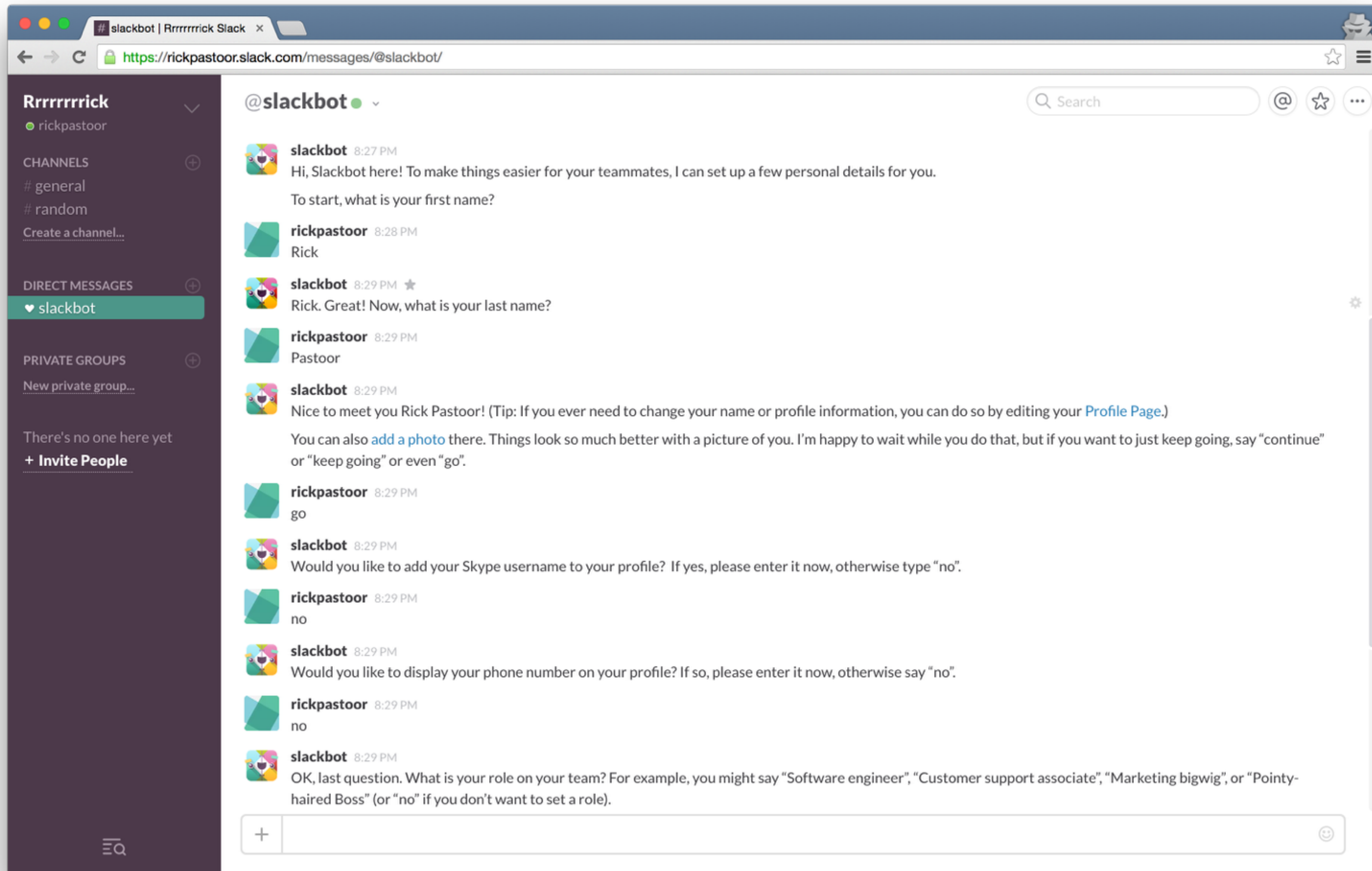


A little bit of  
knowledge could  
result in sticky users











# What is your magic moment?



# Questions

1. What are your product's most important or most frequently used features?
2. Which features might make a new user feel comfortable?
3. Which feature has the most impact on growing the product?



# Sweet vs salt

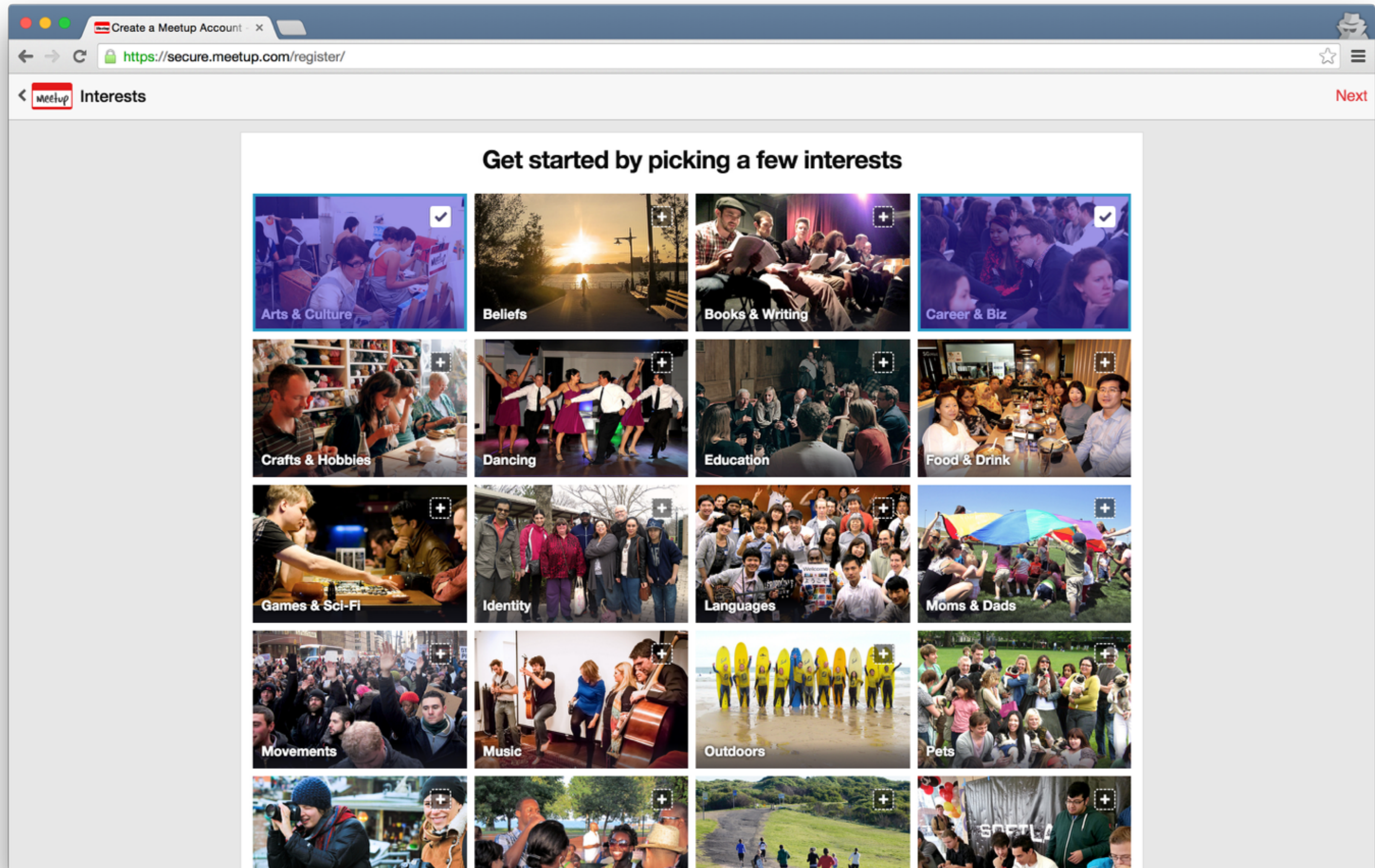


# A good onboarding sets you up for success



# Collect data to set up external triggers







A bird is perched on a horizontal pipe. Two large, dark, dome-shaped objects hang from the pipe, one on each side of the bird, creating a visual metaphor for a balance scale. The background is a solid light blue.

# The balancing act



# Questions

1. What sorts of external triggers can you build into the product?
2. What data does the user need to share in order to set up meaningful triggers?



# Onboarding is never done





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