Google+ is Officially Shutting Down on April 2nd by @MattGSouthern

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An official date has been set for the shut down of Google+, which will now occur on April 2nd.

Users have slightly over two months to retrieve their Google+ data before it's gone forever.

> *"On April 2nd, your Google+ account and any Google+ pages you created will be shut down and we will begin deleting content from consumer Google+ accounts."*

Deleted data includes photos and videos in personal albums as well as Google+ pages. Photos and videos backed up in Google Photos will not be deleted.

For complete information on how to export your Google+ data, see my article here.

Google notes that the process of deleting content will take a few months, during which time content may remain online.

> *"… users may still see parts of their Google+ account via activity log and some consumer Google+ content may remain visible to G Suite users until consumer Google+ is deleted."*

It was first announced back in October 2018 that Google+ would be shutting down as a result of a data breach and low consumer adoption.

The original plan was for Google+ to shut down by August 2019, however, that date was moved up to April following a second

data breach.

Google did not announce an exact date for the shut down until today.

Another date to keep in mind is **February 4th**, which is when users will no longer be able to create new Google+ profiles, pages, communities or events.

One more date to be aware of is **March 7th**, which is when commenting via Google+ will be removed from all sites.

Lastly, in early March, Google+ Community owners and moderators will be able to download a full set of data from their communities. You can learn how to do that here.

Google+ for G Suite will remain active, there are no plans to shut down the enterprise version at this time.

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