

tradingpost

user manual



A Bartering System Web Application

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ABSTRACT

The Trading Post web application is where people can obtain new or used products without spending a dime. We are a bartering system that allows users to trade their own goods or services with other users. In this document, you will find user-friendly instructions that will guide you through the Trading Post. Screenshots of each page with how-to instructions will be provided to show you how to use and navigate Trading Post. The pages we will cover in this document are the sign up, log in, recent posts, user profile, and search results pages. Through the profile page, there are additional subpages – inventory, wish list, and trades – that will also be covered in this document.

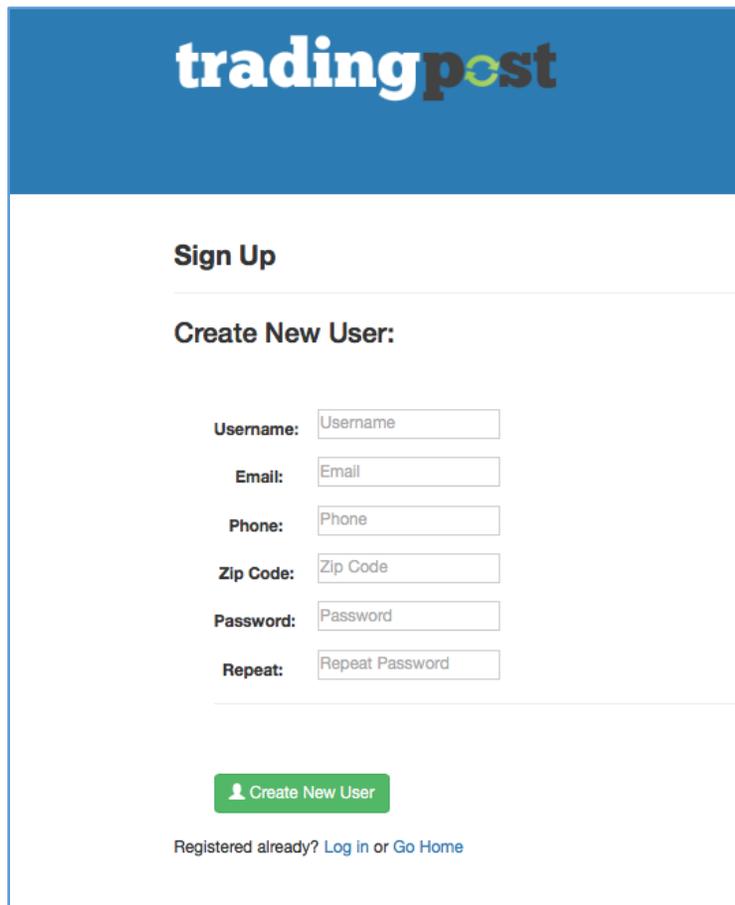


SIGN UP

Before you can use the Trading Post application for trading, you have to create an account.

Below is a screen shot of the sign up page where you must input your account information.

You may be wondering, why do we need this information? The email and phone number will help users communicate with each other, while the zip code will allow users to trade within their own zip code or local community.

A screenshot of the Trading Post sign-up page. The page has a blue header with the 'tradingpost' logo. Below the header, the title 'Sign Up' is displayed. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Create New User:' followed by a form with six input fields: 'Username', 'Email', 'Phone', 'Zip Code', 'Password', and 'Repeat'. At the bottom of the form is a green button with a person icon and the text 'Create New User'. Below the button, there is a link that says 'Registered already? Log in or Go Home'.

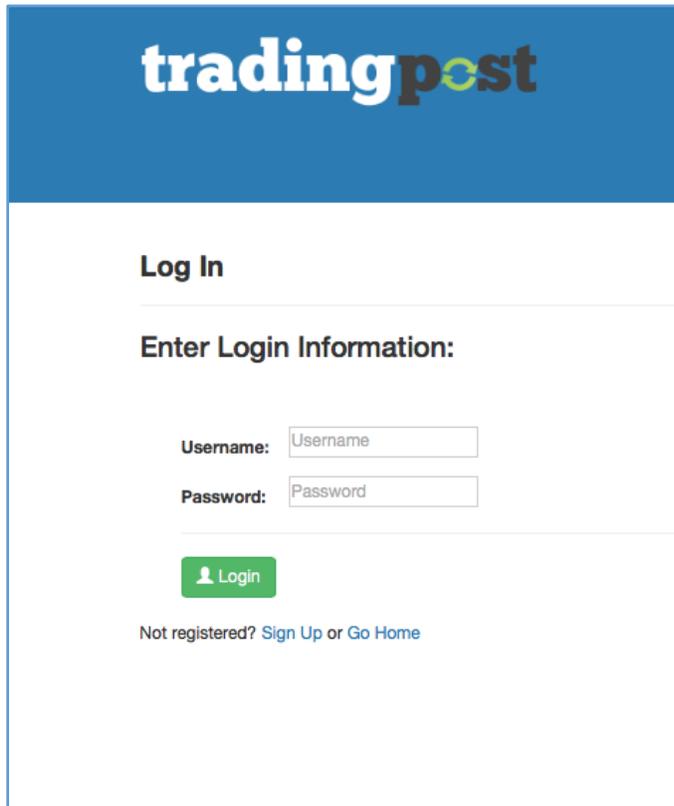
To sign up for a free account:

1. Provide all the information (all the items are case sensitive and required to register).
2. Click Create New User.



LOG IN

If you already signed up, you can then log into your account.

A screenshot of the Trading Post login page. The page has a blue header with the 'tradingpost' logo. Below the header, the text 'Log In' is displayed. Underneath, there is a section titled 'Enter Login Information:' containing two input fields: 'Username:' and 'Password:'. Below these fields is a green 'Login' button with a person icon. At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says 'Not registered? Sign Up or Go Home'.

To log in:

1. Enter username and password.
2. Click Login.



RECENT POSTS

As soon as you log in, you will be redirected to the Recent Posts page. This page displays the six most recent posts added by users. Clicking on one of the listed items will redirect you to a page with more information on the selected post. Navigate to this page by clicking on the Trading Post logo at the top or on the menu item titled "Recent Posts".



Recent Posts

 <p>Haircut Service Posted by Mana Quantity: 1</p>	 <p>Gardening Service Posted by Cosi Quantity: 1</p>	 <p>Dog Walking Service Posted by Nina Quantity: 1</p>
 <p>Water Bottles Goods Posted by Jess Quantity: 20</p>	 <p>Tomatoes Goods Posted by John Quantity: 4</p>	



Tomatoes

John (Feedback)

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[Request a trade](#)

[Add to wishlist](#)

Description:

Type: Goods

Quantity: 4

Category: Food

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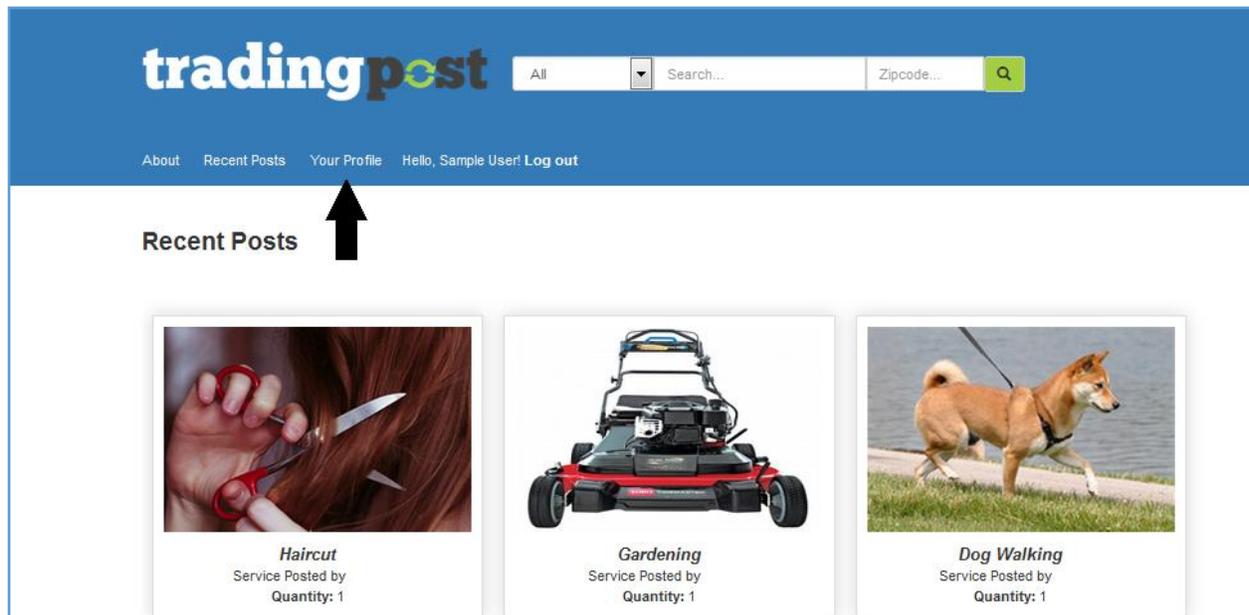
To view the item's description:

1. Click on the item you want to view.
2. The page will redirect you to the item description.



PROFILE

After creating an account and logging in, you can click **Your Profile** (located on the navigation pane) to access your inventory, trades, and wishlist.



To view your profile:

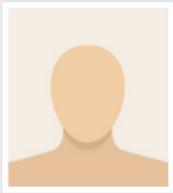
1. Log in using your account.
2. Click Your Profile on upper left.

****If you are not logged in, user won't be able to access the Your Profile page.**

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About Recent Posts Your Profile Hello, Sample User! Log out

Your Profile

 Sample User
user@email.com
ZIP 12345

Inventory ← 1
Wishlist ← 2
Messages
Trades ← 3

Feedback Score
0 / 5 Star Rating
Out of 0 ratings

Recent Feedback

"Great service!"

"I traded baby sitting for excellent fresh fruits! I recommend trading with this user."

1. To view your inventory:

1. Make sure you are on your profile.
2. Click **Inventory** next to your profile picture.

2. To view your wishlist:

1. Click **Your Profile**.
2. On the Profile page, click **Wishlist**.

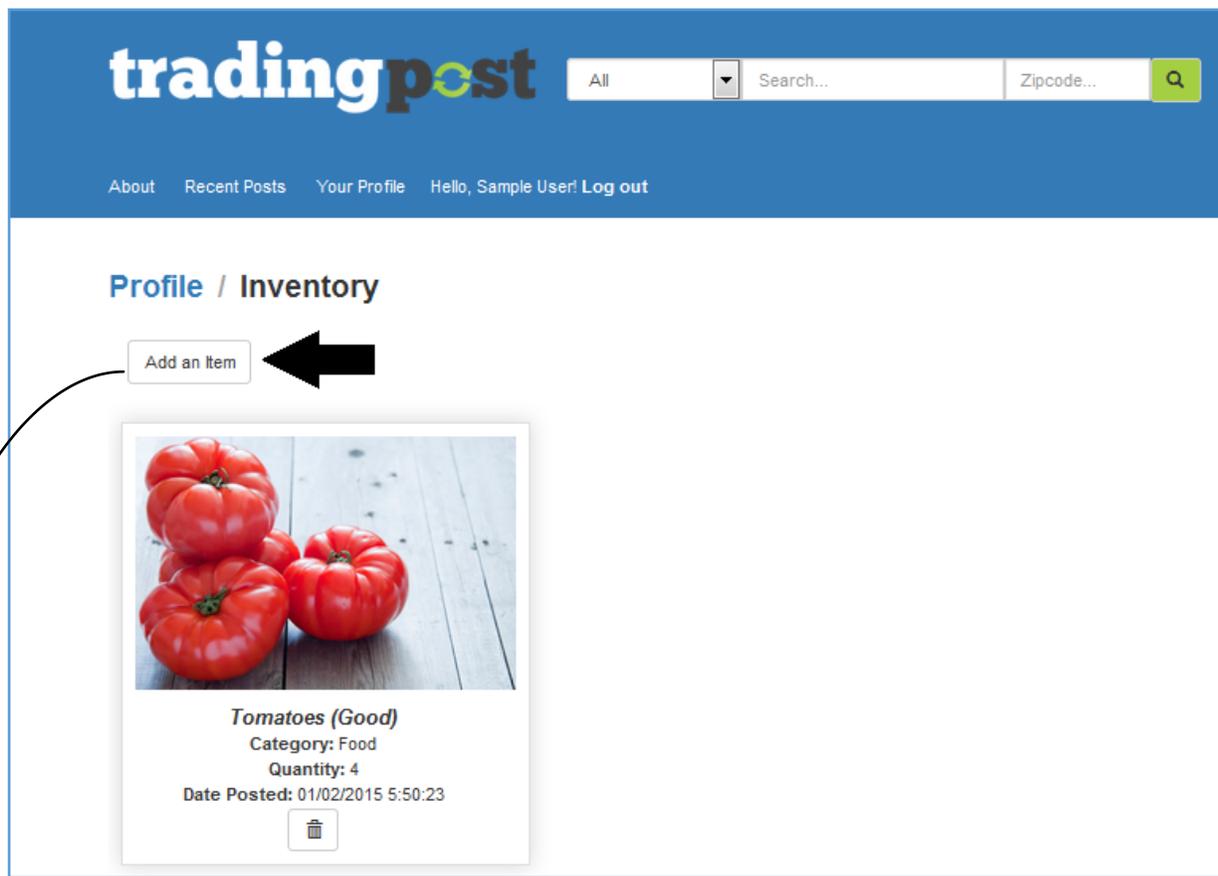
3. To view your incoming/outgoing trades:

1. Click **Your Profile**.
2. On the Profile page, click **Trade**.



INVENTORY

Your inventory can be accessed from your profile page. User inventory shows all of the user's goods and/or services to offer. On this page, you can also add/remove goods or services from your inventory.



The 'Add an Item' form contains the following fields:

- Name:
- Type:
- Quantity:
- Category:

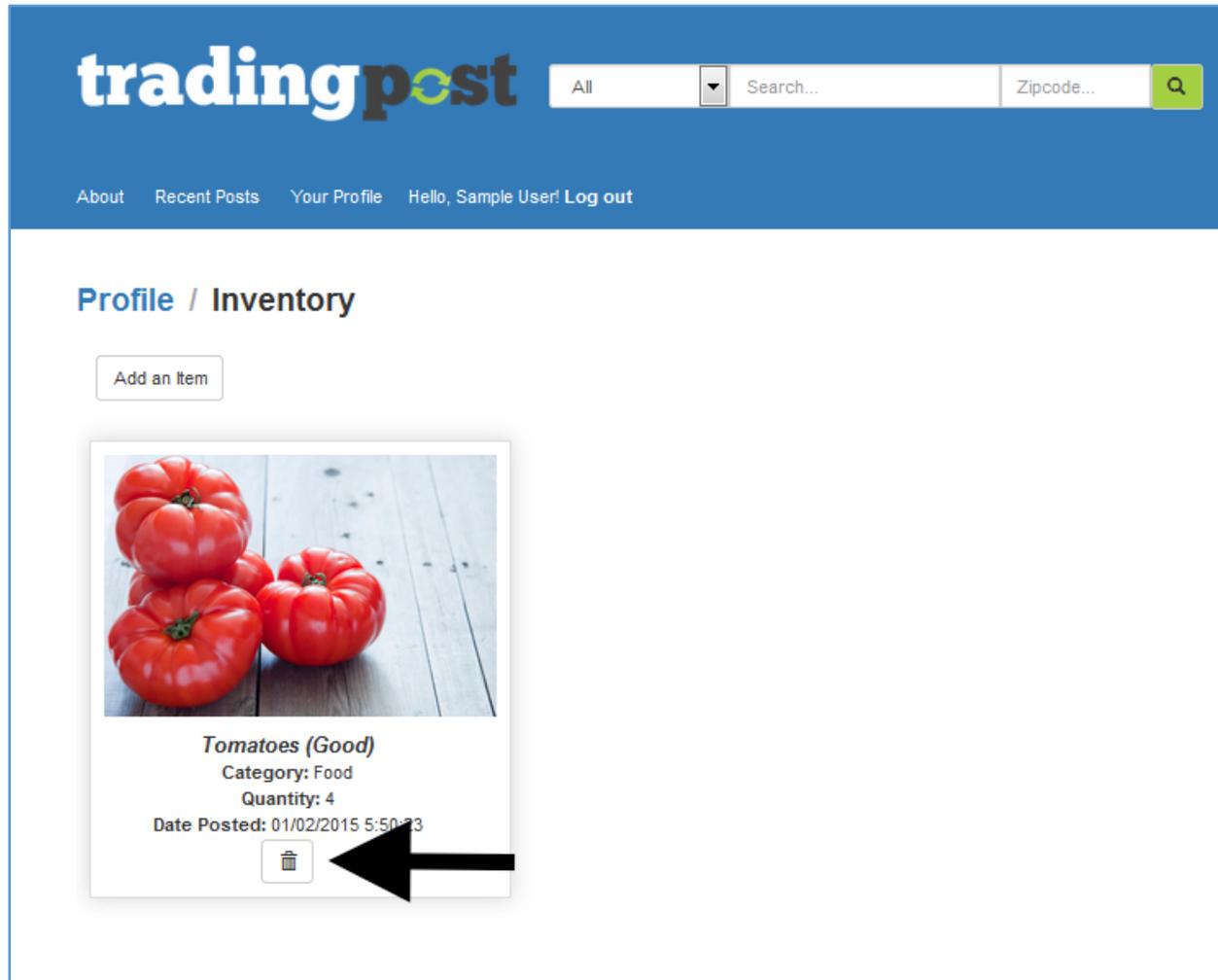
At the bottom of the form is a green button labeled 'Add to Inventory'.

To add an item:

1. Click on **Add an item**.
2. You will be prompted to fill out the item's description.
3. Click **Add to Inventory**.

To remove an item:

1. Click the  icon.
2. Confirm that you want to remove the item.

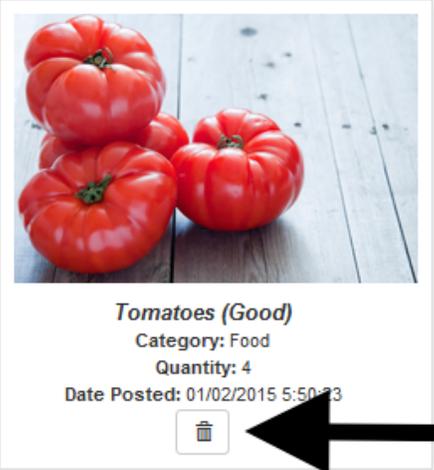


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Profile / Inventory

[Add an Item](#)



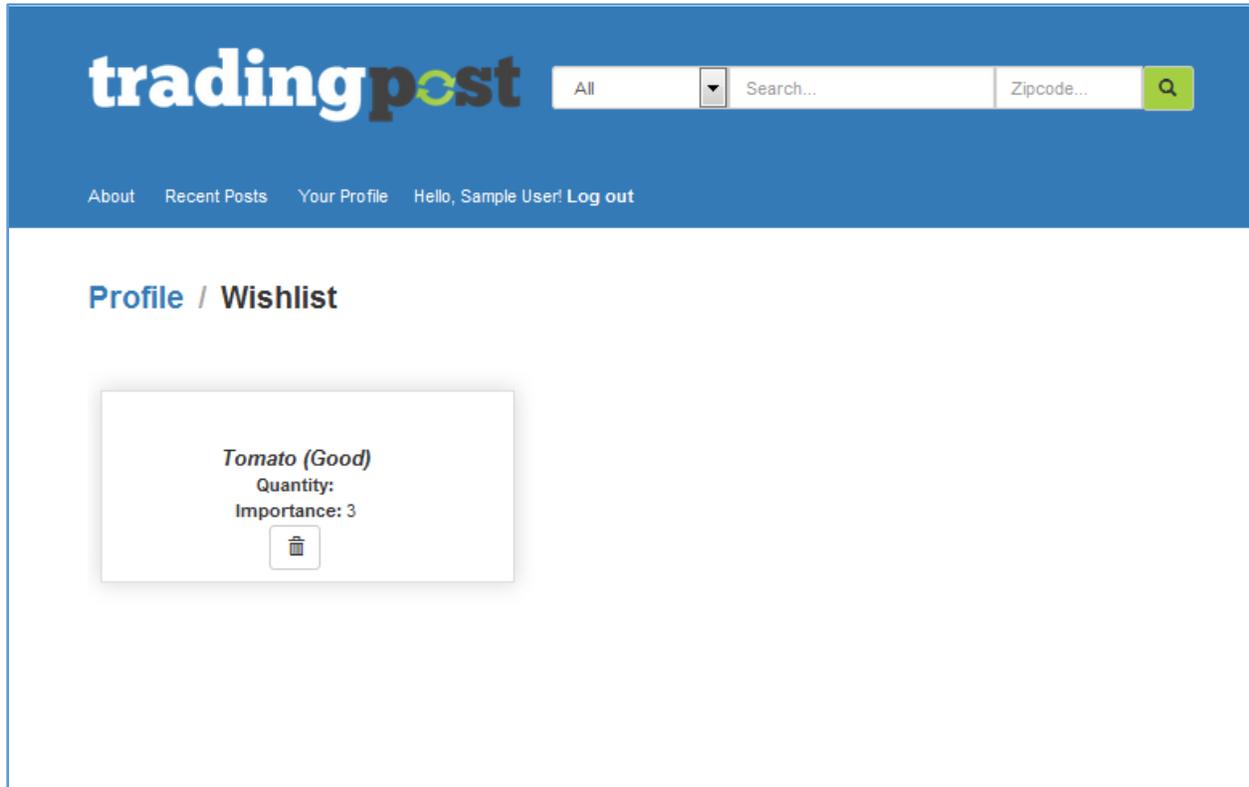
Tomatoes (Good)
Category: Food
Quantity: 4
Date Posted: 01/02/2015 5:50:23



WISHLIST

The wishlist page shows the goods/services you saved for quicker access.



To remove an item from your wishlist:

1. Click the  icon.
2. Confirm that you want to remove the item.



TRADES

The Trades page has all the incoming/outgoing trades between users.

To view incoming/outgoing trades:

1. Click **Your Profile**.
2. In the Profile page, click **Trades**.
3. Review the incoming/outgoing trades. You have the option to accept or reject an incoming trade; another option to cancel outgoing trades.

Profile / Trades

Incoming Trades

Requests from other users

Trade request from Cosi

Requested Good: Tomatoes
Offered Service: Gardening
Date Requested: 2015-11-10 20:29:21
Status: pending

Outgoing Trades

Your requests to other users

Trade request to Mana

Requested Service: Haircut
Offered Good: Tomatoes
Date Requested: 2015-11-10 20:28:53
Status: pending



SEARCH RESULTS

Using the search bar at the top of the page will narrow down posts by category or zip code.

Click on the left-most bar to select a category. After submitting you will see all posts that match your specified attributes. Click on a listed item to learn more about the good or service, or click the request to trade button to request to trade your own goods or services for the item.

The screenshot shows the tradingpost website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo and a search bar. The search bar has a dropdown menu set to 'All', a search input field, and a 'Zipcode...' field. Below the search bar, there are links for 'About', 'Recent Posts', 'Your Profile', and 'Hello, Sample User! Log out'. The main content area is titled 'Recent Posts' and displays a grid of five items:

- Haircut**: Service Posted by Mana, Quantity: 1
- Gardening**: Service Posted by Cosi, Quantity: 1
- Dog Walking**: Service Posted by Nina, Quantity: 1
- Water Bottles**: Goods Posted by Jess, Quantity: 20
- Tomatoes**: Goods Posted by John, Quantity: 4

A black arrow points to the search bar, and a red number '1' is positioned to the right of the arrow.

Search Results

Showing 1 result(s)



Haircut

Service by

Quantity: 1

[Request to Trade](#)

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To search for an item/service:

1. Enter keywords to search for posts that contain that phrase in the title.
 - a. For example: type “haircut” in the search bar
2. You will see all posts that match your specified attributes.
3. You have two options:
 - a. If you want to request to trade this item, click **Request to Trade**.
 - b. If you want to learn more about the item/service, click on the post.



Thank you for reading through all this. We hope you enjoy using our service. If you have any suggestions for improvement or any wishes for future features, please email us at tradingpost@fakemail.com.

