

After reading and analyzing the feedback I made some changes to my prototype. One of the main changes is I got rid of the vertical tabs that took up a lot of space on the left hand side of the page. Instead I have replaced that with a series of links that a user could easily find within the page. Also, instead of having every page be available I decided to only have the home page and the other corresponding page of that topic be available. For example, in the first news article page the user can go back to the home page or navigate to the second news article page. I felt that this created a more isolated environment within each topic so the user would feel more focused. The only exception to this is the home page which has all of the topics listed. Due to removing the tabs on the left I had to readjust the UI to make it more centered. Another major change compared to before is that two new types of pages were created relating to the forum's topic. The first is a page where a user can create a new forum post and post it to the website. The second is that the user will now be able to click on a forum post and read its replies/comments. These two pages address the problem before revisions which was that I lacked a way to satisfy requirements 3 and 4.