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## User Manual – Version 2

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# 1. Introduction

Welcome to Encompass!

Encompass is a vibrant social media application that allows you to connect with others who share your interests, ranging from movies and music to books and series. It provides a platform for you to join communities, engage in discussions, and share content related to your favourite topics. Whether you're a movie enthusiast, music lover, bookworm, or simply looking to connect with like-minded individuals, Encompass is the perfect place to explore, express, and engage.

This user manual has been created to provide you with a comprehensive guide on how to make the most of your experience with Encompass. It will walk you through the various features and functionalities available within the application, helping you navigate the platform effortlessly and ensuring that you get the most out of your interactions within the Encompass community.

In this user manual, you will find step-by-step instructions, tips, and best practices to help you:

- Create and customize your profile to showcase your interests and personality.
- Discover and join communities that align with your favourite movies, music genres, books, and series.
- Engage in discussions by posting and sharing content within your communities.
- Interact with other users through likes, comments, and sharing.
- Personalize your feed to see content that is relevant and tailored to your interests.
- Manage your privacy settings and control the visibility of your profile and posts.
- Stay informed with notifications about community updates, new posts, and interactions.

Whether you're new to social media or a seasoned user, this user manual will assist you in navigating Encompass with ease. By following the instructions provided, you'll be able to harness the full potential of the application, connect with others who share your passions, and make your Encompass experience enjoyable and engaging.

So, let's dive in and discover the exciting world of Encompass together!

## 2. Getting Started

### 2.1 Creating an Account

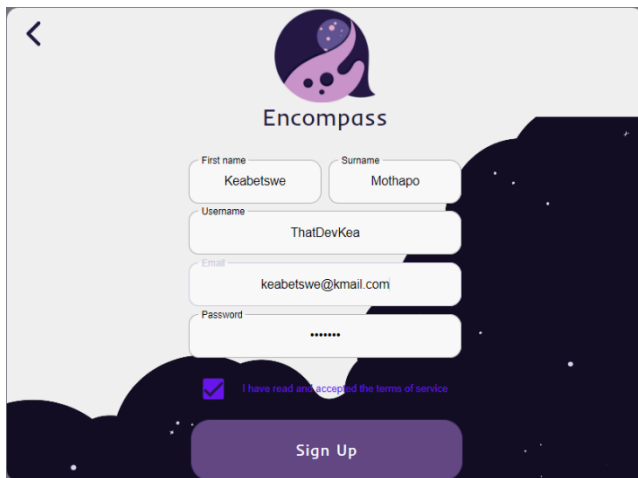
To get started with Encompass, follow these steps:



Step 1: On the Encompass homepage, click on "Sign Up."

A screenshot of the Encompass sign-up form. The background is the same space-themed image as the homepage. At the top left is a back arrow icon. The Encompass logo and name are at the top center. Below them are four input fields: "First name", "Surname", "Username", and "Email". Below these is a "Password" field. At the bottom left is a checkbox with the text "I have read and accepted the terms of service". At the bottom center is a "Sign Up" button.

Step 2: Fill in the required information, such as your name, surname, desired username, email address, and password.



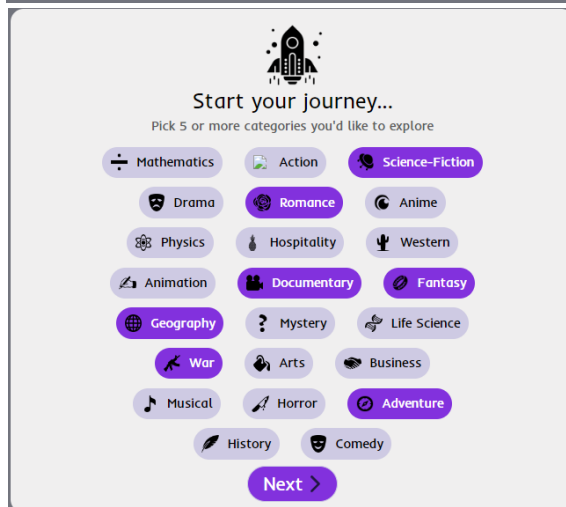
The screenshot shows the 'Encompass' app sign-up interface. At the top is a logo with a stylized 'e' and a star. Below it, the app name 'Encompass' is displayed. The form includes fields for 'First name' (Keabetswe), 'Surname' (Mothapo), 'Username' (ThatDevKea), and 'Email' (keabetswe@gmail.com). The 'Password' field is masked with dots. A checkbox labeled 'I have read and accepted the terms of service' is checked. A purple 'Sign Up' button is at the bottom.

Step 4: Review the terms and conditions, privacy policy, and click "Sign Up" to complete the process.

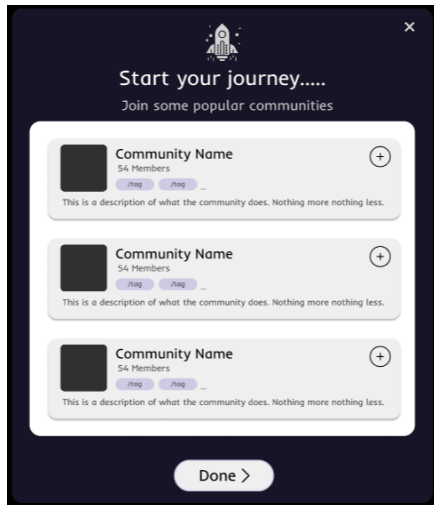


The screenshot shows the 'Start your journey...' screen. It features a rocket icon and the text 'Pick 5 or more categories you'd like to explore'. A grid of 20 category buttons is displayed, each with an icon: Mathematics, Action, Science-Fiction, Drama, Romance, Anime, Physics, Hospitality, Western, Animation, Documentary, Fantasy, Geography, Mystery, Life Science, War, Arts, Business, Musical, Horror, Adventure, History, and Comedy. A 'Next' button is at the bottom.

Step 5: A few categories of interest will show up. Choose the ones that apply to you – you are allowed to choose as many as you desire. Click "Next" when you are happy.



This screenshot shows the same 'Start your journey...' screen as the previous one, but with several categories selected. The buttons for Science-Fiction, Romance, Animation, Documentary, Fantasy, Geography, War, and Adventure are highlighted with a purple border. The 'Next' button at the bottom now includes a right-pointing arrow.



Step 6: A few recommended communities show up. Click on the “+” button on the communities you would like to join. When you are satisfied, you must click “Done”.

## 2.2 Logging In

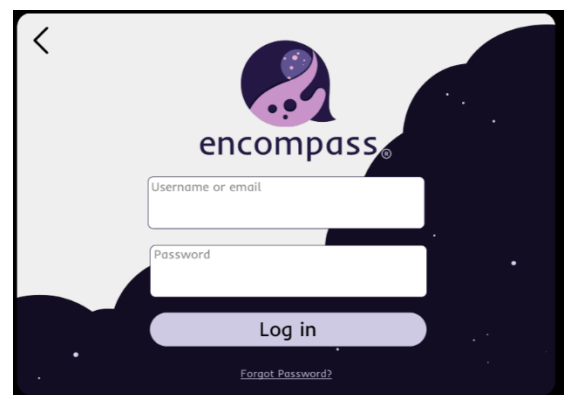
To log in to your Encompass account, follow these steps:



Step 1: On the Encompass homepage, click on "Log In."

Step 2: Enter your registered email address and password.

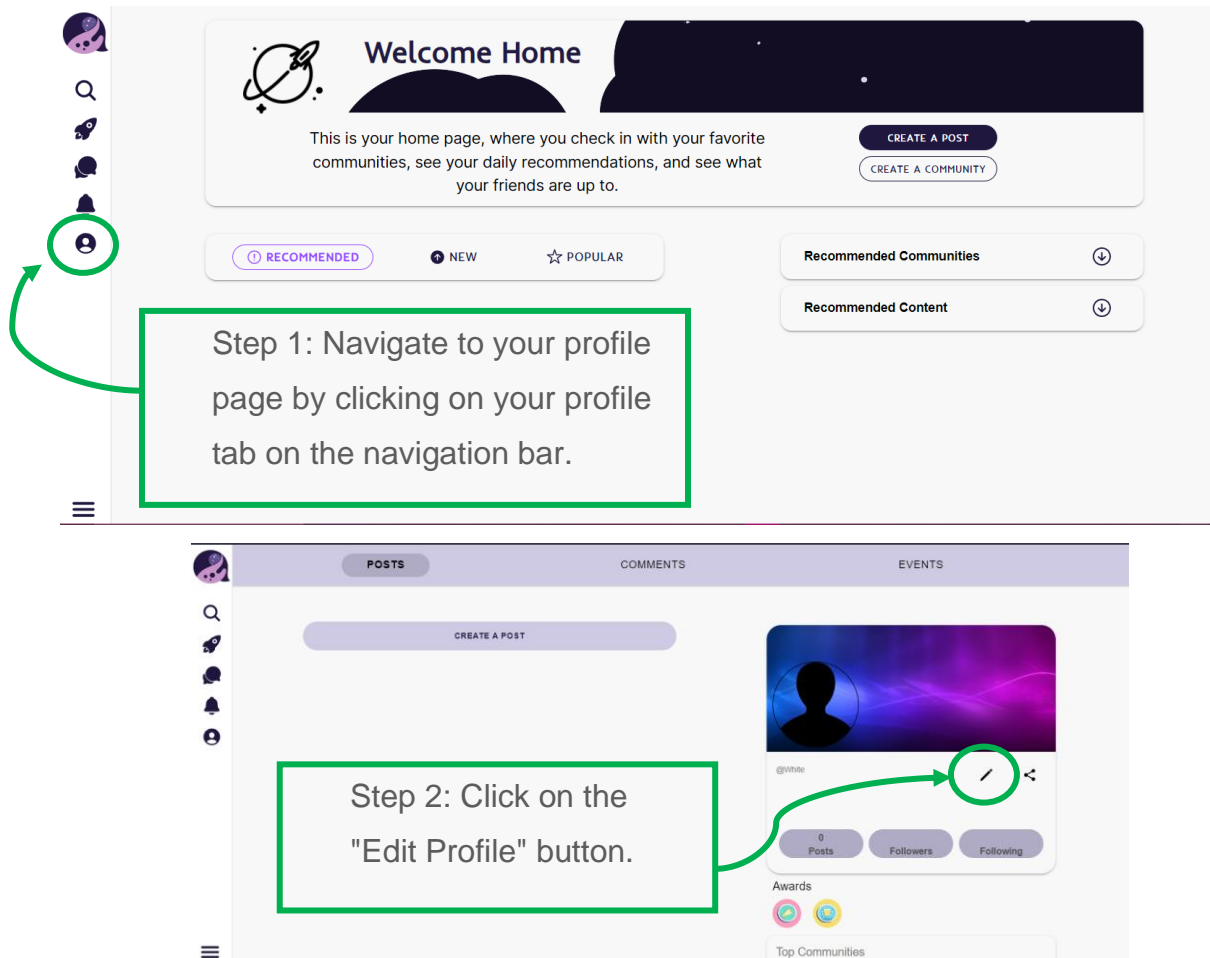
Step 3: Click "Log In" to access your Encompass account dashboard.



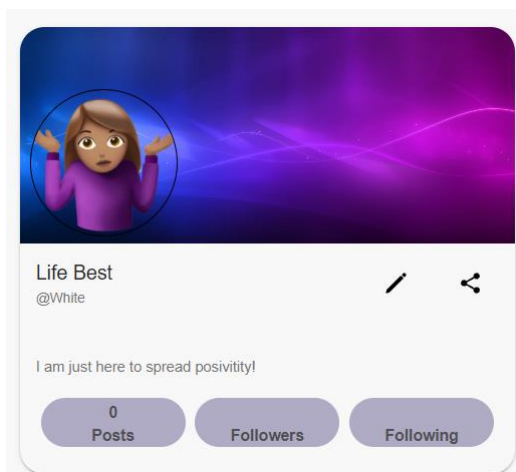
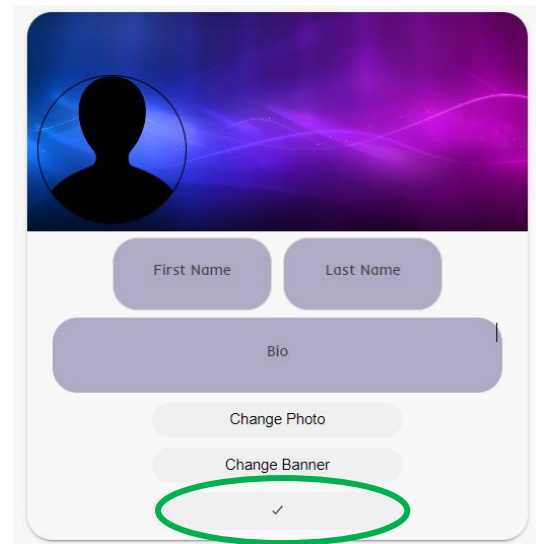
## 3. Profile Management

### 3.1 Editing Your Profile

Your Encompass profile allows you to showcase your interests and personality. To edit your profile, follow these steps:



Step 3: Update your profile picture, bio, and any other desired information.

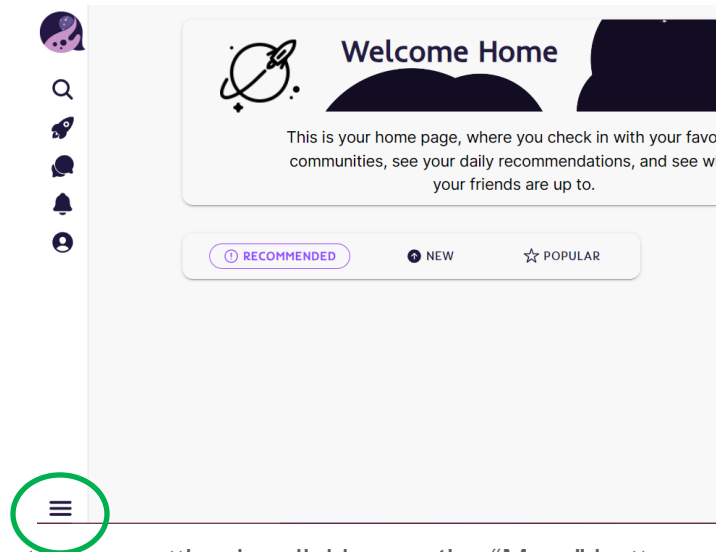


Step 4: Click on the "Save" button to save your changes.

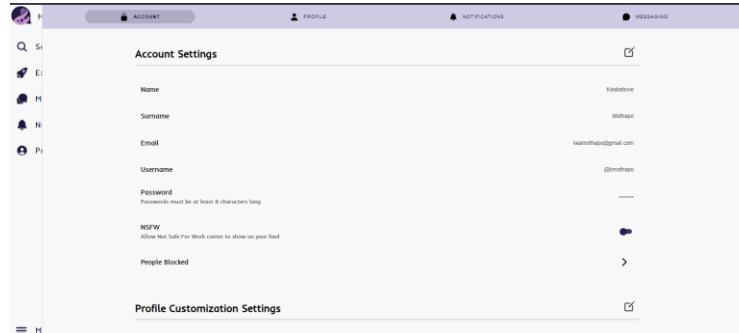


### 3.2 Privacy Settings

Encompass provides privacy settings to give you control over the visibility of your profile and posts. To manage your privacy settings, follow these steps:

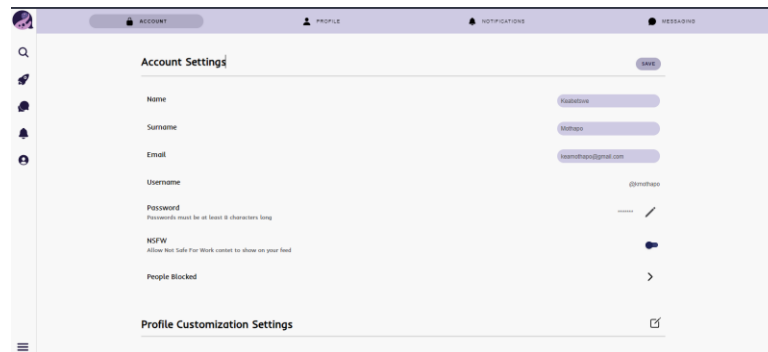


Step 1: Navigate to your setting by clicking on the “More” button and then on “Settings”.



Step 2: Click on the "Privacy Settings" option.

Step 3: Adjust the desired privacy settings for your profile and posts.

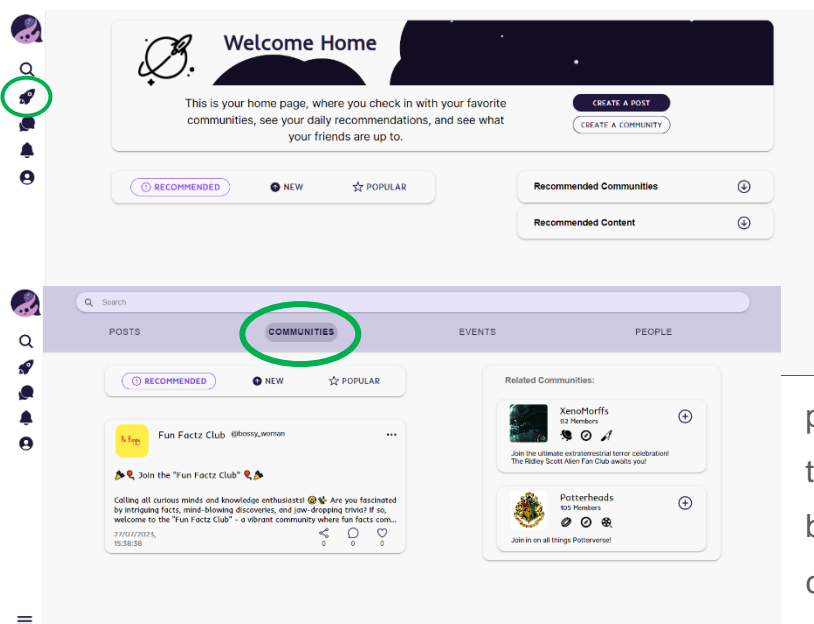


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## 4. Communities

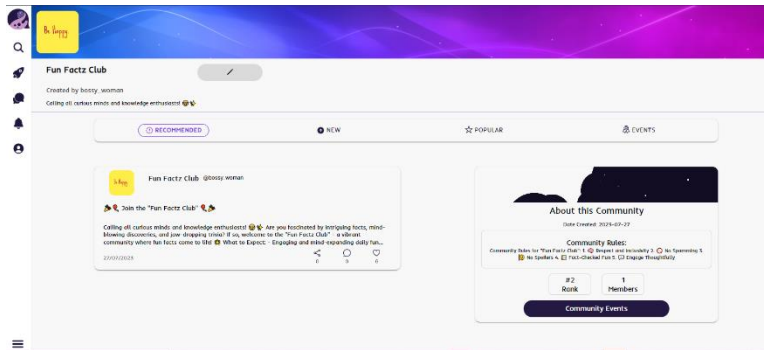
### 4.1 Browsing Communities

Encompass offers a wide range of communities based on different interests. To browse communities, follow these steps:



Step 1: Click on the "Explore" tab in the navigation menu.

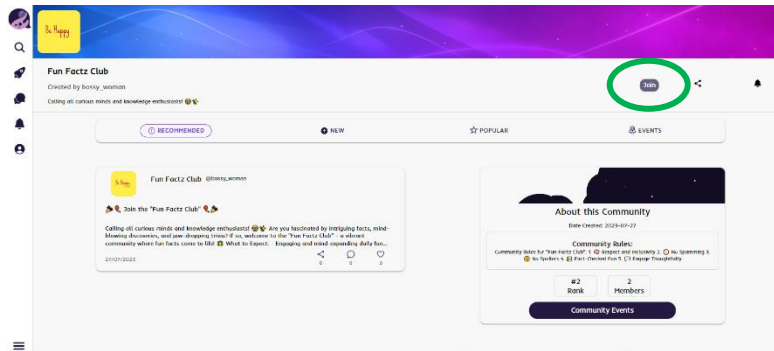
Step 2: Search for your preferred keyword and use the 'communities' filter button to explore specific communities.



Step 3: Click on a community to view its details and posts.

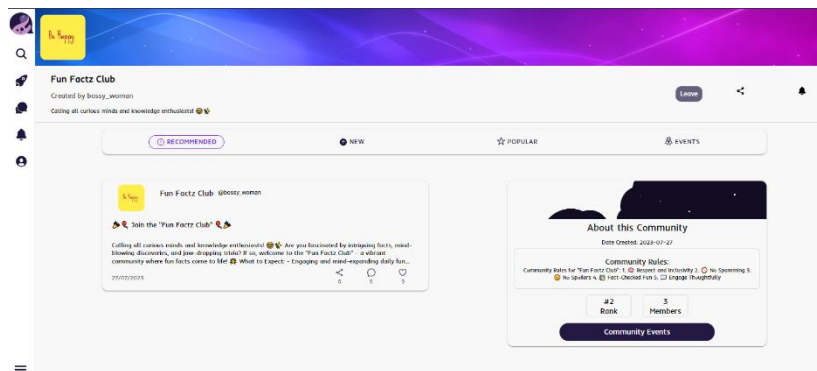
## 4.2 Joining a community

To join a community on Encompass, follow these steps:



Step 1: Go to the community page by browsing or searching for the desired community.

Step 2: Click on the "Join" button.

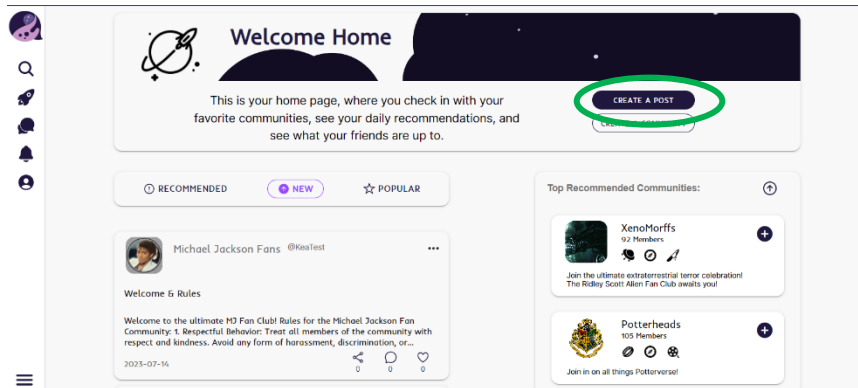


Step 3: You may leave a community anytime you desire. Note that private and restricted communities will have to approve your request to join and public ones will allow you to automatically join.

## 5. Sharing Content

### 5.1 Posting Content

To post content within a community, follow these steps:



Step 1: Go to feed page.

Step 2: Click on the "Create Post" button.

Step 3: Compose your post by adding text, images, or other relevant media. Note: It is compulsory to associate a post with a community.

Step 4: Click on the "Post" button to share your content with the community.

A screenshot of the post creation form. It has two tabs: 'Post' and 'Event'. Under the 'Post' tab, there are fields for 'Community' (with a dropdown menu), 'Categories' (with a dropdown menu), and 'Add a title'. Below these is a large text area labeled 'Text (Optional)' with a character count '0 / 100'. At the bottom, there are buttons for '+ Spoilers', '+ Age NSFW', and a 'Post' button circled in green.

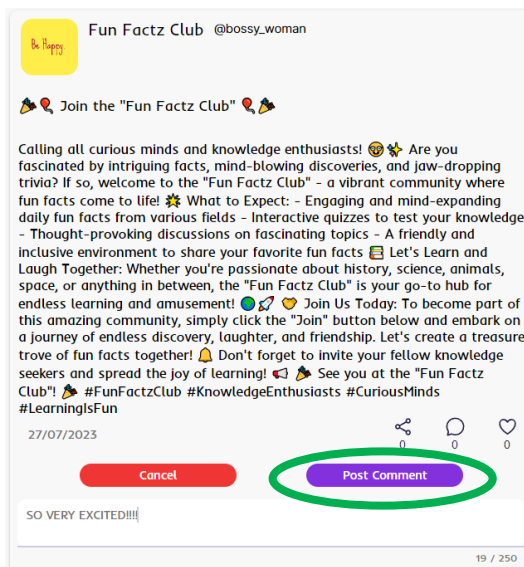
### 5.2 Commenting and Liking Posts

Engage with posts by commenting and liking them.

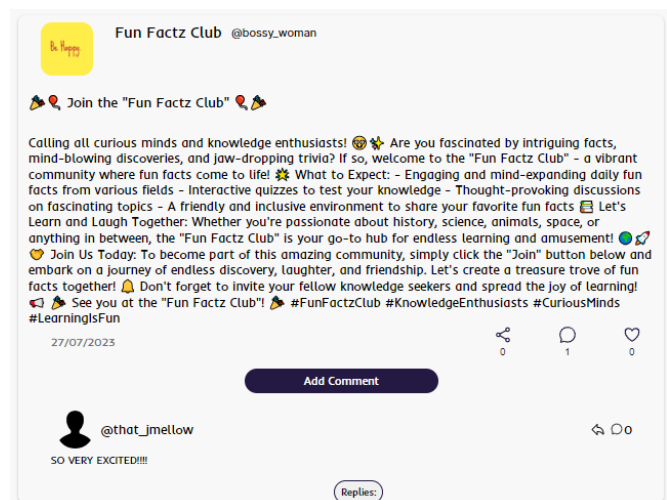
To comment on a post, follow these steps:



Step 1: Go to the post you want to comment on.

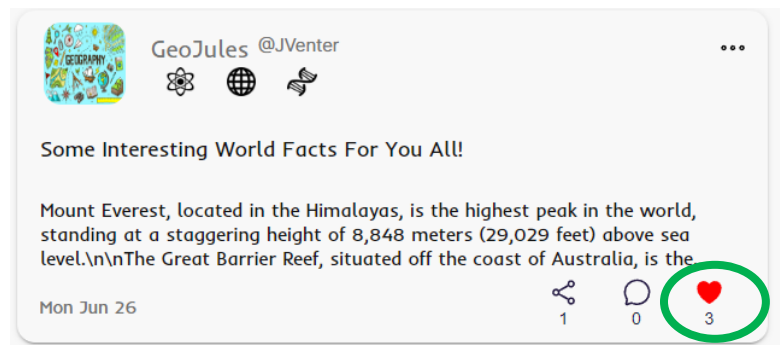


Step 2: Enter your comment in the provided comment box.



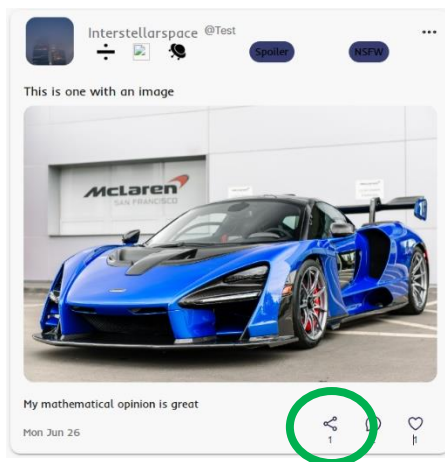
Step 3: Click on the "Post" button to submit your comment.

To like a post, click on the 'like' button on a post.

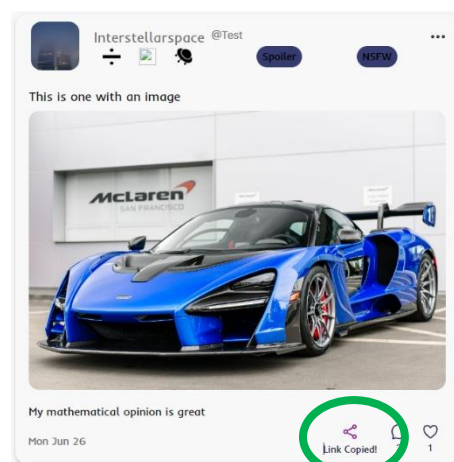


### 5.3 Sharing Posts

To share a post with others, follow these steps:



Step 1: Go to the post you want to share.



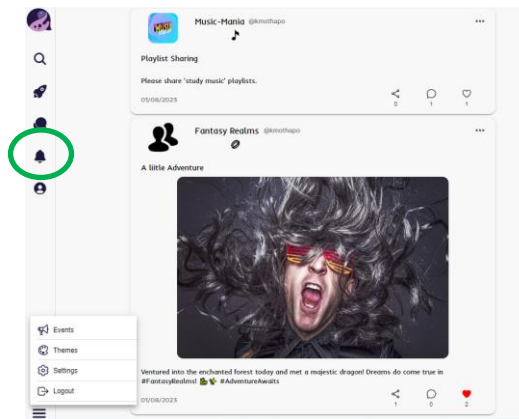
Step 2: Click on the "Share" button below the post.

Step 3: A link to the post will be copied to your clipboard and you can paste it to share.

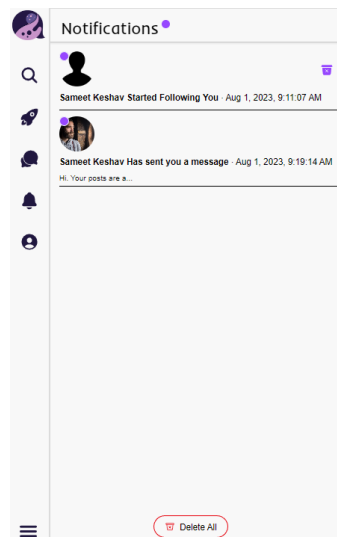
## 6. Notifications and Messaging

### 6.1 Managing Notifications

Encompass provides notifications to keep you updated on community activity, new posts, comments, and mentions. To manage your notifications, follow these steps:



Step 1: Click on the notification bell icon in the left navigation bar.

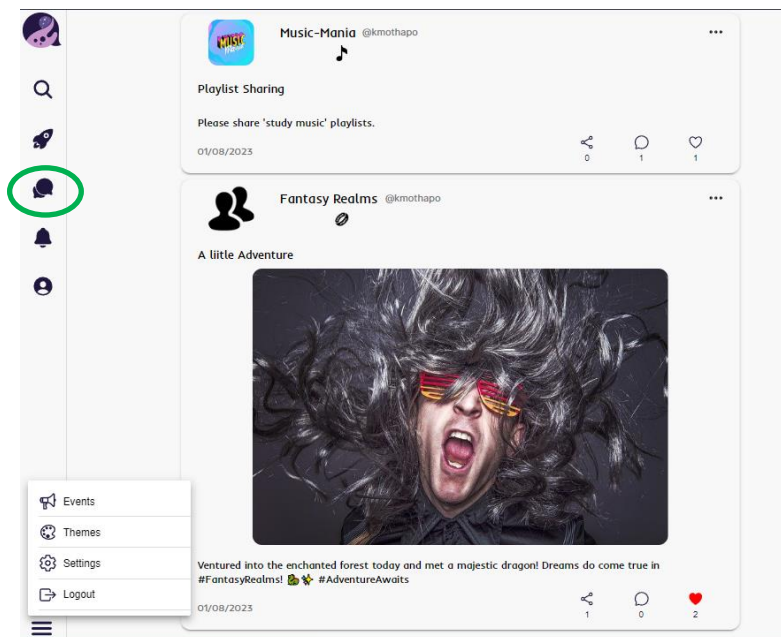


Step 2: Review your notifications and click on a notification to view its details.

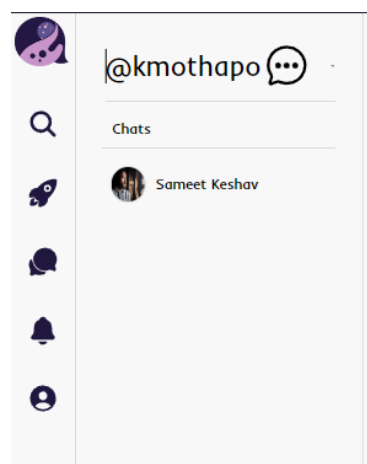
Step 3: To adjust notification settings, click on the "Settings" option on the overlay.

## 6.2 Direct Messaging

Encompass allows you to engage in direct messaging with other users. To send a direct message, follow these steps:

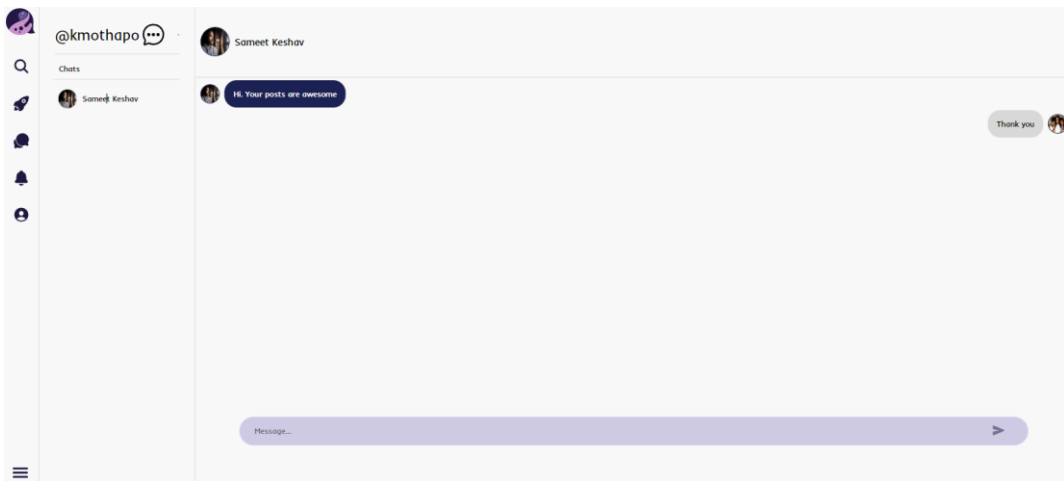


Step 1: Go to the message button on the nav bar.

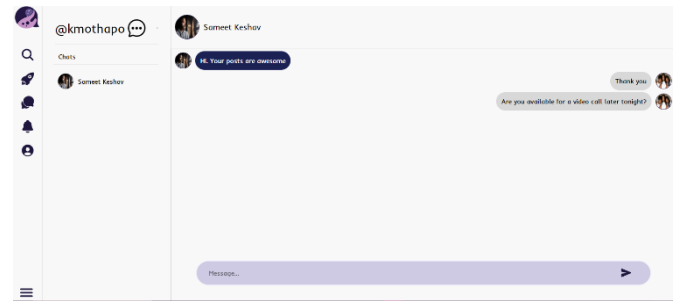
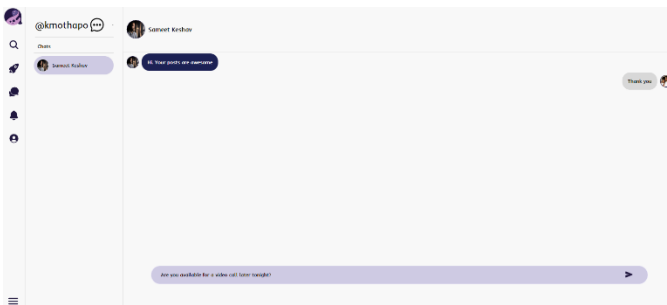


Step 2: Click on the person you want to message.





Step 3: Compose your message in the provided message box.



Step 4: Click on the "Send" button to send your message.

## 7. Troubleshooting

### 7.1 Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I reset my password?

A: To reset your password, follow these steps:

- Go to the Encompass login page.
- Click on the "Forgot Password" option.
- Follow the instructions provided to reset your password.

Q: How do I report inappropriate content or user behavior?

A: To report inappropriate content or user behavior, follow these steps:

- Go to the post or user profile you want to report.
- Click on the "Report" option.
- Provide details about the issue and submit the report.

Q: How can I delete my Encompass account?

A: If you wish to delete your Encompass account, please follow these steps:

- Log in to your Encompass account.
- Go to your profile page.
- Click on the "Account Settings" option.
- Look for the "Delete Account" section.
- Follow the provided instructions to permanently delete your account.

Q: Can I change my username on Encompass?

A: Yes, you can change your username on Encompass. Follow these steps to update your username:

- Log in to your Encompass account.
- Go to your profile page.
- Click on the "Edit Profile" button.
- Locate the "Username" field.
- Enter your desired username.
- Click on the "Save" button to update your username.

## 8.2 Contact Support

If you encounter any issues or have further questions, please contact our support team for assistance. You can reach us through the following channels:

Email: [perfectstrangers.tuks@gmail.com](mailto:perfectstrangers.tuks@gmail.com)

GitHub: [Encompass Project](#)

## 8. Appendix

### 9.1 Terms of Service

Please refer to the Encompass Terms of Service for information regarding the terms and conditions governing the use of the Encompass application. They can be found here: [Terms and Conditions](#)

### 9.2 Privacy Policy

Please review the Encompass Privacy Policy to understand how your personal information is collected, used, and protected within the Encompass application. They can be found here: [Privacy Policy](#)

