

## User Documentation

### Starting Off

- If you are not registered as a user, only topics & posts can be viewed. So it's suggested that you register as a user to be able to :
  - Vote
  - Create topics
  - Create posts
  - Join/create a group(s)
  - Subscribe to a topic
  - See notifications
- To do so, look for the **“Signup”** button in the upper right corner and click it. It will then redirect you to another page where you must enter a username and password, and first and last name to register.
- If you successfully registered this message should pop up: *“Your account was successfully created. Please sign in to continue.”*

### Logging In

- When you visit the site, you will find the **“Login”** button in the upper right corner right below the **“Signup”** button.
- Upon clicking the **“Login”** button, you will be redirected to another page to login.
- Enter the previously registered *username* and *password*. You should then be logged in
- All the extra features mentioned above should now be available to you

### The Home page

- Upon visiting this website, you will be brought to the *home page*. Within this application you may frequently be redirected to the home page.
- This is where all available topics will be displayed
- If you would like to return to the home page manually, the **“Home”** button can be found in the upper left corner

### Creating a Topic

- In the upper left-hand corner there's a **“Create Topic”** button next to the **“Home”** button. Upon clicking the **“Create Topic”** button you will be redirected to another page where you can enter the topic.
- The topic's are meant to form a sort of directory. Where you can find a particular interest by looking for the topic. This allows people of similar interests to converse about them

## Creating a Post

- First find a topic you would like to talk about ( if it isn't there, then simply create a new one).In the center of the page you will see a blue **“Create Post”** button.
- Upon clicking the button you will be redirected to another page where you can enter the title and body in the text boxes.
- *Remember to keep posts relevant to the topic it's posted in.*

## Editing a Post

- If you made a mistake, or simply want to change the content of a post click the **“Edit Post”** button. It is at the bottom of the post next to the author & time posted description

## Creating a Group

- In the upper left corner there's a **“Create Group”** button. When clicked it brings you to another page where you can create a group with a number of members. Which only the other members can view.
- The groups you are in will be listed, and when a group is clicked, it will redirect you to the list of topics in that group. This behaves similarly to the home page

## Voting

- Next to the **“Edit Post”** is a **thumbs up**, and **thumbs down** button.
- If you think a post is good or like it, click the **thumbs up** button
- If you disagree with a post, think it isn't appropriate , or don't like it, click the **thumbs down** button

## Notifications

- In the upper right corner, a notifications button can be found.When clicked it will redirect you to another page where can view your notifications
- When you click on a notification it will redirect you to the page which it came from
- You get notifications when you are *subscribed* to a topic. The **Subscribe** button is at the top of the homepage where all the topics are listed