User Manual - SoundIt
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About:

      On the home page of SoundIt you'll see a navigation bar near the top. You'll be using this navigation bar through this manual to learn how to use our website - SoundIt. Looking at this navigation bar, you'll first click on the "About" button. This page will take you to a page that will tell you about where SoundIt started, who created it, and how it was created.
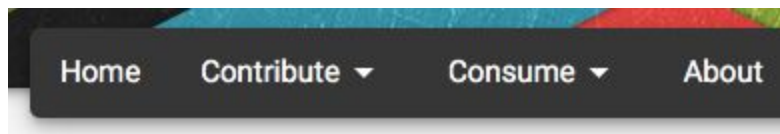
Figure 1: Navigation bar.

Signing Up:

      Starting on the home page, what you'll need to do is create a profile for yourself. From the home page, you'll see a "Sign Up" button right below the login text fields in the top right corner of the page. You will need to click this button, as shown in Figure 2.
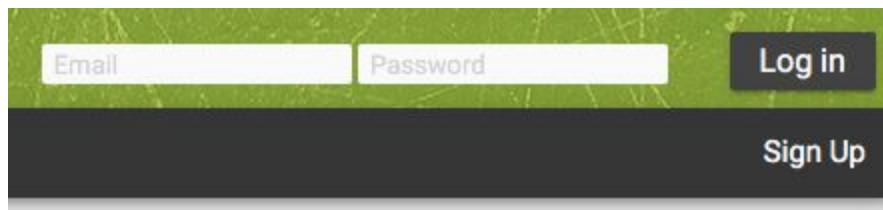
Figure 2: Locating the "Sign Up" button.

Once you have clicked the "Sign Up" button, it will take you to a page that has four text fields; one for your username, one for your email address, and two for your private password. One password field to declare a password and one to confirm the password you want to declare. You can see this filled out with examples in the figure below.
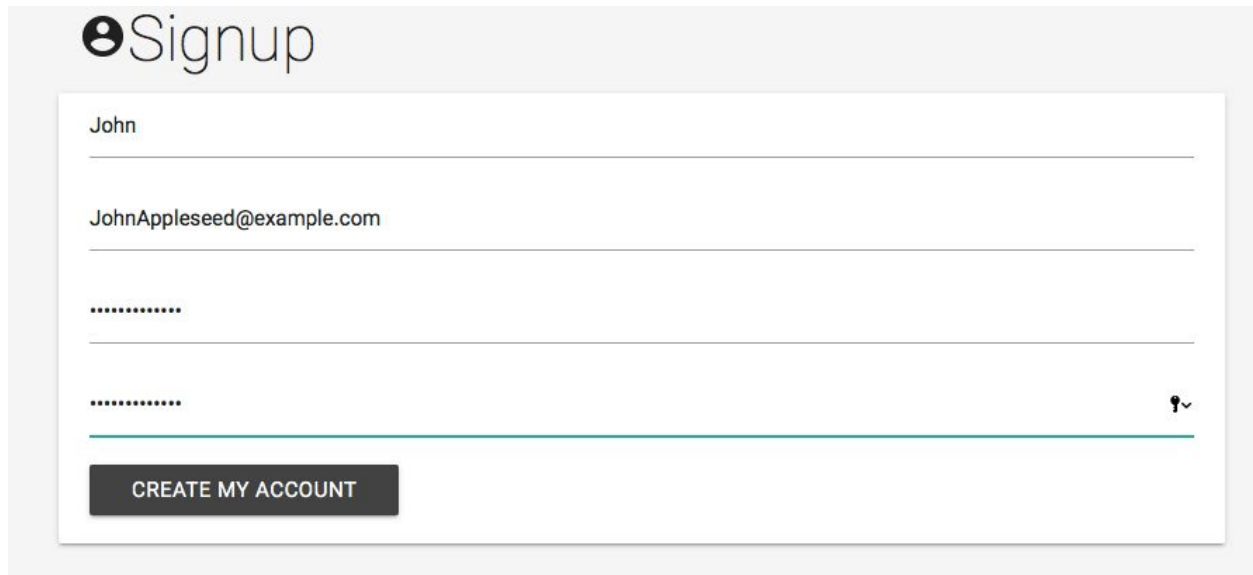
Figure 3: Entering user credentials.

Now that you've entered the credentials you want for the website, remember them as for they will be what you will use to log in with in the future! The only thing left to do is click the button "Create My Account" and you'll have your own profile with SoundIt!

Logging in:

So, if you've been to SoundIt before and have already followed the "Sign Up" instructions, you don't need to follow them every time. All you'll need to do every time you visit the website now is log in. Remembering the credentials you used to sign up, on the homepage you'll need to find the text fields to the left of the "Log in" button in the top right of the page.

Figure 4: Log in text fields.

You'll need to enter the email that you signed up with as well as the password that you've signed up with. Once you've entered both of these text fields you can press the "Log in" button and you'll be directed to your own user profile. If you haven't signed up yet through the "Signing Up" instructions, pressing the "Log in" button will take you to a page that will say you're email and password are invalid, this is shown in Figure 4. From there you'll need to click "Sign Up Now!," and follow the signing up instructions.
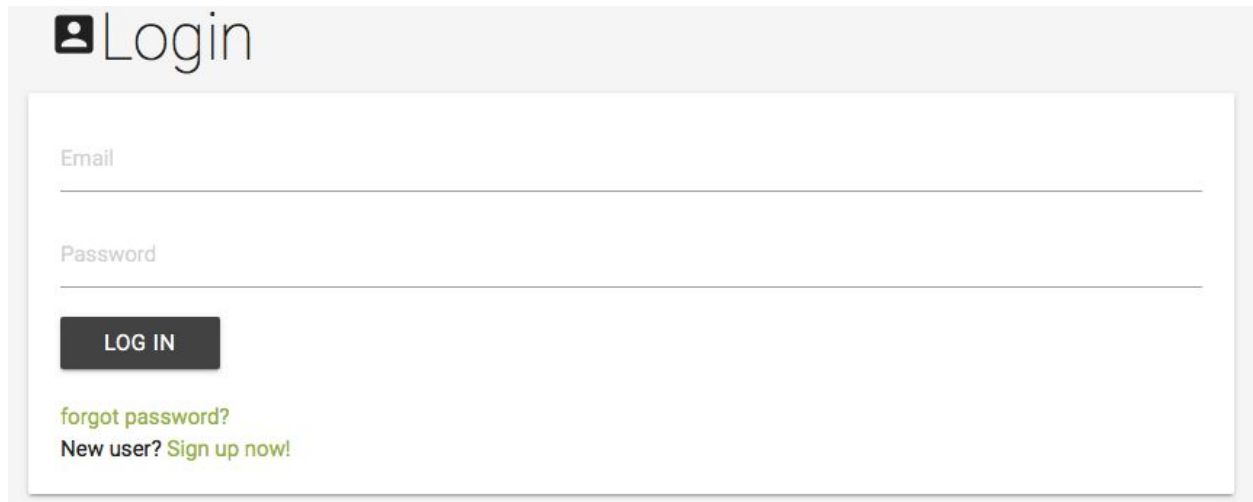
Figure 5: Logging in without user sign up.

Resetting/Forgetting passwords:

If you've forgotten your password, don't worry, if you still remember your email all you'll need to do is enter it in the first text field to the left of the "Log in" button and then press the button. This will take you to the page that looks like Figure 4. From there all you need to do is click the "forgot password?" link and it will redirect you to a page where you can enter in your email as can be seen in Figure 6.
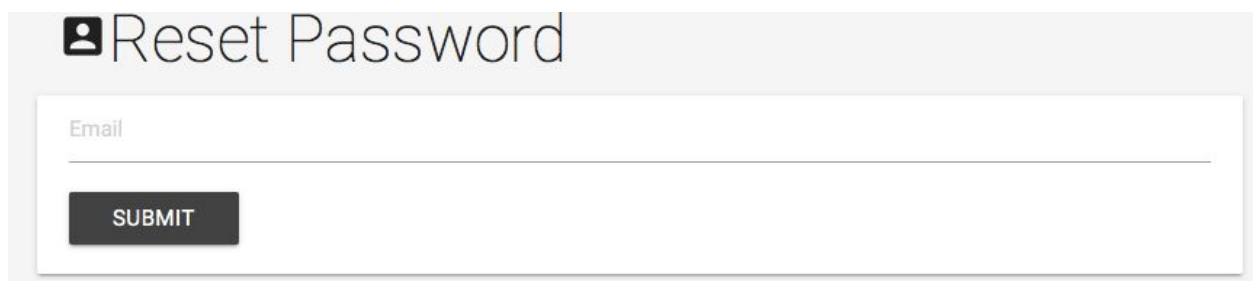

Figure 7: Resetting User's password.

Enter in your email address and then click "Submit." There will be a reset process sent to your email, from there follow the process.

User Profile:

After logging in, you're directed to the User's profile. If you've navigated away from the Profile page, all you have to do is click the "Profile" button that's to the right on the navigation bar. On this page you'll see four sections labeled "My Communities," "Create New Playlists," "My Playlists," and "My Posts."
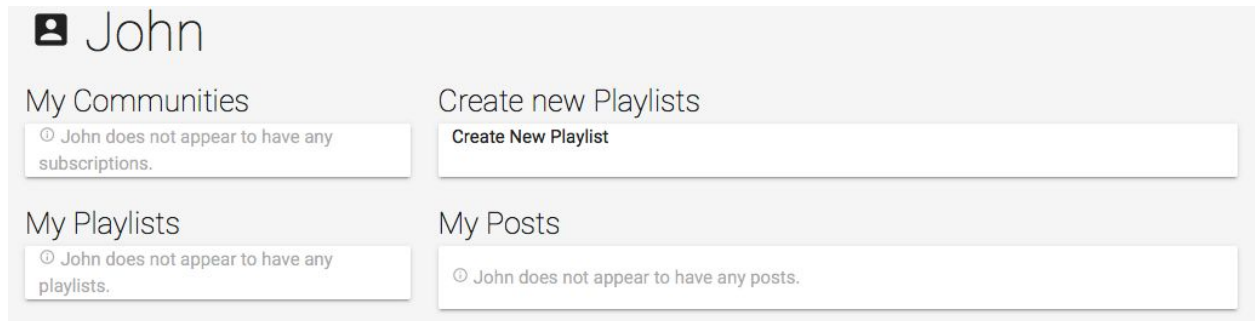
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Figure 8: User's Profile.

Once you get started creating your own posts and playlists, you'll see your profile have more life, but until then, you're profile should look similar to the one in Figure 8. "My Communities" will display all of the communities that you have followed. "Create New Playlists" will allow you to create playlists and add your own posts to them. "My Playlists" will display all of the playlists that you have. "My Posts" will display every post you have made.

Home Page:

Clicking on the "Home" button on the navigation bar will take you to SoundIt's home page. On the home page you'll see at the top "Trending Communities." If you don't know what communities are, go to the "Communities" section in the manual. The "Trending Communities" section of the home page will display the top three communities that users have followed and the top three most upvoted songs in that specific community.
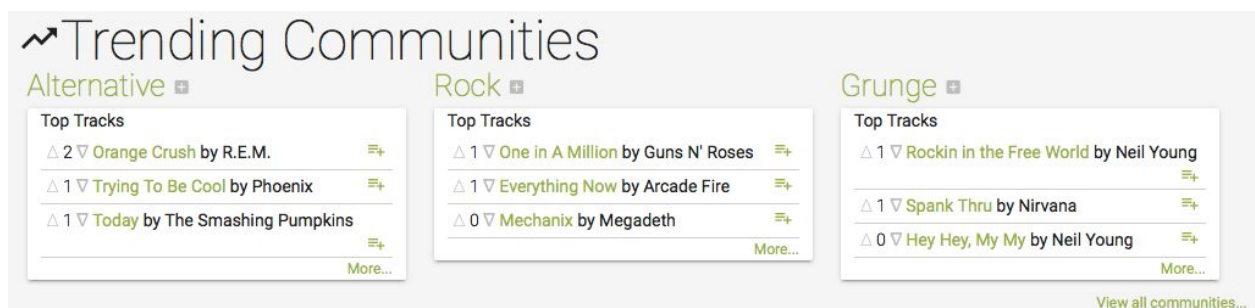

Figure 9: Trending Communities section on home page.

Here you can click on the links of the posted songs and watch the video of that song and read the comments from other users'. If you want to view all of the posts in a community

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all you have to do is click the community name. If you would like to see all of the available communities, you can click on "View all communities…" and it will redirect you to a page similar to Figure 9.
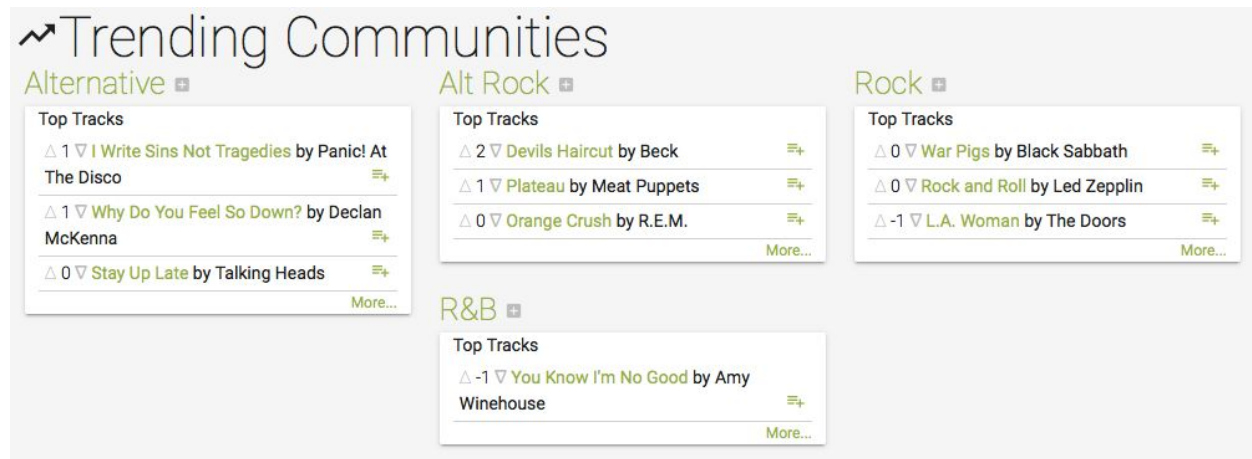

Figure 10: All communities.

Below "Trending Communities" you'll see three other sections housed by a larger section called "Top Tracks." "Top Tracks" shows the top tracks that users have upvoted. The first section under this larger section is the "Feed." The Feed shows the top 50 posts that have been made that day. At the bottom of this section you can scroll through the pages of posts. The second section is "Listen on Youtube." So, of the top 50 posts from the Feed, this section will show you the Youtube video associated with a posts. It will autoplay starting with the first post then make its way down towards the 50th post and then loop back up to the top. You can skip post videos or go back to the previous video using the next and previous buttons below the embedded video. The third section will create a playlist on Spotify of the songs from the Feed section. You can go to SoundIt's spotify account and see the playlists, or you can add them to your own Spotify playlist if you have an associated Spotify account.
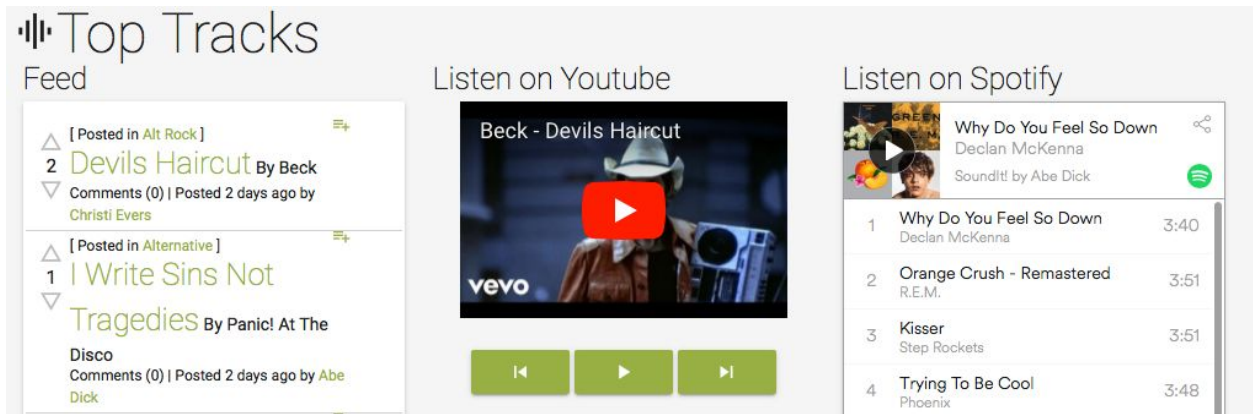
Figure 11: Top Tracks subsections on home page. .

At the very bottom of the home page you'll see a section called "My Content." This section will show you your playlists, posts, and your upvoted posts. This is similar to your profile page just more concise.
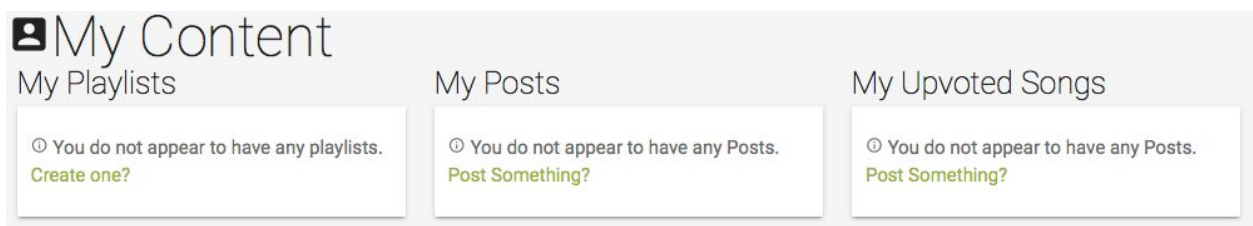

Figure 12: My Content section on home page.

Creating a Post:

From any page on the website you can click the "Contribute" button on the navigation bar and a drop down menu will appear. In the drop down menu you will see three choices; "Song," "Playlist," and "Community." In creating a post, you will want to click on the "Song" option and it will bring you to a page similar to the picture in figure 13.

Figure 13: Creating a Post.

What you will want to do from here is enter the title of the song in the *Title* text field, the artist of the song in the *Artist* text field, and then choose a community that the song or video that relates most to your song (yes our application is valid with any YouTube video). If you don't see a community that your song or video relates to, you can always create your own. To do so, go to the "**Creating a Community**" section in this manual. From here, you will need to go to YouTube and find the video that you want to share on our website. You'll need to click the "share" button and copy the link it provides. With that link, come back to Soundit! and paste the link in the "YouTube URL" text field. You will then need to add a caption to the video in the "Start of the conversation…" text field. It can be anything you want such as if you like or hate the song or video. Once you completed all of this, click the "Submit" button and congrats! You've created a post in Soundit!!

Creating a Playlist:

Creating a playlist is pretty simple in doing so. From any page, click on the "Contribute" button in the navigation bar and a drop down menu will appear with the selections; "Song," "Playlist," and "community." You will want to click on Playlist for this step. Once you've clicked on Playlist it will take you to a page that matches the one below.

Figure 14: Creating a Playlist.

That only thing you need to do is enter a title of the playlist you want to create in "Playlist Name" and then click the "Create Playlist" button and congrats! You've created a playlist in Soundit!! To see how to add to a playlist and where to view the playlist songs, go to the section title "**Adding to a Playlist**."

Adding to a Playlist:

     To add to a playlist, the simplest way would be to go to the home page. In every post you'll see a small icon that has a plus sign on it, click this button and if you have any playlists created, they will appear in a drop down menu.
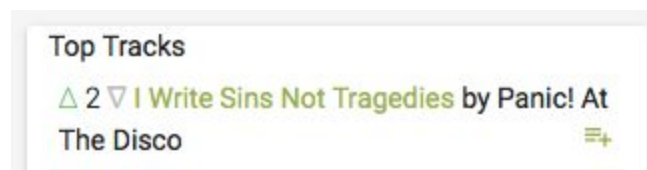

Figure 15: Adding to a Playlist Icon.

After clicking on whichever playlist you want the song to be added to, you can go to your user profile to select which playlist you want to add it to. Selecting whichever playlist you have you can view all of the videos in the playlist and listen to the songs that are in the playlist.
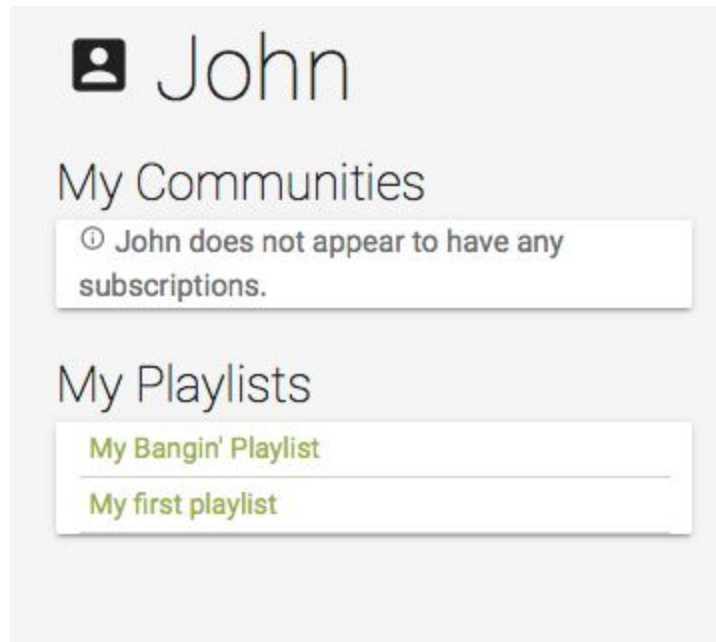
Figure 17: Viewing your playlists.

Creating a Community:

      From any page in the website, click on the "Contribute" button in the navigation bar and a drop down menu will appear with three choices, "Song," "Playlist," and "Community." Click on the Community choice and it will take you to this page:

Figure 18: Creating a Community.

Read the description in to best enhance what the community will be about, to remove ambiguity so other users won't post garbage to your community. Enter the community name into the "New Community Name" text field and give a description of the material

that you want in the community. From there, just click "Post" and your community will be created!

Consume:

  This is the drop down menu that you will love, go to, and *consume*. This drop down menu on the navigation bar allows you to view All the songs posted by users, all the playlist that users have created and all of the communities that you can spend countless hours scrolling through. Just click on any of these selections to view everything the community has created.