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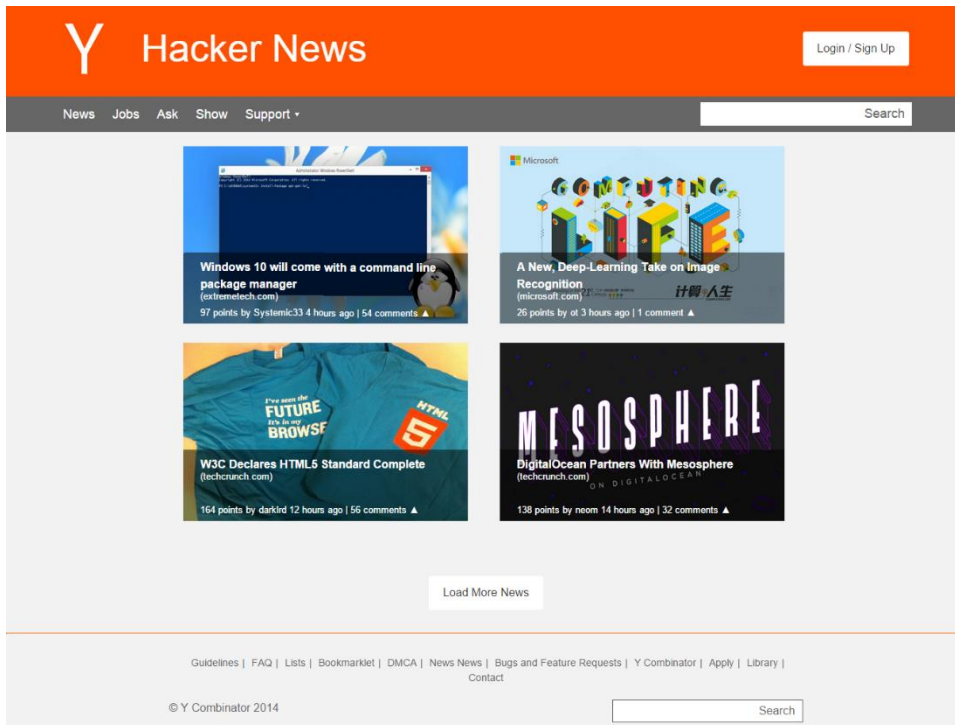
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*Redesign of  
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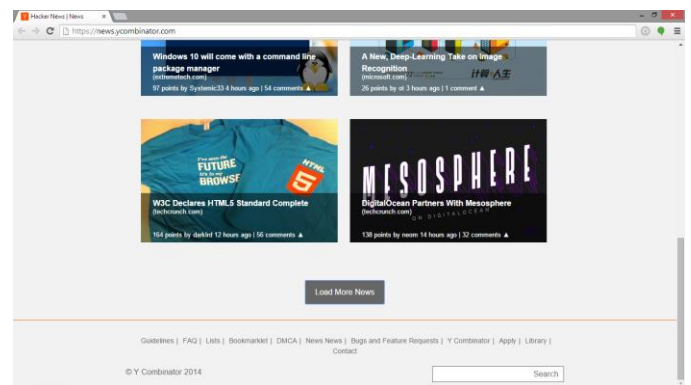
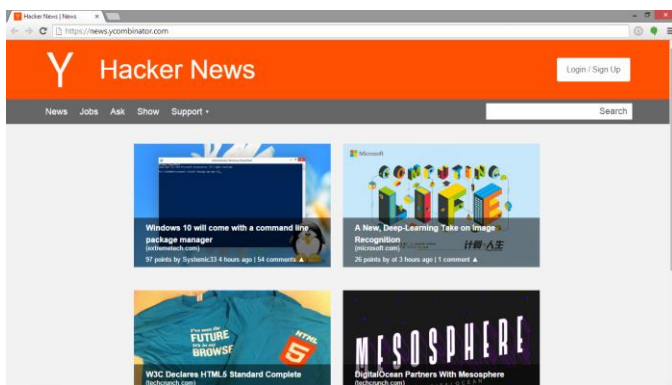


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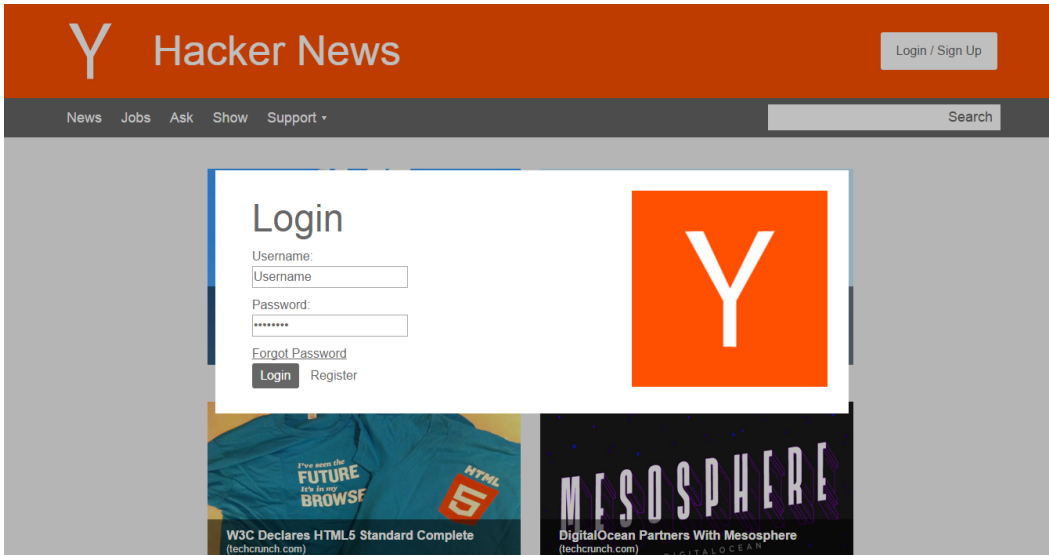
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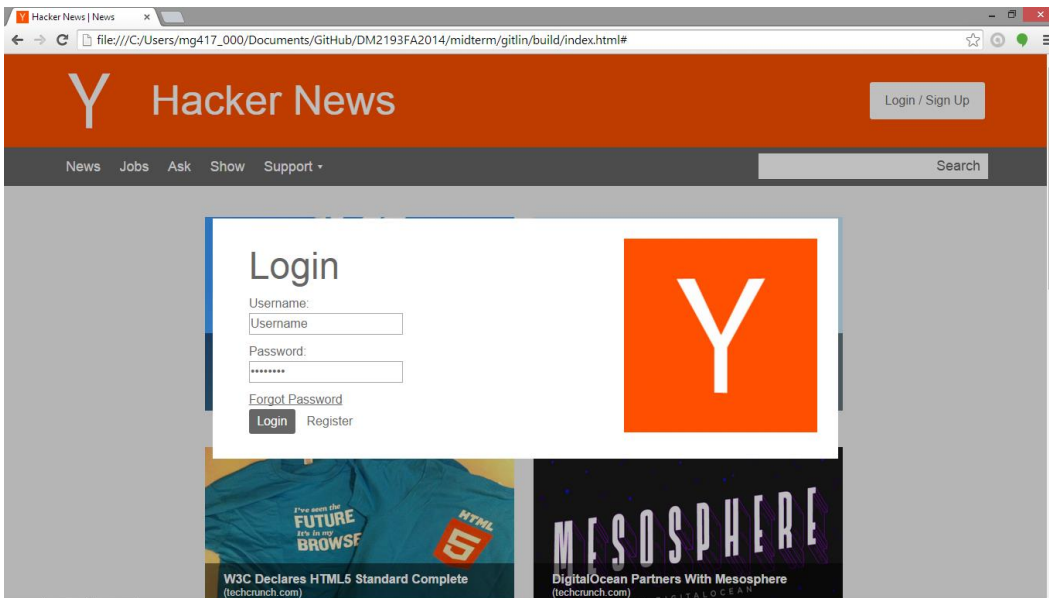
The landing page of the website. Users are asked to include a related image for the background, and the news article can be accessed by clicking the image or title. News is sorted by most recent, the load more button loads additional news with a slide animation.

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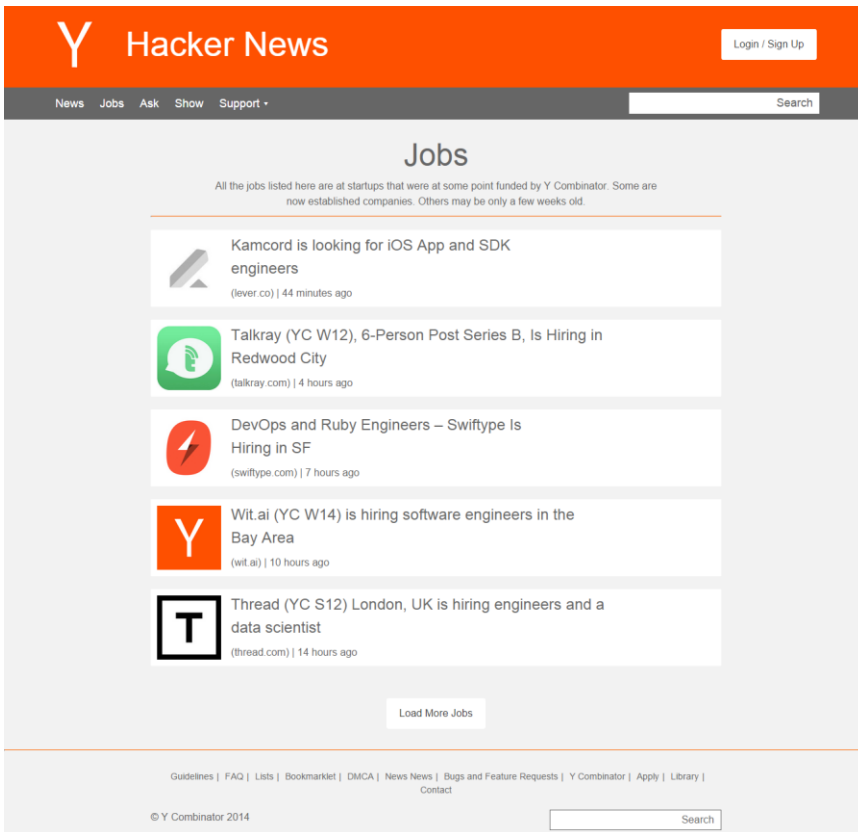
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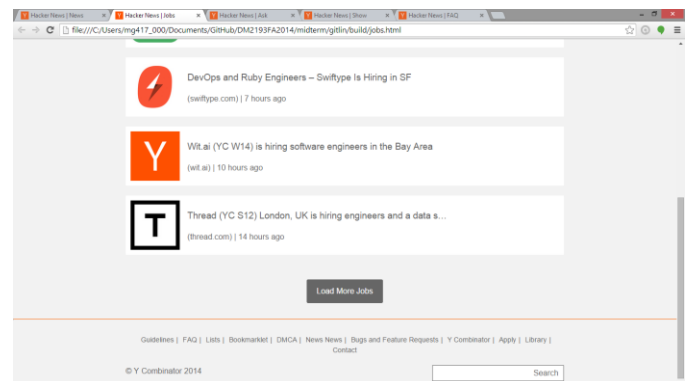
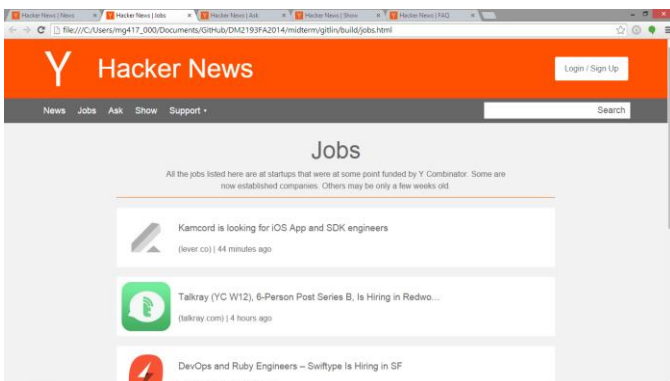
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# Jobs

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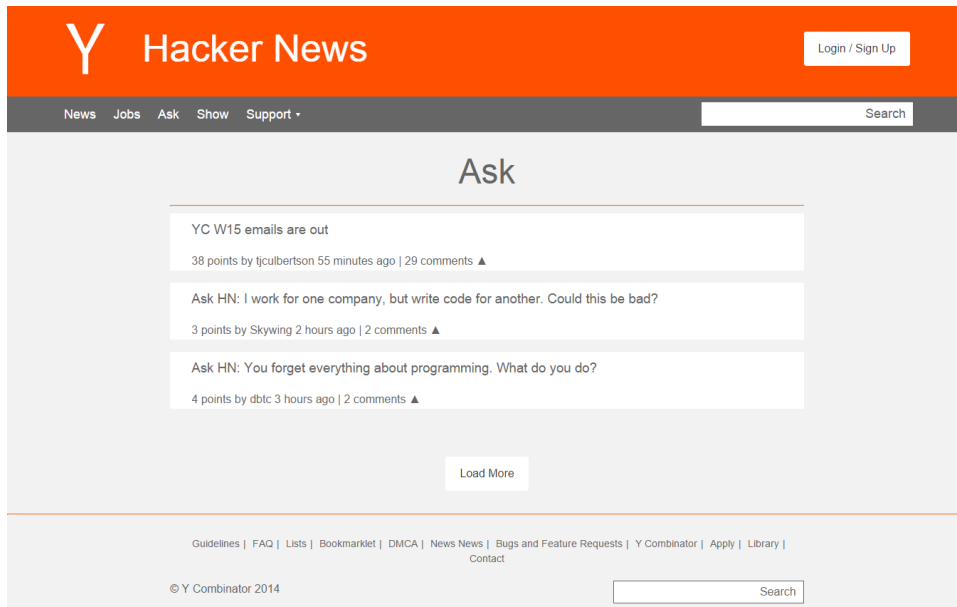
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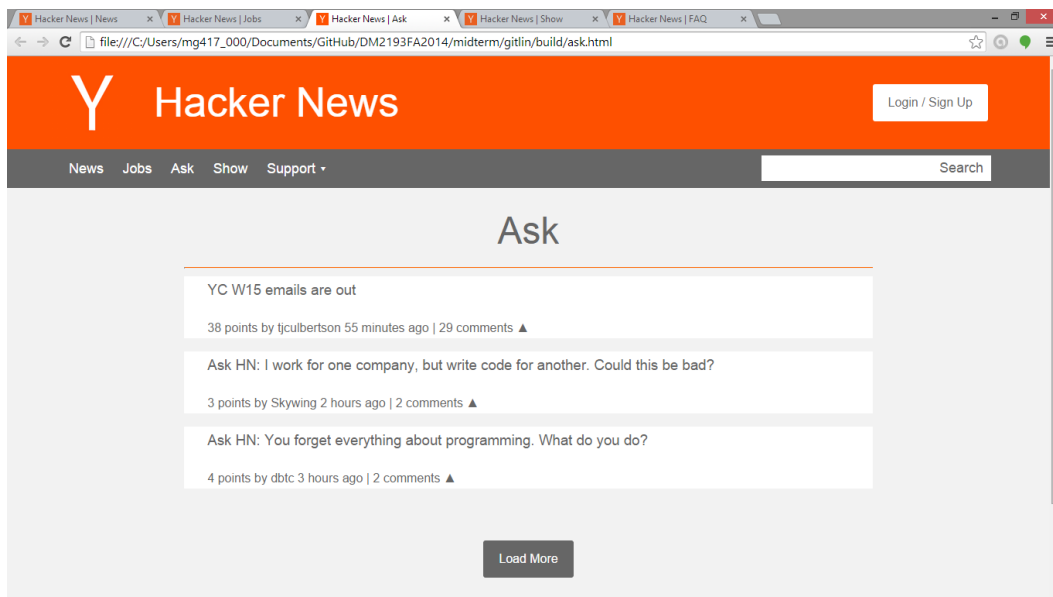
The jobs page of the website, where users can find Y-Combinator funded job opportunities. Jobs are sorted by most recent, the load more button loads additional jobs with a slide animation.

## Ask

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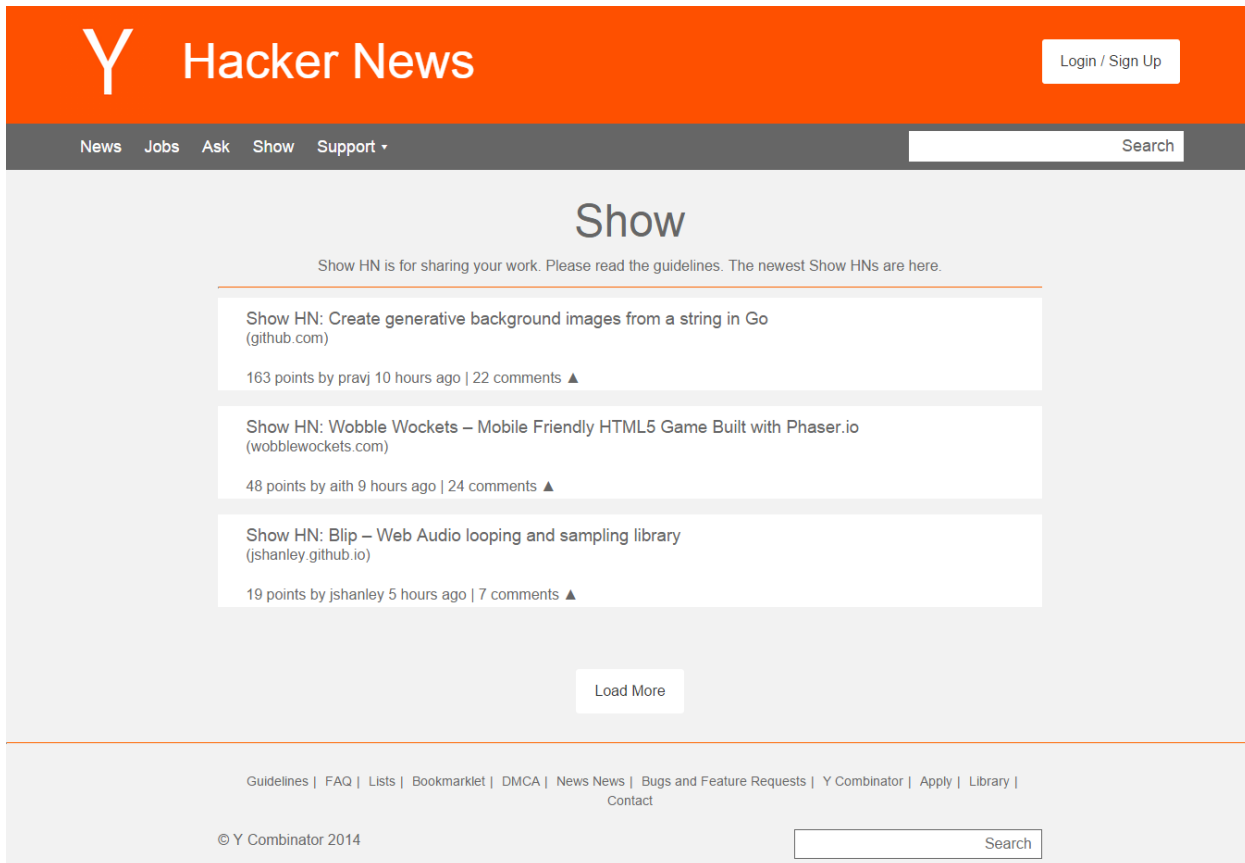
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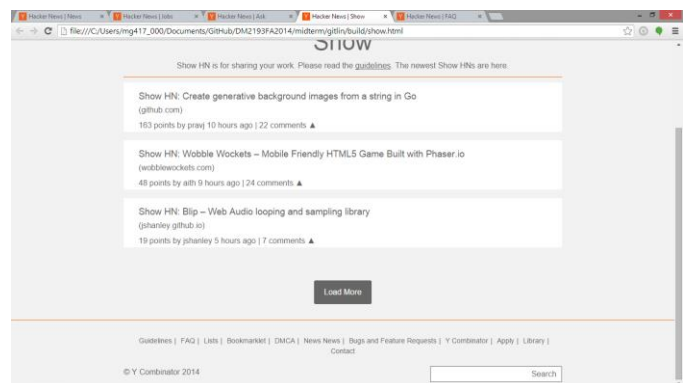
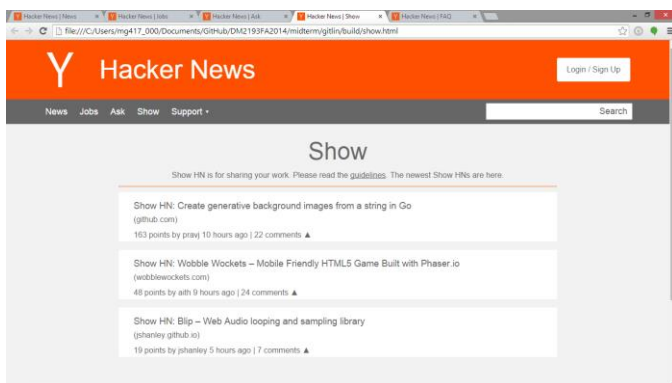
The ask page of the website, where users can ask any question they have. The posts are sorted by most recent, the load more button loads additional questions with a slide animation.

# Show

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## In-Browser



The show page of the website, users can share any of their stories or work on this page. The posts are sorted by most recent, the load more button loads additional posts with a slide animation.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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 A weekly "What Is Hiring?" thread appears at the beginning of every month, and you're welcome to post there. The rest of the time, job posts are reserved for Y Combinator-funded startups.  
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**In my profile, what does showdead do?**  
 If you turn it on, you'll see all the stories and comments that have been killed by the HN software or by moderators.

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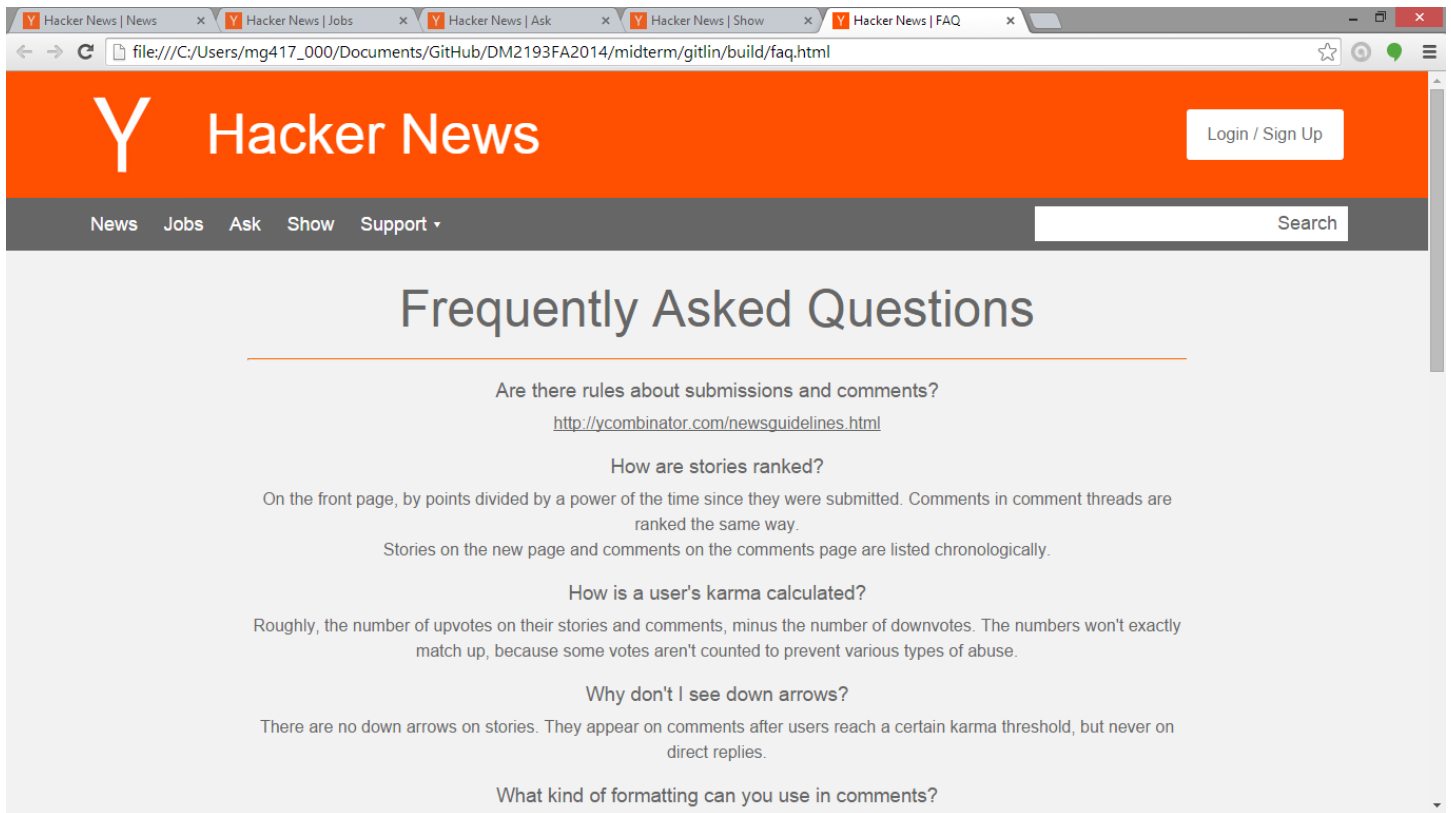
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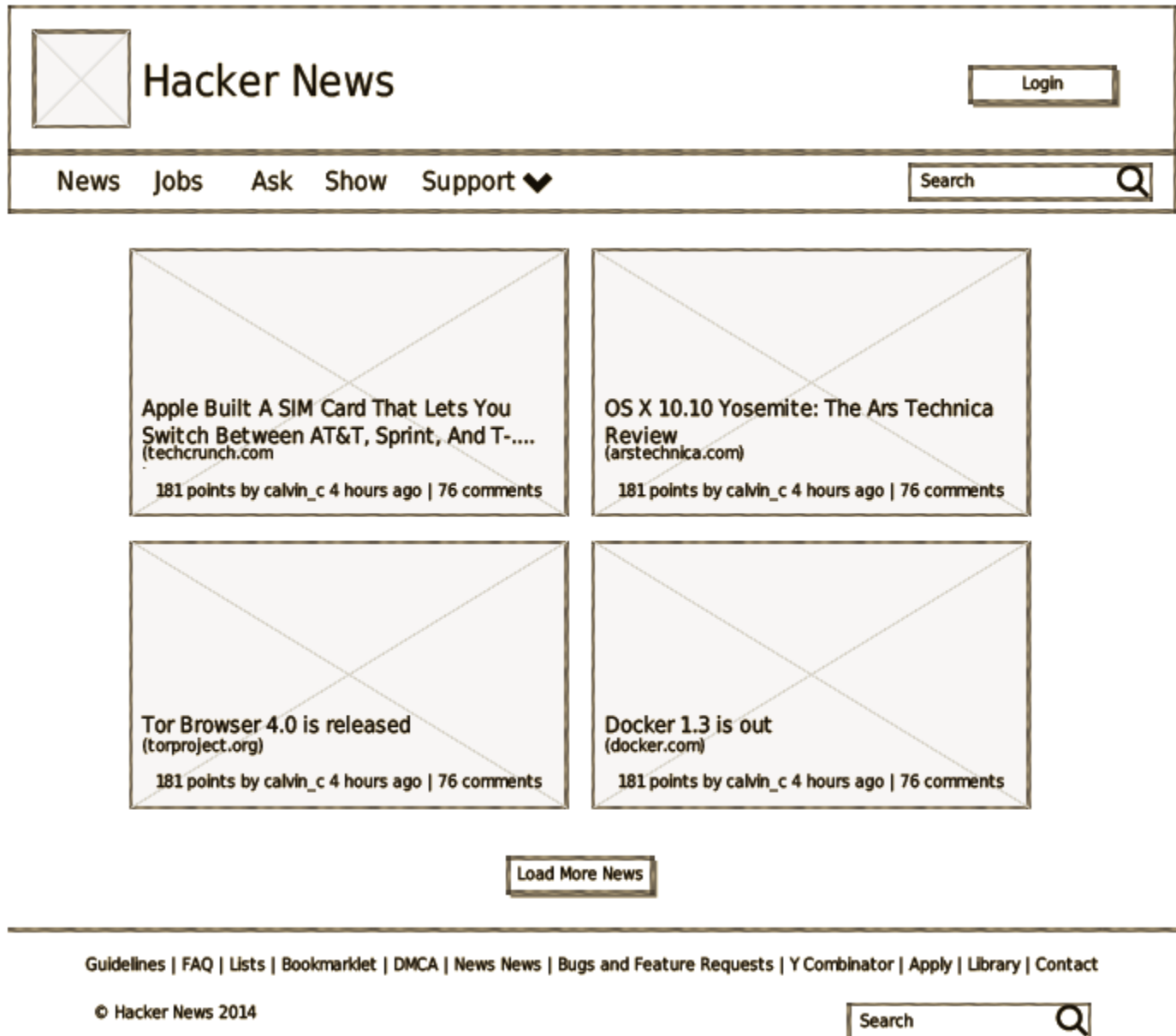


The frequently asked questions page of the website, all the frequently asked questions and their answers can be found on this page, there is no load button because it is all here.



# Wireframes

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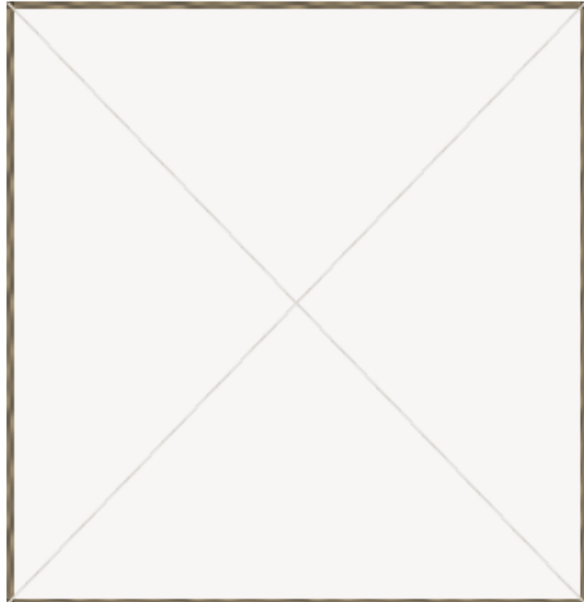
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