

NU Clubs User Manual



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Find installation instructions, system requirements, known compatibility issues, and a description of, and guide to, using the interface of the site.

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GETTING STARTED

NU clubs is powered by PHP and MySQL. It is recommended that you render the site using modern browsers that support the W3C DOM, such as Internet Explorer 5+, Opera and Mozilla. However, many of the features are designed to fail silently in older browsers.

Compatibility

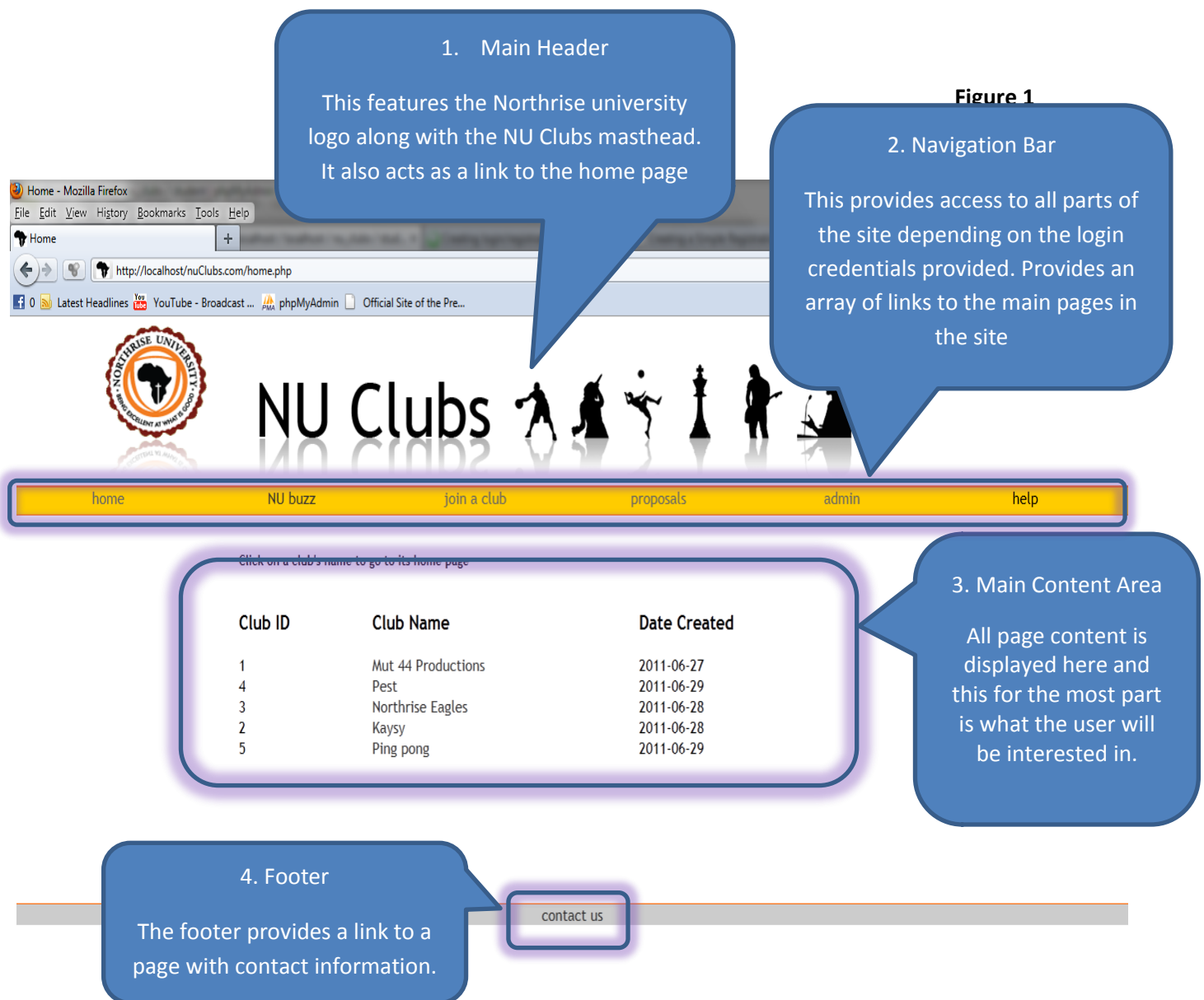
The site is compatible with IE 5.0+ (Windows), IE 5.3+ (Mac), Mozilla 0.6+ (All), Opera 7.0+ (All), Konqueror 3.1+ (All), Safari (All).

Installation Instructions

1. Insert the CD labelled nuClubs.com
2. Browse the disc contents
3. Locate the Xampp executable and double click it to start installing Xampp server.
4. Leave the default C: drive as the destination folder for installation and click "install".
5. From the command line interface that appears you can select whether or not to add a shortcut to the Xampp control panel on the desktop.
6. You can also choose portable settings for Xampp. These settings negate the need for installation if the application is deployed on a different machine.
7. Start the Xampp control panel and exit the command line interface
8. Start the Apache and MySQL services from the Xampp control panel and close it.
9. Open your browser and navigate to your local host page. (<http://127.0.0.1> or <http://localhost>)
10. You should first try »Status« on the left navigation to make sure everything works fine.
11. On the Xampp interface under Tools, click phpMyAdmin.
12. Click the "Databases" tab and using the text-fields provided at the bottom of the page create a new database named "nu_clubs".
13. From the "Import" tab, browse for and locate "nu_clubs.sql" located on the NU Clubs CD and click 'Go'.
14. After the new database is created, locate the nuClubs.com folder on the CD and copy and paste in the 'htdocs' folder inside the Xampp folder in your root drive. (C :\\)
15. The site has now been hosted on your computer and users can access it by entering the appropriate URL (pointing to the nuClubs folder) in their respective browsers.

GENERAL INTERFACE LAYOUT

The NU Clubs site is based on a template with the following layout: (Fig. 1)



LOGGING IN

All the pages in the site are only accessible if you successfully log in. Otherwise, an error is displayed and you will be redirected to the login page.

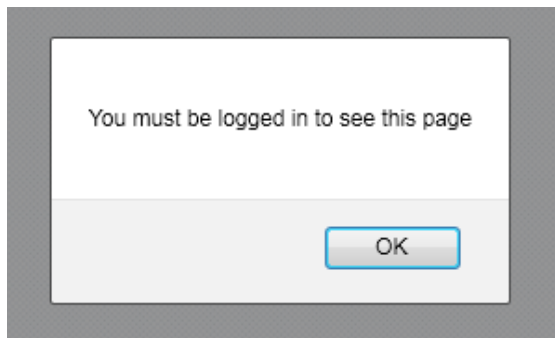


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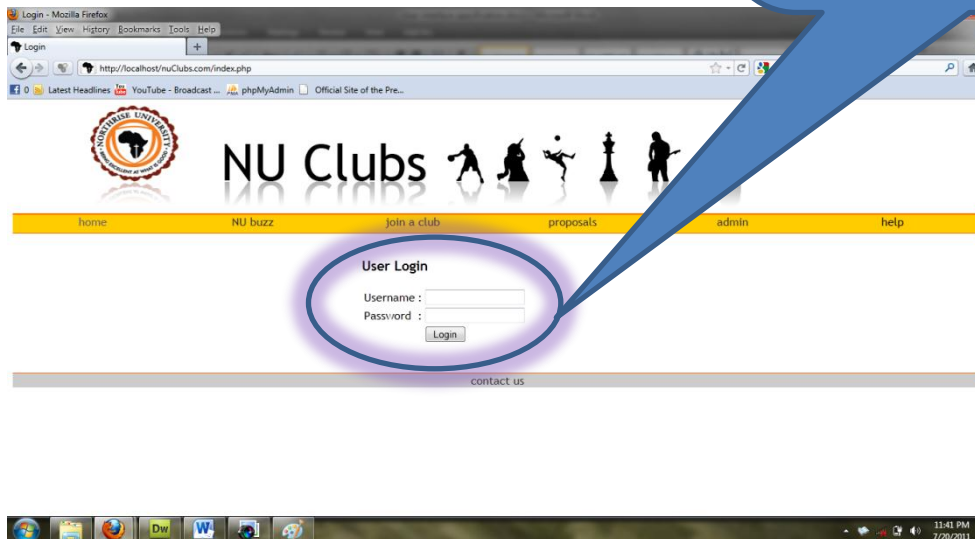
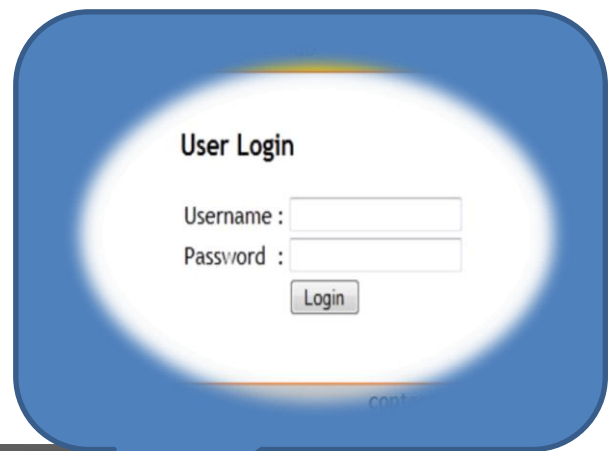


Figure 3

You are required to provide a username, which is typically a student or staff id number, and a password. These are sent for verification using the “Login” button.

THE HOME PAGE

The home page simply lists the existing clubs by their names, unique club identification numbers, and the date on which they were created or approved. To see a specific club's homepage click that club's name.

Home

http://localhost/nuClubs.com/home.php

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NU Clubs

home NU buzz join a club proposals

Click on a club's name to go to its home page

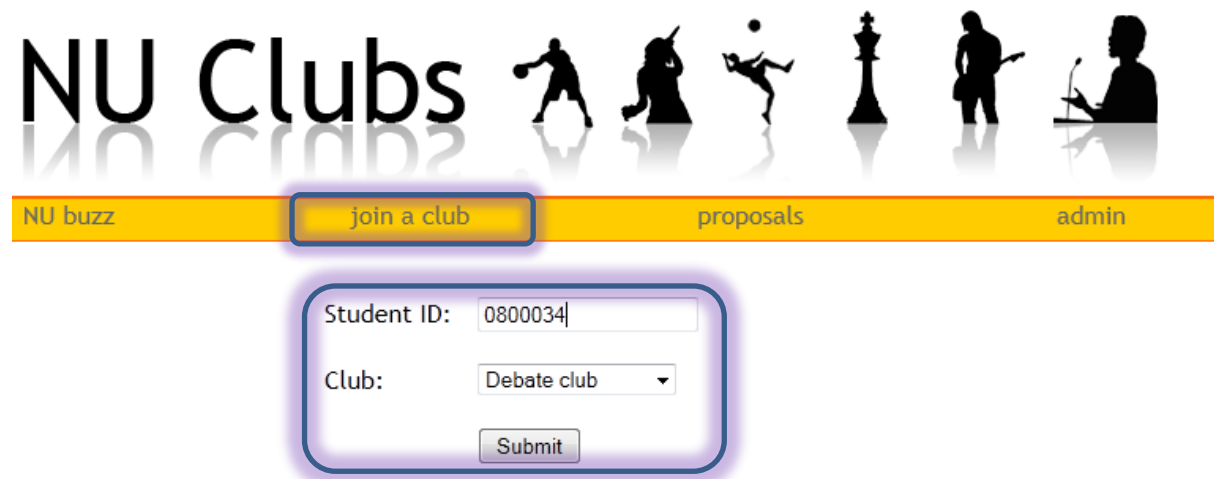
Club ID	Club Name	Date Created
1	Mut 44 Productions	2011-06-27
4	Pest	2011-06-29
3	Northrise Eagles	2011-06-28
2	Kaysy	2011-06-28
5	Ping pong	2011-06-29

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Figure 4

JOINING A CLUB

To join a club a student can fill in a simple subscription form requiring only a student identification number and a club name selected from a drop-down list. Clicking “submit” confirms that the subscription has been added and redirects to the homepage. The subscription can then be approved by the appropriate club head. (See “The club homepage – Subscriptions”)



The image shows the 'NU Clubs' website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with four links: 'NU buzz', 'join a club', 'proposals', and 'admin'. The 'join a club' link is highlighted with a blue border. Below the navigation bar, there is a large heading 'NU Clubs' followed by six silhouettes of people engaged in different activities: a basketball player, a person playing a guitar, a person playing a soccer ball, a chess piece, a person playing a guitar, and a person speaking at a microphone. Below the silhouettes, there is a form with two input fields: 'Student ID:' with the value '0800034' and 'Club:' with a dropdown menu showing 'Debate club'. A 'Submit' button is located below the 'Club:' field.

NU BUZZ

This is a basic chat application from which students can interact using a real-time chat portal. Simply type your message in the text field provided and click send to add it to the message thread displayed in the green text area.

Clicking “Logout” signs you out of NU Buzz.

NU Buzz



The image shows the 'NU Buzz' chat interface. At the top, there is a link labeled 'Logout'. Below it, there is a large green rectangular area representing the message thread. At the bottom, there is a text input field and a 'Send' button.

THE CLUB HOMEPAGE

The club home page displays information about the club. The page also provides links with which you can access the list of club members, pending student subscriptions to the club, the upcoming events or news page, and a suggestion box for club members.



CLUB MEMBERS LIST

Student ID	Name	Program	Designation
800034	Kanyanta Mubanga	BIT	Ordinary Member
800035	Joseph Ellis	BIT	Ordinary Member
800012	Mapande Mapande	BIT	Ordinary Member
800009	Kambole Kabwe	BBA	Ordinary Member
1000030	Ngane Mpengula	BFA	Ordinary Member
1000031	Tulemye Mpengula	BIT	Ordinary Member

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Student ID	Name	Program		
800034	Kanyanta Mubanga	BIT	Accept	Reject
800012	Mapande Mapande	BIT	Accept	Reject
800035	Joseph Ellis	BIT	Accept	Reject

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UPCOMING EVENTS LIST (NEWS HEADLINES)

Click a headline title to view its article

#	Headlines	Added by	Date added
1	Should government impose more tax on houses?	Godfrey Mpala	2011-07-22

Add a news item

Upcoming Event Details

Should government impose more tax on houses?

added by Godfrey Mpala

2011-07-22

debate about the above

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Staff ID:

Upload image or icon:

Browse...

Event Title:

Event Details:

Add event

SUGGESTION BOX

The suggestion box provides a means for club members to communicate their opinions. As a club member you can post suggestions which can be viewed by other club members, the Dean, and club heads by clicking the “add a suggestion” link.

Click a suggestion's title to view it in full

#	Title	Added by	Date added
1	Wireless debate	Kanyanta Mubanga	2011-07-22

[Add a suggestion](#)

Wireless debate

added by Kanyanta Mubanga

2011-07-22

debate via wireless LAN

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Student ID:

Suggestion Title:

Suggestion Details:

[Add suggestion](#)

PROPOSALS

You can view existing proposals from the proposals page. You can also view associated comments by clicking the view comment link next to each proposal's status.

Click the "create a club" to complete a new proposal form.

The screenshot shows a web interface for managing proposals. At the top, a yellow navigation bar contains the links "join a club", "proposals", and "admin". Below the navigation bar, there is a table of proposals. The table has three main columns: "Proposal ID", "Club Name", and "Status". The "Status" column also includes a "view comment" link for each proposal. Annotations in blue speech bubbles provide additional context: one points to the "Proposed club name" link in the header, another points to the "view comment" link, and a third points to the "create a club" button. The table data is as follows:

Proposal ID	Club Name	Status	view comment
1	Mut 44 Productions	accepted	view comment
2	Kaysy	pending	view comment
3	Northrise Eagles	accepted	view comment
4	Pest	pending	view comment
5	Ping pong	rejected	view comment

At the bottom of the page, there is a "create a club" button and a "Create a new proposal" button.

Figure 5

CREATING A PROPOSAL

The “create a club” link leads to the first page of the proposal form where you are expected to provide the general club details. To proceed to the next page, click “next”.

CLUB DETAILS

Club Name Club Head's Staff ID

Type your description here...

Brief Description

Other Club Details

How do you expect to fund the club's activities?

Source of Financing

What items are required by this club? (Please include quantities)

To next page

Next >>

On the second page of the proposal form, you are expected to enter the 7 proposed club members' ID's.

Clicking finish submits the new proposal and redirects to the proposals page.

Please enter the 7 required club members' student ID's

MEMBERSHIP

Student ID

Student ID

Student ID

Student ID

Student ID

Student ID

Student ID

Click to submit
proposal and return to
proposals page

Finish

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Administrative tasks are performed from the “admin” page accessible by way of the navigation bar.

The system administrator and academic dean can add or delete students and staff members, and also delete clubs while ordinary users can only view staff member and student lists.

