Global Connect – Professional Networking Platform

User Manual / Training Document

Overview of the Application

The Global Connect Networking Platform is a professional networking web application that allows users to:
- Create and update personal profiles.
- Connect with other professionals.
- Share posts, like, and comment on updates.
- Chat in real-time with connections.
- Browse and apply for job opportunities.
- Post jobs as a recruiter.
- Receive notifications and updates.

The application is accessible through modern browsers (Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge) and is responsive on desktop, tablet, and mobile devices.

Login / Signup

Signup:
1. Open the application and click on "Sign Up".
2. Fill in details such as Name, Email, Password.
3. Optionally, sign up using Google OAuth.
4. Verify email (if enabled).

Login:
1. Enter registered email and password.
2. Alternatively, use the "Login with Google" option.
3. On success, redirected to Dashboard.

Forgot Password:
1. Click "Forgot Password" on the login screen.
2. Enter your registered email.
3. Follow the reset link received via email.

Dashboard Navigation

The dashboard serves as the main hub:
- Top Navbar: Profile, Notifications, Search, Logout.
- Sidebar/Menu: Home Feed, Connections, Jobs, Chat, Admin (if applicable).
- Main Area: Personalized content (posts, job listings, messages).

Feature Walkthrough

A. User Profile: Edit bio, skills, education, upload picture, view connections.
B. Connections: Search, send/accept requests, manage network.
C. Feed/Posts: Create posts, like, comment, share updates.
D. Chat/Messaging: Real-time chat, history, unread indicators.
E. Job Board: Browse jobs with filters, apply/post jobs.
F. Notifications: Real-time updates for messages, connections, jobs.

How to Use Filters / Forms / Search

- Global Search: Search users, jobs, posts.
- Filters: Narrow jobs by skills, location, experience.
- Forms: Profile form for details, Post form for updates, Job form for recruiters.

Generating Reports

Currently, the MVP does not include downloadable reports.
Admin users may access logs for users, jobs, and reported posts in the Admin Panel.

Logout / Reset Process

Logout:
- Click on Logout in the top-right navigation bar.
- Session ends, login page appears.

Reset Password:
- Go to Forgot Password.
- Enter registered email.
- Reset link sent via email.