

Navigation Flow Fixes - CDM Suite Website

Issues Identified

The user reported several confusing navigation flow issues:

1. Ad-Management Page Issues:

- “Get Started” buttons were redirecting all users to login, even if they were already logged in
- No check for authentication status before redirecting

2. Dashboard Navigation Issues:

- Links on the free dashboard “View Services” button were going to `/pricing` instead of `/dashboard/services`
- Inconsistent service navigation throughout the app

3. Overall Flow Problems:

- Public service pages weren’t checking user authentication before redirecting
- Confusing user journey from public pages to dashboard services

Changes Made

1. Fixed Ad-Management Service Page (`/app/services/ad-management/page.tsx`)

Changes:

- Added session management using `useSession` from next-auth
- Added router for navigation using `useRouter` from next/navigation
- Created new `handleGetStarted()` function that:
- Checks if user is authenticated
- If logged in → redirects directly to `/dashboard/services`
- If not logged in → redirects to `/auth/login?redirect=/dashboard/services`
- Updated all three pricing tier buttons to use the new smart handler

Before:

```
<Button onClick={() => window.location.href = '/auth/login?redirect=/dashboard/ser-  
vices'}>  
  Get Started  
</Button>
```

After:

```
const handleGetStarted = () => {
  if (status === "authenticated") {
    router.push("/dashboard/services");
  } else {
    router.push("/auth/login?redirect=/dashboard/services");
  }
};

<Button onClick={handleGetStarted}>
  Get Started
</Button>
```

2. Fixed SEO Service Page (/app/services/seo/page.tsx)

Changes:

- Applied the exact same authentication-aware navigation fix
- Added session management and router
- Created `handleGetStarted()` function
- Updated all pricing buttons to check authentication status

3. Fixed Free Dashboard (/components/dashboard/free-dashboard.tsx)

Changes:

- Changed "View Services" button link from `/pricing` to `/dashboard/services`
- Updated button text from "View Services" to "Browse Services" for clarity

Before:

```
<Link href="/pricing">
  View Services
  <ArrowRight className="ml-2 w-4 h-4" />
</Link>
```

After:

```
<Link href="/dashboard/services">
  Browse Services
  <ArrowRight className="ml-2 w-4 h-4" />
</Link>
```

User Flow After Fixes

For Non-Logged In Users:

1. User visits public service page (e.g., `/services/ad-management`)
2. User clicks "Get Started" on any pricing tier
3. User is redirected to login page with return URL
4. After logging in, user is automatically redirected to `/dashboard/services`
5. User can browse and purchase services in their dashboard

For Logged In Users:

1. User visits public service page (e.g., `/services/ad-management`)
2. User clicks "Get Started" on any pricing tier

3. User is **directly** redirected to `/dashboard/services` (no login needed)
4. User can immediately browse and purchase services

Dashboard Navigation:

1. User is on the dashboard
2. User sees “Services” link in sidebar navigation
3. Clicking “Services” takes them to `/dashboard/services`
4. Free tier users see “Browse Services” button that goes to same place
5. Consistent navigation throughout the app

Benefits

- ✓ **Seamless Experience:** Logged-in users go straight to services without unnecessary login redirects
- ✓ **Clear Path:** All service-related links now consistently point to `/dashboard/services`
- ✓ **Smart Routing:** Authentication status is checked before navigation decisions
- ✓ **Better UX:** No more confusion about where to purchase services
- ✓ **Consistent Flow:** Dashboard and public pages now work together harmoniously

Testing Performed

- ✓ TypeScript compilation passed
- ✓ Next.js build completed successfully
- ✓ All routes render correctly
- ✓ Authentication checks work properly
- ✓ Navigation flow is consistent across the app

Files Modified

1. `/app/services/ad-management/page.tsx` - Added authentication-aware navigation
2. `/app/services/seo/page.tsx` - Added authentication-aware navigation
3. `/components/dashboard/free-dashboard.tsx` - Fixed services link

Deployment Status

- ✓ **All changes have been built and saved**
- ✓ **Application is ready for deployment**
- ✓ **Currently deployed at:** `cdmsuite.abacusai.app`

The navigation flow is now clear, intuitive, and works seamlessly for both logged-in and non-logged-in users!