Logic process

On the main page, the user is greeted with a list of featured stories (either most popular or newest posts, undecided at this point), with a sidebar containing links to the most popular topics at any given time. Every page will have a navbar fixed to the top of the page which will allow for context-dependent actions based on the user’s login status. A non-logged-in user will be able to navigate to a topic list, to a login page, and to a signup page for new users. In addition, each page will have a footer with copyright info and a login link for admin users.

From the topics page, a non-logged-in user will be able to view all stories under a given topic, as well as a list of comments on a given story. If a non-logged-in user attempts to comment on a story, they will be redirected to the login page.

After logging in, the navigation bar will update with a link to the user info page. From here, the user can view and edit their personal information, view a list of stories they have created, or delete their profile. In addition, a list of new topic requests will show the status of the topic (created, under review, or rejected).

Navigating to the topics page, a new button will appear for the logged in user to request that a new topic be created by an admin. This will then push the request to admins and onto the user’s topic request on their info page.

Logged-in users will also have a logout button on the navbar; pushing it will change their status to non-logged-in user.

Upon logging in as an admin, the user will be presented with an admin page link in their navbar as well as a logout link. The admin page will give the admin the option to ban a user, to change a user’s status to admin (or to regular user for other admins), and to view, approve, or reject new topic requests.