

# Guilds

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## Abstract

This is an outline of the Guilds project and its specifications.

## 1 Introduction

To be filled.

## 2 Specifications

### 2.1 General

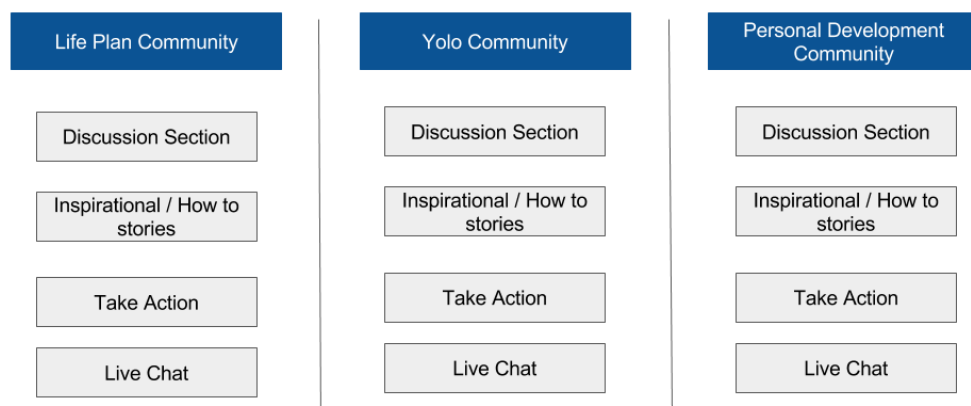


Figure 1: General Layout.

### Communities

- Any user can join and leave any/all communities at the click of a button
- Front end restrictions for a user not in communities
- All posts by a user that is not in community have a visual cue that he is not.
- No real back end restrictions for user not in the community to post in that community
- Any banned user can no longer interact with any of the communities

### User Accounts

- have a username
- have a password

- have an avatar
- Can be blocked and unblocked.
- Can be promoted to and demoted from admins.

#### Admin Powers

- Add and remove new admins
- Ban and unban user
- Can add a new user
- There is a contact admins page where a message can be sent to the admins.

## 2.2 Discussion

#### Overview

- Any non banned user can post a new thread by specifying title and message.
- The Author of a thread can edit its title and message.
- Threads have replies.
- The author of a reply can edit its contents

#### Threads Specific

- pinned flag -> stay at the top of the thread list.
- Blocked flag -> No updates to the thread or its contents or replies are possible.
- Created Date -> Automatically filled
- author name -> only modifiable by admin

#### Comment Specific

- Blocked flag -> Cannot be further edited.

#### Admin Powers

- Can pin and unpin a thread.
- Can block and unblock a thread.
- Can block and unblock a reply.
- Can edit any Post or reply.

## 2.3 Inspirational / How to Stories

#### Overview

- Any user can post a story related to the community it is posted on.
- Stories can have comments
- Stories are linked to their author.
- Stories have likes
- Comments and Stories can be edited by their authors.
- Stories can be viewed newest first /most popular first/ by author.

#### Stories

- Have a title starting with how to or how I.
- Need to be backed by a personal Experience in a small experience overview.
- Need to give specifics on the experience and how someone else could reproduce it.

## 2.4 Live Chat

### Overview

- All the users connected in the community/to the live chat are visible

## 2.5 Take action

### Overview

- Place where people can form groups and take action.
- TBD

### Ideas:

- Can provide links to Story/ discussion that inspired the group formation for action taking

## 2.6 Further Ideas

- Users have an inbox where PMs can be sent
- Stories have flags to categorize and search the stories.
- users can see when new messages appear in live chat
- can have sub live chats with only part of the users
- can mention user in live chat and he will receive notifications.
- users receive notifications about various events on the site.