



**4um.me**

# Project Requirements

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# Introduction

The goal of 4um.me is to create a free, simple option for users to create and manage personal forums. Using the custom framework designed for Vanillaforums.org, 4um.me will let users create, browse, post and manage forums all with a single login. The Forum creation process will be a few simple steps allowing anyone to create a personal discussion board. The creation process, simplified admin panel, and universal login will allow users previously unable to create and manage a forum a place to share and explore new content.

## Revision History

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11/01/2011	Ian Eicholtz	1.0	Document Creation
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03/23/2012	Ian Eicholtz	5.0	Final Deliverable

# Approvals

Date	Approver	Title	Signature	Comments

# Reviewers

Date	Reviewer	Title	Comments

# General Notes

The overall project intention is to open the peer to peer information sharing power of forums to users unfamiliar with the traditional experience. However, it will also be a priority to make the forums customized and able to handle the demands of experienced users as 4um.me grows. Usability and user experience will be a priority to ensure that 4um.me can handle a broad range of user skill levels.

# Detailed Requirements

## 1.0 Home Page

The Home page will be one basic Layout. However, two variations will exist as to whether or not a user is logged in. Once a user has signed in the sign up section will become a latest topics display, and a link to the users admin panels will display in the main navigation.

Item	Description	Comments
1.1.1	Site Logo	Consistent across all pages except Admin & Forums Act as link to homepage
1.1.2	Main Navigation	Consistent across all pages except Admin & Forums Admin link added upon user login
1.1.3	User Login	Pop up display box with user login fields
1.1.4	Featured Content Slider	jQuery slider featuring a few selected forums as examples
1.1.5	User Sign Up	One step sign up form for new users
1.2.1	User Logout	Will replace login in the navigation once a user has signed in
1.2.2	Admin Link	Added to main navigation when a user has signed in
1.2.3	Latest Topics	Ajax display of most recent topics posted on forums Replaces user sign up form when a user has signed in

## 2.0 About Page

This page will feature general site information, a detailed features list, examples of how to get started, and a brief overview from the developer outlining the purpose and vision for the project

Item	Description	Comments
2.1	General Overview	Outline of the purpose and functionality of the site
2.2	Features List	List of the main site features, will be updated as future features are added
2.3	Image Example	Image of example forum with call outs to key features
2.4	Developer Summary	Brief overview from the developer about the purpose, inspiration, and development of 4um.me

## 3.0 Contact Page

This page will feature a simple issue submission form, site contact information, developer contact information, and after the site has been up and running a help/FAQ created from real user issues.

Item	Description	Comments
3.1	Issue Submission form	Input form for users to report issues or submit feedback
3.2	4um.me contact information	Address, email, and phone number for 4um.me
3.3	Developer information	Name, email, and link to my personal site
3.4*	Help/FAQ *future feature	Solutions to common problems users may experience created from the user issue submissions.

## 4.0 Browse Page

This Page will feature a site wide search function, as well as displaying popular Categories, topics, and forums making it easy for users to find and explore different forums.

Item	Description	Comments
4.1	Global Search	Users can search all forms on the site with option for results to be specifically forums, topics, or categories.
4.2	Popular Categories	Display of the forum categories with the most topics.
4.3	Popular Topics	Display of the topics with the most posts
4.4	Popular Forums	Display of the Forums with the most topics

## 5.0 Create Page

This page features the forum creation input fields, as well as simple step by step instructions.

Item	Description	Comments
5.1	Creation Instructions	Brief overview of the steps to create a forum
5.2	Create field	Simple form with all the required information to create a forum in one step.

## 6.0 Forum Display Page

This page will be the default layout and content scheme when a user first creates a forum. All the basic forum information will be displayed: name, topics, categories, search as well as links to start new topics, and reply to existing topics.

Item	Description	Comments
6.1	Forum Name	The name the user specifies for the forum will display in place of the 4um.me logo
6.2	Forum Search	Forum specific search with option for topics, or categories
6.3	List of Topics	Display of the topics with the most recent replies
6.4	List of Categories	List of categories chosen by the forum admin to filter the list of topics display
6.5.1	New Topic Button	Link to allow users to start a new topic
6.5.2	Create Topic Pop Up	Pop Up Display that provides users with all the basic information to properly label and post a new topic
6.6.1	Reply to Topic Button	Link to allow users to reply to an existing topic
6.6.2	Reply to Topic Field	Ajax display field that will slide down below the current topic to provide users with a quick reply field to post a new comment.
6.7.1	View Full Topic Button	Link to allow users to view all posts in a specific topic
6.7.2	View Topic Page	Page that displays all posts under a specific topic
6.8	4um.me Home Link	Link to take users back to the main site home page

## 7.1 Admin Selection Page

If a user has created a forum, clicking the admin link in the navigation page lets them select which admin panel they want to visit.

Item	Description	Comments
7.1.1	User Admin Panel Link	Link to the users basic account information panel
7.1.2	Forum Admin Panel Link(s)	Links to all forum admin panels that user has access too



## 7.2 User Admin panel

The User Admin Panel allows users to edit/update basic account information such as: name, username, email, phone, bio, as well as changing their password. It will also feature an option to upload or change an avatar in a future version.

Item	Description	Comments
7.2.1	Basic User Information field	Displays the users first and last name, username, email, phone number, and a short bio, allowing users to add/update/delete this information.
7.2.2	Change Password Link	Displays a pop up box that has a simple input field for a user to change their current password.
7.2.3*	Avatar *future feature	Field to upload, change, and preview a 4um.me avatar.

## 7.3 Forum Admin panel

The Forum Admin Panel allows users to edit the content, moderators, and basic features of their forum. In future versions of 4um.me users will also be able to edit the theme and layout, as well as upload a custom theme or logo.

Item	Description	Comments
7.3.1	Edit/Delete/Create Topics	Users can manage the existing content, as well as add new content directly from the admin panel.
7.3.2	Edit/Delete/Create Categories	Users can specify the categories that display on the forum page, as well as manage specific Categories topics
7.3.3	Add/Remove Moderators	Users can grant privileges to other 4um.me users to help maintain relevant topics, prevent spam, and terms of use violations
7.3.4	Add/Remove Banned Users	Users can easily manage a list of other users that have been banned from viewing their specific forum.
7.3.5*	Theme Editor *future feature	In a future version of 4um.me users will be able to edit the default theme, or upload a custom theme or logo to further customize their page.

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