

# Website Walkthrough Document: MessilsTheGoat Forum

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Welcome to the MessilsTheGoat Forum, an interactive and dynamic web application dedicated to discussions about the legendary soccer player Lionel Messi. This document provides a detailed walkthrough of the site's features from both a user and administrator perspective, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of its functionalities.

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## GitHub Link:

<https://github.com/ronakJain21/360-project.git>

## Website Link:

<https://cosc360.ok.ubc.ca/yhussein/360-project/PHP/>

## Access Credentials

### For Administrators

- **Username:** ron
- **Password:** 123

### For General Users

- **Username:** ron1
- **Password:** 123

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## User Guide

### Browsing and Searching Discussions

1. **Without Logging In:**

- Navigate to the homepage.
- Browse through the list of discussions and threads available on the main page.
- Use the search bar at the top to search for specific topics or posts. Note that this can be done without registering or logging in.

## **User Registration and Profile Management**

### **1. Registering a New Account:**

- Click on the “Register” button or link, usually found at the top right of the page.
- Fill out the registration form with your username, email, and password. You can also choose to upload a profile image at this step.
- Submit the form to create your account.

### **2. Logging In:**

- Use the “Login” button or link to access the login form.
- Enter your username and password.
- You will be redirected to the homepage or your user profile page upon successful login.

### **3. Viewing and Editing Profile:**

- Navigate to your profile by clicking on your username or the designated profile link.
- To edit your profile, look for an “Edit Profile” or “Settings” option within your profile page.
- Here, you can change your profile details such as the profile picture, username, and password.

## **Creating and Interacting with Content**

### **1. Creating a Post:**

- Ensure you are logged in.
- Click on the “Create Post” button or link.
- Fill out the post creation form with a title, content, and optionally select a thread or category.
- Submit the form to publish your post.

### **2. Commenting on a Post:**

- Find a post you wish to comment on.
- Use the comment box at the bottom of the post to add your comment.
- Submit your comment, and it should appear beneath the post.

### **3. Voting on a Post:**

- Next to each post, you will find upvote and downvote buttons.
- Click on either button to cast your vote. Your vote will be immediately reflected.

## **Administrator Specific Features**

### **1. Logging In as an Administrator:**

- Use the admin credentials provided above to log in.
- Upon login, you will have access to the admin dashboard.
- 2. **Admin Dashboard:**
  - Here, you can view statistics such as the number of users, posts, and comments.
  - Navigate to different sections like “Users,” “Posts,” and “Threads” for detailed management options.
- 3. **User Management:**
  - In the “Users” section, you can search for users by name, email, or post.
  - You have the option to enable/disable user accounts directly from this interface.
- 4. **Content Management:**
  - Within the “Posts” and “Threads” sections, you can edit or remove content as needed.
  - This allows for effective moderation of discussions on the platform.

## Unique Features

- **AJAX Updates:** The site uses AJAX for real-time content updates, enhancing user engagement without needing page reloads.
- **Responsive Design:** Tailored for optimal viewing on both desktop and mobile devices, ensuring a seamless user experience.
- **Advanced Search:** Beyond simple keyword searches, users can perform advanced searches within specific categories or threads.
- **User Activity Tracking:** Users can view their history of posts and comments from their profile, offering personalized insights into their engagement.