User documentation for using the prototype

The first page that a user will view when the site opens up is the login and registration page. A new user has to register and create a user profile by entering a username, an email- id and a password (figure 1). Once their user profile has been created, they can then log in to their profile using their username and password they created during registration. After logging in it will take the user to the home page (figure 2)
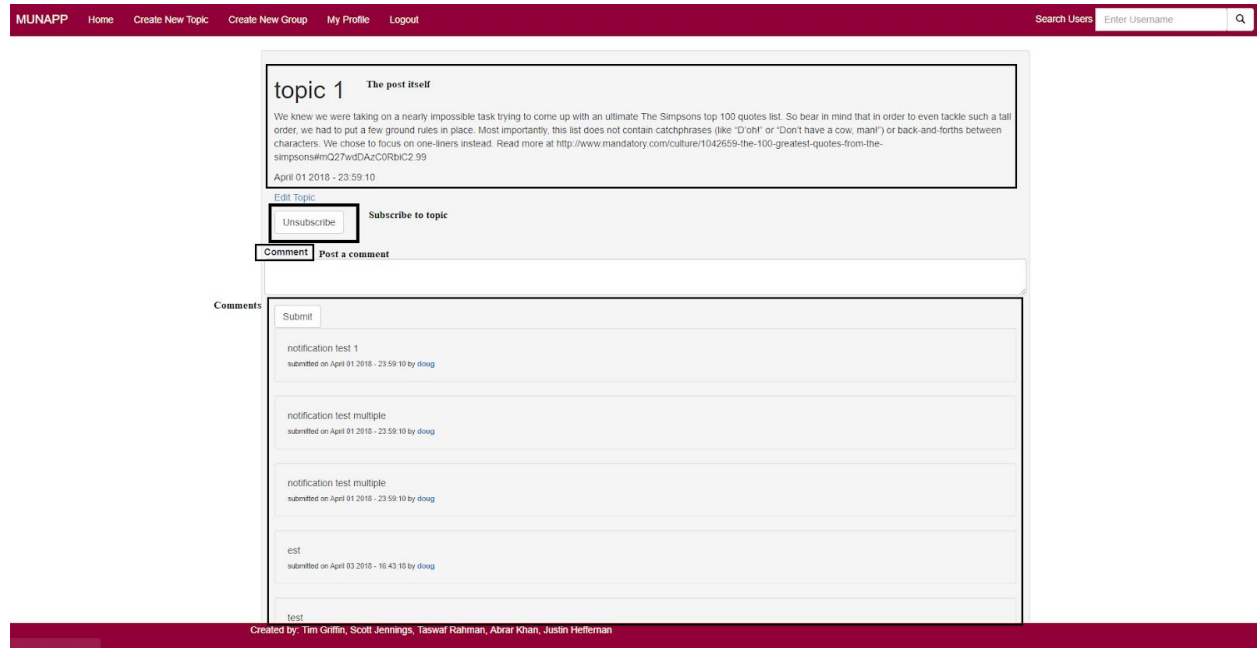
Figure 1

Figure 2

The home page will display the recent topics posted. By clicking the link to the topic, it will take the user to the topic page. In the topic page there is an option to subscribe to the topic. If a user is subscribed to a topic, they will get notified of comments on that particular topic. A user is also able to comment on a topic from the topic page. Once a comment has been made, there is an option to edit the topic as well (figure 3).
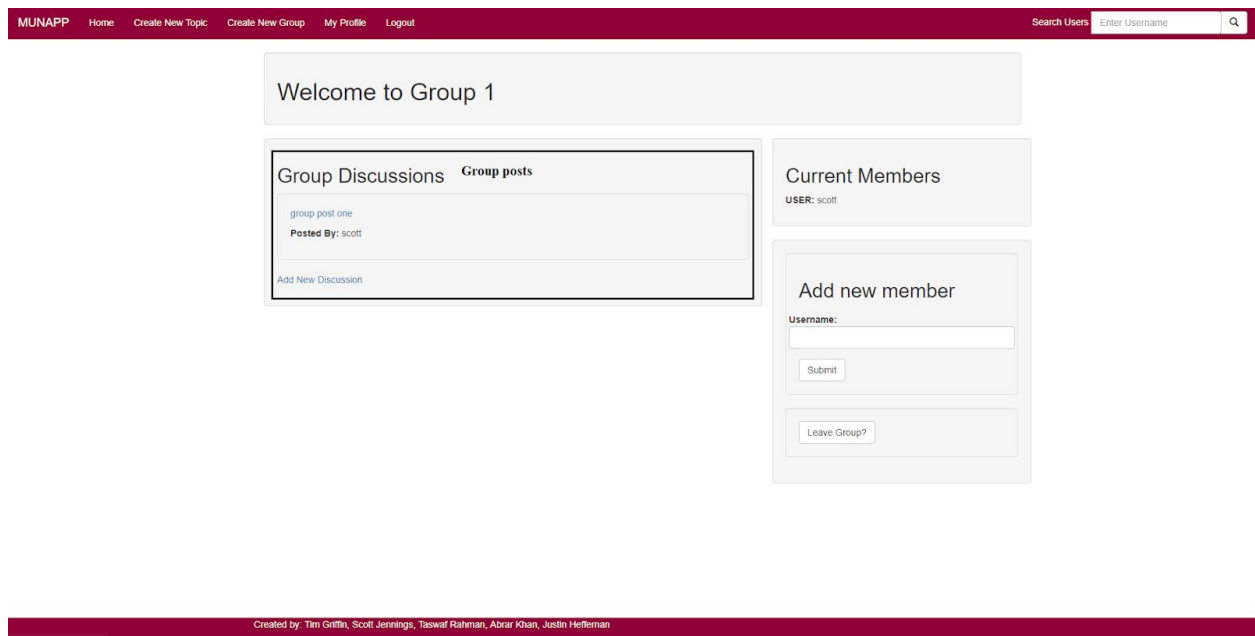
Figure 3

There is a tab for creating a new topic on the home page. It will take the user to the page for creating a new topic by clicking that tab. User can input a title and a body for the topic they want to create and submit it to create a new topic (top of figure 3).
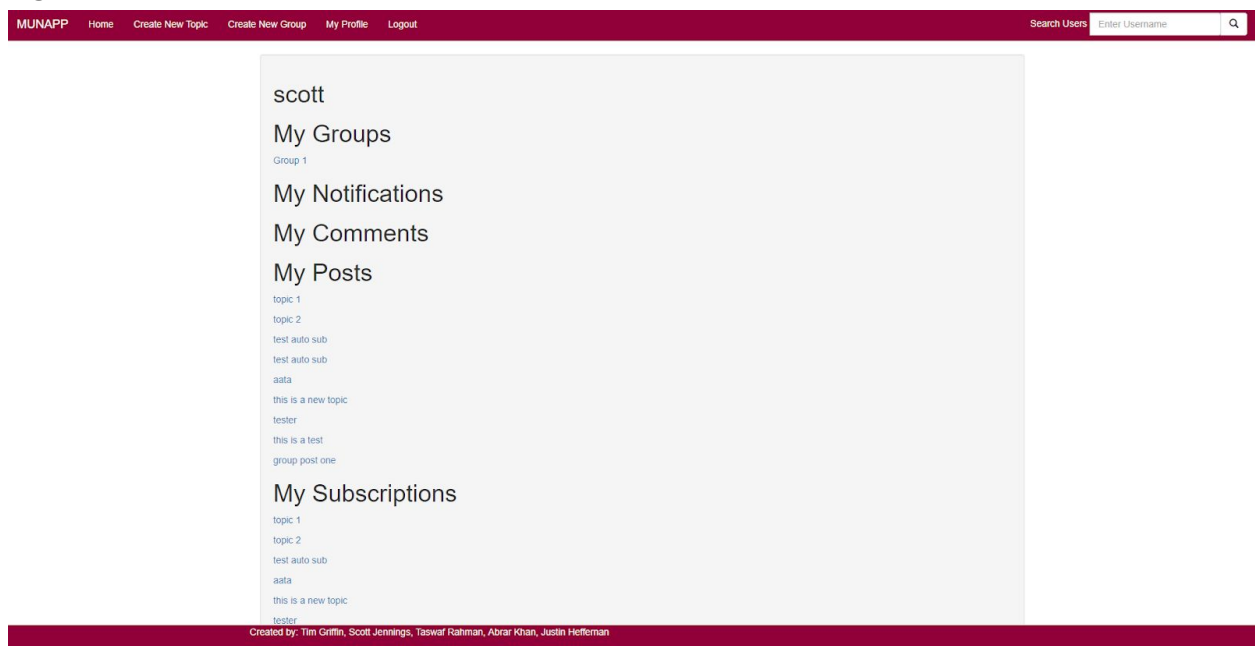
There is another tab named "create new group". That will take the user to the page for creating a new group. They can create a new group by simply inputting the name of the group and clicking submit. Once the group has been created they can create discussion topics in the group. Users can add other members in the group by inputting their username. The topics discussed in such groups can only be viewed by the members of that group (figure 4).

Figure 4

There is a tab called "My profile" which takes the user to the user profile. The user profile lists the groups the user is a member of, any notifications the user has received, the comments the user has made, the topics the user has posted, and the topics the user is subscribed to (figure 5).

Figure 5

The site also has a search bar for searching user profiles using usernames found the top right corner anywhere on the site. The user can view other user's profile and view comments and posts made by them. Lastly the user can log out using the logout tab (figure 6).

Figure 6