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# **Website User Manual**

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# ZATech Public Website

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## What is the ZATech Website?

The ZaTech website ([zatech.co.za](https://zatech.co.za)) is your gateway to South Africa's largest tech community with **18,000+ members**. Use it to:

- Learn about the ZaTech community
  - Join the Slack workspace
  - Find sponsorship opportunities
  - Discover upcoming events
  - Access community resources
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# Quick Start: Join the Community in 3 Steps

## Step 1: Visit the Website

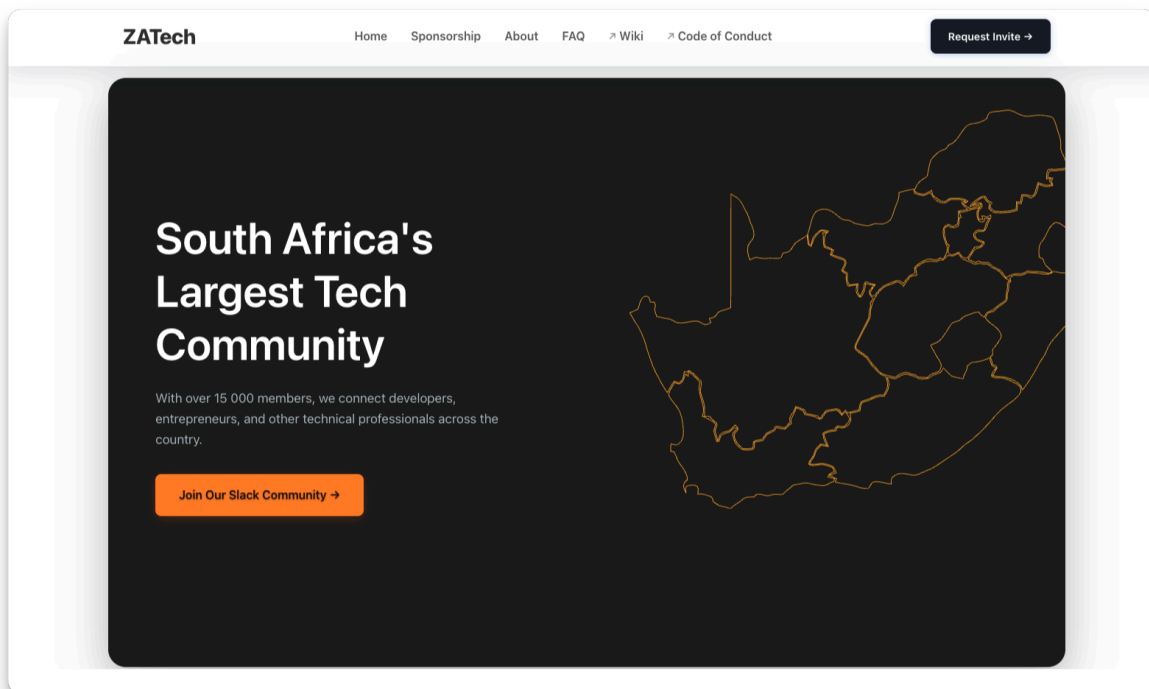
Navigate to **zatech.co.za** in your browser.

### Compatible Browsers:

- Chrome 88+
- Firefox 85+
- Safari 14+
- Edge 88+

## Step 2: Explore the Homepage

You'll see:



### Key sections:

- **Hero:** Welcome message and quick join button
- **About:** Community mission and values
- **Sponsors:** Companies supporting the community

## Step 3: Join Slack

1. Click "**Join Slack**" button (on homepage or in navigation)
2. Enter your **details**
3. Click "**Send Invitation**"
4. Check your **email** for the invite link
5. Click the link and **create your account**

### Didn't receive the email?

- Check your spam folder
  - Wait 5-10 minutes
  - Try a different email address
  - Request a new invite
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## Navigating the Website

### Main Navigation Menu

**Desktop** (top of page):

[Home] [About] [Sponsorship] [Events] [Wiki] [Join Slack]

**Mobile** (tap menu icon):

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Tap to open menu, then select your destination.

## Key Pages

### Home (/)

- Community overview
- Member count and highlights
- Quick join button

### About (/about)

- Our story and mission
- Core values
- Community guidelines
- How ZaTech started

### Sponsorship (/sponsorship)

- Why become a sponsor
- Sponsorship tiers (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze)
- Benefits per tier
- How to apply

### Events (/events)

- Upcoming meetups and conferences
- Past event recaps
- Registration links
- Event types (meetups, webinars, conferences, workshops)

### Wiki (links to [wiki.zatech.co.za](https://wiki.zatech.co.za))


- Community knowledge base
  - FAQs and guides
  - Technical resources
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# Using the Website on Mobile

## Mobile-Optimized Features:

- Touch-friendly buttons
- Responsive layout (adapts to screen size)
- Fast loading on mobile data
- No zooming required

## Navigation on Mobile:

1. Tap  icon (top-right) to open menu
2. Tap your desired page
3. Tap **X** or outside menu to close

**Tip:** Use portrait mode for best experience.

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# Becoming a Sponsor

## Why Sponsor ZaTech?

- Reach 18,000+ tech professionals
- Brand visibility in the community
- Access to talent for recruitment
- Support the South African tech ecosystem

## Sponsorship Tiers

### **Platinum** (\$5,000+/year)

- Logo on homepage (top placement)
- Dedicated Slack channel
- Speaking slot at annual conference
- Monthly newsletter feature
- 10 event tickets

### **Gold** (\$2,500/year)

- Logo on sponsors page
- Channel mentions (monthly)
- Speaking opportunity at meetups
- Quarterly newsletter feature
- 5 event tickets

### **Silver** (\$1,000/year)

- Logo on sponsors page
- Channel mentions (quarterly)
- 2 event tickets

### **Bronze** (\$500/year)

- Name listed on sponsors page
- Thank you post in Slack
- 1 event ticket



## How to Apply

1. Visit the **Sponsorship** page
2. Click "**Become a Sponsor**" or contact form
3. Email: [sponsors@zatech.co.za](mailto:sponsors@zatech.co.za)
4. Include:
  - Company name
  - Desired tier
  - Contact information

**Timeline:** 1-2 weeks from application to launch

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Is ZaTech free to join?**

A: Yes! ZaTech is completely free. No membership fees, no hidden costs.

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**Q: Do I need to be a developer?**

A: No! We welcome developers, designers, product managers, data scientists, students, and anyone interested in tech.

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**Q: Is ZaTech only for South Africans?**

A: While we focus on the South African tech community, international members are welcome, especially those:

- Moving to South Africa
  - Working with SA companies
  - Supporting the SA tech ecosystem
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**Q: How do I get the Slack invite link?**

A:

1. Go to **zatech.co.za**
  2. Click "**Join Slack**"
  3. Enter your email
  4. Check email for invite link
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**Q: The website isn't loading. What do I do?**

A: Try these steps:

1. Refresh the page (Ctrl+R or Cmd+R)
  2. Clear browser cache (Ctrl+Shift+Delete)
  3. Try another browser (Chrome recommended)
  4. Check your internet connection
  5. Wait a few minutes and try again
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**Q: The menu isn't working on mobile. Help!**

A:

1. Ensure JavaScript is enabled in browser settings
  2. Update your browser to the latest version
  3. Try landscape mode if screen is very small
  4. Try Chrome for mobile (best compatibility)
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**Q: Can I access the site offline?**

A: No, the website requires internet. However:

- Pages load very fast (under 2 seconds)
  - Works well on slow connections
  - Mobile-data friendly
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# Accessibility Features

## Keyboard Navigation:

- **Tab** - Move to next element
- **Shift + Tab** - Move to previous element
- **Enter** - Click/activate
- **Esc** - Close menus

## Screen Reader Support:

- Compatible with JAWS, NVDA, VoiceOver, TalkBack
- Semantic HTML structure
- Alt text for images
- Descriptive link text

## Visual Accessibility:

- High contrast text (7:1 ratio)
- Text scales with browser zoom (up to 200%)
- Color is not the only indicator

## Browser Zoom:

- Zoom in: **Ctrl +** (Windows) or **Cmd +** (Mac)
  - Zoom out: **Ctrl -** (Windows) or **Cmd -** (Mac)
  - Reset: **Ctrl 0** (Windows) or **Cmd 0** (Mac)
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# Getting Help

## Website Issues:

- Check **wiki.zatech.co.za** for help articles
- Post in Slack
- GitHub: [github.com/zatech/zatech-website/issues](https://github.com/zatech/zatech-website/issues)

## Community Questions:

- Join Slack via the website
- Post in **#general** or **#help**

## Sponsorship Inquiries:

- Email: [sponsors@zatech.co.za](mailto:sponsors@zatech.co.za)
  - Visit: [zatech.co.za/sponsorship](https://zatech.co.za/sponsorship)
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# Summary

## In 3 steps:

1. Visit **zatech.co.za**
2. Click "**Join Slack**"
3. Create your account and introduce yourself!

## Key features:

- Learn about the community
- Join Slack instantly
- Find events and sponsors
- Access resources via wiki

## Need help?

- Check **wiki.zatech.co.za**
- Ask in Slack **#help**
- Email [info@zatech.co.za](mailto:info@zatech.co.za)