

Groups

What are groups?

Groups are a way to connect people with a common interest. They are also an easy way to share content and conversation, either privately or with the world. Group members can:

- Post content that only other group members are allowed to see.
- Export their content to other web sites, and brand it with their own logo.
- Upload a group logo and use it as the group identity.
- Create events on the group calendar that only group members can attend.

Customization

Customizing a Group's Look

1. On your main page of the group, click on "Show Manager Controls" and click on "Customize Group".
2. Use the box on the right side of the page to upload a photo. Choose that photo from the drop-down box in the "Group Logo" section.
3. Choose the custom content option in the "Group Main Content" section to add your own description.
4. Specify access to individual tabs within the group in the "Group Access" section by selecting the desired option to the right of item in the list.
5. Click "Save Group Customization" to save your changes.
6. To customize all the group pages at once, click on "Manage Group Pages" in the "Group Custom Content" section. This will take you different interface away from the group customization area, please save all other changes before making this customization.

Customizing Group Pages

Managing Group Pages:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the down-arrow, next to the "Group Manager" button.
3. Select from the drop-down the "Manage Group Pages" button.
4. From there you can manage all of the pages inside of the Group.

Creating a Group Page:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the down-arrow next to the "Group Manager" button.
3. Select from the drop-down the "Manage Group Pages" button.
4. On the Manage Pages tab, click on the "New Page" button.
5. Fill in the title into the title field and URL into the URL field for the new page.
 - a. Note: Page URL's can only contain alphanumeric characters and underscores. Spaces will be removed.
6. Then, fill in the content of the new page in the content text box.
7. Select the publishing settings status from the drop-down.

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- a. Published- the page is available on the Hub's frontend
 - b. Unpublished- the page is unavailable to the Hub's frontend but can be accessed still by the creator and on the backend of the Hub
8. Select the privacy settings from the drop-down.
 - a. Inherits overview tab's privacy setting- The previous setting of the overview tab also is enabled for this page
 - b. Private Page- Accessible to only members of the Hub
9. Underneath the "Settings", select a category from the "Category" drop-down.
 - a. If you want this page to be the home page, select "Set as home page" from the drop-down list.
10. Click "Save Page" to save the new page and the newly added content.

Editing a Group Page:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the Group management button.
3. Select from the drop-down the "Manage Group Pages" button.
4. Inside of Manage Group Pages, select the "Manage Pages" tab and then locate the page that needs editing.
5. Click on the arrow next to the page's "Manage Page" button.
6. From the drop-down select "Edit Page" to begin editing the page's content.
7. Edit the content inside of the group page and then click "Save Page" to save the newly edited content.

Deleting a Group Page:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the down-arrow next to the "Group Manager" button.
3. Select from the drop-down the "Manage Group Pages" button.
4. Inside of Manage Group Pages, select the "Manage Pages" tab and then locate the page that needs deleting.
5. Click on the arrow next to the page's "Manage Page" button.
6. From the drop-down select "Delete Page" and the page will automatically be removed from the group and the Hub.

Creating a New Page Category:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.

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2. Hover over the down-arrow next to the “Group Manager” button.
3. Select from the drop-down the “Manage Group Pages” button.
4. Navigate to the “Manage Page Categories” tab.
5. Click on the “New Page Category” button and then fill in the title and select the color for the new category.
6. Click “Save Category” to create a new category.

Editing a Page Category:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the down-arrow, next to the “Group Manager” button.
3. Select from the drop-down the “Manage Group Pages” button.
4. Navigate to the “Manage Page Categories” tab.
5. Locate the category that needs editing and by the “Manage Page Category” button click the arrow.
6. From the drop-down select “Edit Page Category” and then edit the content inside of the page category.
7. Click “Save Category” once finished to save the newly edited content.

Deleting a Page Category:

1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and access a Group that allows users access to managing pages in the Group.
2. Hover over the down-arrow, next to the “Group Manager” button.
3. Select from the drop-down the “Manage Group Pages” button.
4. Navigate to the “Manage Page Categories” tab.
5. Locate the category that needs to be deleted and by the “Manage Page Category” button click the arrow.
6. From the drop-down select “Delete Page Category” and the page category will be automatically removed from the group and from the Hub.

Member Functions

Inviting Users

Group managers can invite both hub users and unregistered users to join their group.

1. From the "My Groups" section on your "my HUB" page, select the group.
2. Click Show Manager Controls and click Invite Members.
3. Type in the name of the user you would like to invite (notice that the auto completer assists in finding users) or the email address of the person.
4. You may include a message with your invitation in appropriate box.
5. Click "Invite" and they will receive the invite in their email.
6. Verify that the invitation have been sent to the correct people.

Promote a User to a Manager

Groups can have multiple managers. As a group manager, you can promote other group members or demote other managers.

NOTE: A group must have at least one manager at all times.

1. Go to the main group page and click on the "Members" tab at the left side.
2. Click on the promote icon(indicated by the arrow pointing up) next to the name of the person you would like to promote to manager status.

Creating/Deleting Groups

Creating a Group

All registered users can create a group on the hub.

1. Log in to the Hub.
2. Navigate to <https://yourhub.org/groups>, then click the "Create a New Group" button.
3. On the "Create a New Group Page", first fill in the "Group ID" which is the group's name that is in the URL.
4. Fill in the group's title or the name of the group that user's will see.
5. Fill in "tags" to connect your group with words to make it easier to find using Hub searches. A tag is like a subject, keyword, or category.
6. Create the public and private group descriptions. The "Public Description" will allow any users of the Hub view a brief overview of the group. The "Private Description" will allow group members understand any group goals or concepts.
7. Under Membership Settings Join Policy, select the button next to the access level you'd like to give to members.
 - a. Public: Any user on the Hub can join the group.
 - b. Restricted: Qualifications are given that predetermines who can join. These restrictions have to be added into the credentials. The group manager must approve these group members.
 - c. Invite Only: A group manager has to send an invite any new group members to the group.
 - d. Closed: No one can join the group unless they are added from the back-end of the Hub.
8. Under "Privacy Settings", select a discoverability setting for the group.
 - a. Hidden: A hidden group is not listed on the front-end of the Hub, and any content is unavailable to any user that is not a member of the group.
 - b. Visible: A visible group can be found on the Hub through regular searches.
9. Set access permissions for each tab by using the drop-down to select who can access or control each component in the group.
10. For the "Group Email Settings," check the box to automatically subscribe new group members to the group email thread or discussion thread.
11. Once all the group's content has been filled in, then save the new group by clicking "Save Group." Once the initial group has been saved, pictures and files can be uploaded to the group.

Deleting a group

To delete a group you must be the manager of the group and the sole member.

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1. Log in to the frontend of the Hub and locate the group that is to be deleted and click the group title to open into the home page.
2. On the group home page, hover over the Group Manager controls.
3. In the drop-down, select "Delete Group."
4. You will be taken to a page to confirm all items in the group that will be lost.
5. The group will be permanently deleted from the Hub.