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Working with Dolphin

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Abstract

The following work focuses on how to run, lead, manage and work with a community web page as an administrator. In this particular case, all the work is done through specific software called Dolphin Smart Community Builder by Boonex Company. This software provides the necessary tools for creating, changing, adjusting and editing any kind of community page in a very easy way.

The objective of this thesis is to create a community page capable of accept several different types of memberships and create them, each one with different options and characteristics inside the community, depending on if the user has paid a certain annual amount of money or not.

With the Dolphin Software we start with three different types of members by default: non-member, standard and promotional. But with the software it is possible to create several different types of memberships and in the following pages I will explain how.

Beside of that, it is also a work to do, configure an application used to calculate the winnings earned with the payments of the users who wants to possess the special new membership. With this application it is possible to calculate the money earned between certain periods of time, a year, a month or between specific dates.

And for last, it is also a part of the thesis to create an alternative profile page for the users who do not want to have the defect profile page.

Acknowledgements

As it is said in the abstract paragraph, the most of the work is done by the Dolphin Software, so it is better to be familiar with this software before starting. But it is not a big requisite because this software has all the tools necessary to do our purpose, and the use of them is not complicated. Despite of this, it would be good to be a little bit familiar with how to run a community page as an administrator, and be aware of the privacy rules and user or administrator rights.

Of course is useful if we had ever been an administrator of some community page, blog or some others, before, just to have the minimum acknowledgements of how the community pages work as an administrator or even as a normal user.

Finally, for the last part, is necessary to have basic acknowledgements of web programming, html, PHP, .css files..., in order to create a basic web page to use it as a new web profile instead of using the defect template for the members of our community page,.

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1 Introduction

Social networks are web pages that let the people connect with friends or even make new friendships in order to share contents, interact and create communities with similar interests: job, books, games, friendship, etc. The community web pages are becoming very popular on these times and a huge number of surfers are part or have visited a community web page. On the internet we can find millions of different community web pages of all kind of different themes and purposes, as I just said. Meeting people, looking for a job, express ideas, talk about some theme, watch videos are some of the most common topics of the community web pages on the internet. Some famous examples are Facebook with around 350 Millions of users and growing and right now the most famous community for keep in touch or meeting new friends, Flickr for share pictures, Lastfm for listen music and LinkedIn for business connections (Alexa, 2010). On average, global web users across 10 countries spent five and a half hours on social networks in February 2010, and the measure increases each year. In the following table it is showed the number of hours per month by country on more detail.

**Social Network Usage By Country / Feb 2010
Home & Work**

Country	Time per Person (hh:mm:ss)
Average	5:27:33
Italy	6:27:53
Australia	6:25:21
United States	6:02:34
United Kingdom	5:50:56
Spain	4:50:49
Brazil	4:27:54
France	4:12:01
Germany	3:47:24
Switzerland*	3:26:00
Japan	2:37:07

Source: The Nielsen Company

*home only

Image 1: Medium hours spent in social networks

Overall, the active unique audience to social networks grew nearly 30%, from 244.2M to 314.5M in the last year.

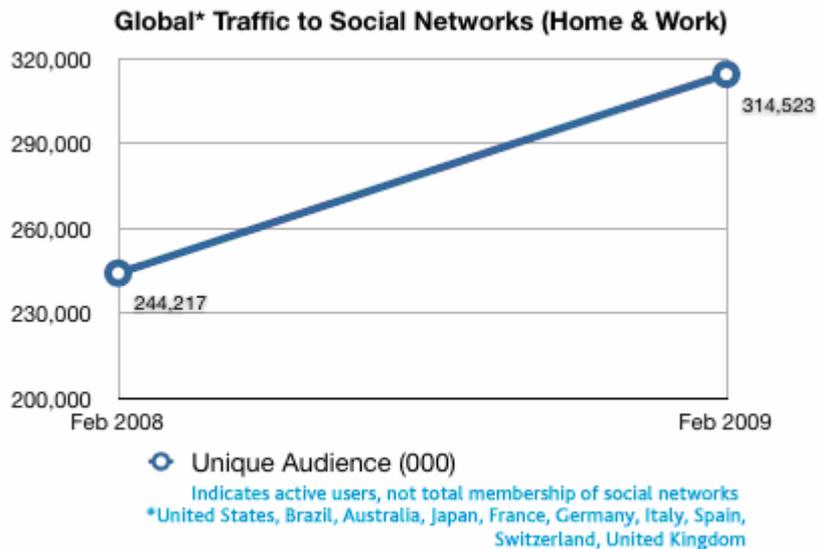


Image 2: Global traffic to social networks
Source: The Nielsen Company

Across the 10 countries measured, Facebook drew the largest active unique audience globally and claimed nearly three times the sessions per user of MySpace, the next closest network. Facebook users also spent more time per session, logging nearly six hours per user across the globe (The Nielsen Company, 2010).

The technology used in the community pages is based on the consolidation of commonly used applications in one place. It used standard technologies such as email and http protocols to facilitate the operations of upload or download information either photos or profile information, instant messaging and other commonly used protocols that can be found along of many websites. The characteristics of the chat rooms are also available and allow users to instantly connect mode individually or in small groups, depending on the site offerings.

We have seen that community pages are very popular and that a lot of people all over the world like to be part of them. Some of these people maybe would like to own one of these community pages and could happen that they have no idea of programming, but now thanks to the progress with softwares anyone can lead a community web page. You do not need to be the best programmer of the world or have a perfect acknowledgement of how internet or web languages work to create a community web page thanks to softwares like Dolphin.

My objective is to create a little manual to explain every step that is needed to be followed in order to complete the purpose of the work: create memberships, pay money for the membership and check the worth obtained with this membership. The person who wants to use Dolphin can read the manual and with this get to know the software and get familiar with it: how it works, how it is organised and what are their possibilities.

2 Theory Part

About Dolphin

Dolphin Community Builder; created by the Boonex company; is a universal, free and open source software that allows any person to build any kind of community page with the huge variety of features and options that the Dolphin software provides and without any programming experience. The package relies on a language system that is controlled via an Administrator.

The software has been running now for almost 6 years and about 20,000 websites have been created with it. This software is downloaded 500 times every day. Over 100,000 downloads in total.

The most recently version of the software is Dolphin 6 where the 90% of code is re-written, the data base tables count doubled and the features set are tripled. Here are some of the new characteristics:

- Flexible Site Width
- Couple Profiles
- Improved and expanded Builders: Fields Builder, Pages Builder
- Dynamic Comments System
- User's articles
- Permalinks for: Articles, Blogs, News, Shared Photos, Shared Music, Shared Video, Groups, Events, Classifieds
- Improved footers design and display

The software uses the language PHP and MySQL database software under the GPL license and works under both Windows-based Web servers and UNIX-based systems. Any user can obtain the Dolphin scripts for free, but this will include some adverts for Boonex products. However the non advert package will only work when a correct licence key from Unity is obtained.

What is the Unity?

Unity is a free community for Boonex customers that can be used to sign up easily to any Dolphin based website. It also provides a way to advertise someone's Dolphin sites to other Dolphin users and to download widgets and extensions developed by others, thanks to the power of open source and a helpful and active community. Here we can also find support and collaboration, as well as a variety of forums and professional services.

Dolphin includes all the features of dating scripts. It is possible to create dating sites, social networks, and video sharing portals. Inside the community the users have the possibility to talk online with live video, or upload and share music or video files, or even keep track of their buddies while they are off the site. The Dolphin software can provide the community page with private rooms, one-to-one chat, full-screen video modes, interchangeable smile sets,

rooms in tabs, absolute customization flexibility, returning visitors count and the overall rate of the site popularity.

Video Messenger includes all these features: rich text formatting and animated emoticons, file transfers and talk logs, templates, languages and custom skinning, and even a fully resizable interface.

Other Boonex Products

The Boonex Company offers other products aside from Dolphin: Orca, Ray and Shark. All four can work together in order to offer the maxim possibilities to the users.

Orca: Orca Interactive Forum Script is a free and open source forum system using the PHP scripting language and MySQL database software under the GPL license which is fully integrated into Dolphin. The frontend is fully AJAX - based. The members can post to threads with questions, answers and opinions to thread topics. Orca displays the posted topics on the main page in the real time, so when a user makes a post it will show up instantly in the display. Orca can be used independently or not with Dolphin Software.

Ray: A community widget suite that allows the members to video chat and interact with one another in real time, including messaging, MP3 player and more in a web interface.

Shark: An enterprise community platform.

The Native integration of the Dolphin site with Ray Community Widget Suite and Orca Interactive Forum Script, give more functionality options for the community site ideas.

BoonEx does not provide hosting services for the Dolphin users, but they can help people to find the better hosting environment for their page and they work closely with a several number of hosts. Choosing the right hosting, however, is essential for proper operation of BoonEx software. In fact, about 80% of support issues boil down to an incorrect hosting setup.

Features

Here are some of the general, user and administrator panel features that Dolphin has. The data is extract from the Boonex homepage.

General Features

To begin with and the most characteristic, Dolphin is 100% open source. The users of Dolphin can find a huge list of properties, so as: upload photos; create different categories, permissions and comments in the blog, approve several profiles simultaneously and realize diverse kind of searches: quick search, advanced search, ZIP code search, matchmaking (auto search based on user-specified criteria) and searching or tracking for online members. Dolphin converts any kind of video format and supports multiple languages. It is integrated by default with Ray Community Widget Suite for high performance and functionality and Orca Interactive Forum Script. It has RSS feeds support, registration Security Images, page

and Profile Builders, customizable sounds for incoming messages, user login/logout, video/audio files start/stop viewing, private communications using text, audio and video simultaneously , help pages, direct upload of files to a member's profile and optimized audio/video streaming control . The video chat is possible in multiple rooms or 1 to 1 private rooms, and the full screen video option is available in Video Chat, Video Messenger and Video Player. Dolphin is integrated with PayPal by default and can be integrated with any other payment processing company (PaySystems, Authorize.Net, iBill, 2checkout, etc.); meaning that several payment providers could work simultaneously. The billing system is 100% automated; a Script automatically sends purchased information after the payment is processed and performs multi-level and anti-fraud checks. Also important is his great way to present concepts and his intuitive interface for ease of use (Boonex, 2009).

User part Features

What a member can find in a Dolphin site is: browse profiles with narrowing ability, E-mail confirmation , smart shopping cart with history, invite / tell a friend, new members (auto-displaying of photos of latest registered users on the main page), "Online/Offline" user status, personal Media Gallery (audio, video and pictures), shared Media Gallery (audio, video and pictures) , personal Blog, friends list , guestbook, create events, classifieds and polls, lists with online users , top-rated profiles, newsletter , "Last logged-in" information, and extended "About me" section, profile ratings, number of profile views with the ability to list members who viewed the profile, automatic photos upload system, photos rating, personal Weblog commenting, Messenger with storing system, advanced control panel for members (profile status and all-contacts information), Media (video and audio support for profiles), create a Hotlist of buddies or favorites , block certain members, ability to post articles and create couples profiles, drag and drop system, skin and language switcher, audio/video conferencing, unlimited video streaming and video streaming in a Separate Window (full screen mode), rooms list with the members info (photo, nickname, sex, age, user's type) in any room, view Video instead of Photo of the profiles when user's cams are on, send a "whisper" message to a particular user, chat in several rooms simultaneously, listen to and upload music files, record videos and download the recorded video file, and so on (Boonex, 2009).

Administration Panel Features

These are some of the advantages that the administrator has with Dolphin: a user-friendly and convenient online administration system, pages and field's builder, navigation menu builder, graduated pricing, customizable memberships and different user membership types (text only, view only, full access), advanced Banner System, an easy to follow calendar, viewing widgets already installed and order widgets you may still need, enable/disable any widget with a click, adjust settings for each widget and order more templates or languages, approve/Disapprove music, set limits for quantity and size of uploaded files, view list of users with video (All, Approval pending), play, approve and delete video functions, enable/disable guests posting messages in Shoutbox, set number of displayed messages, individual member promotion and membership assignment, five types of user account status, searches by ID, e-mail and nickname, user-friendly profile fields modification system, updated admin finance calculator,

multiple languages support, free trial membership (admin ability to set up the period length and conditions), automatic database cleaning (administrator can specify allowed inactivity period), displaying the number of registered members from defined countries who are online/present, ability to bring random, online, last, and top rated profiles to the home page, ability to set required size of "Password" field, customizable number of photos a member can upload, ability to set up events, place, time and event manager's contact info, automatic billing and transactions generation, ability to create any membership type, ability to define membership access level, ability to define customized membership requirements and ability to give permissions to all users to contact each other for free (Boonex, 2009).

Starting to work with Dolphin

Dolphin software consists of four parts:

The **Frontend** is the part that gets displayed on the web and is publicly accessible. It is the part that one can see and interact with in order to participate in the community.

The **Backend Database and Server side** includes the PHP, MySQL, Javascript , CSS, HTML and various support files that work together to manage and control the data and the display of the data in both the frontend and the admin. An intermediate programmer can customize Dolphin in both functionality and display.

The **Server** is the key to allow the proper function and serving of the system. Dolphin requires a specific set of server parameters.

The **Admin System** is the part only accessible by an authorized administrator assigned as such during the installation process. This is the part we will focus in this thesis because is the part we will work on in order to accomplish the purpose of the Thesis.

The admin area allows controlling and editing information. In most cases, whatever is it adjust in the admin portion of the site will be reflected on the live site and can be visually observed. It uses a drag and drop method of blocks (a block is a collection of functions that are encapsulated in a container) and the standard web controls such as text fields, checkboxes, radio buttons, pull down menus and form buttons. The drag and drop and the web controls facilitates a lot working with Dolphin.

Inside the Admin site on the left one can see a navigation menu that shows the different ways we can administer dolphin and on the right side is where it shows the related and linked information we click of the left menu.

The dashboard on the main page of the admin panel looks like this:



- Dashboard
- Users
- Content
- Tools
- Plugins
- Builders
- Settings
- Logout



Dashboard

Latest Activity

Quick Stats

2 Members	0 Photos	0 Events
0 Online	0 Videos	0 Polls
0 New Today	0 Music	0 Topics
0 This Week	0 Profile Videos	0 Posts
0 This Month	0 Tags	9 Articles
1 This Year	0 Groups	0 Classifieds
1 Friends	0 Blogs	

Awaiting Moderation

0 Members	0 Photos	0 Events
0 Online	0 Videos	0 Polls
0 New Today	0 Music	0 Topics
0 This Week	0 Profile Videos	0 Posts
0 This Month	0 Tags	0 Articles
0 This Year	0 Groups	0 Classifieds
0 Friends	0 Blogs	

Image 3: Dolphin dashboard

3 Practical Part

3.1 Memberships

3.1.1 Get a Membership

We have to create a membership that the users will get only if they pay a certain annual amount of money. To accomplish that, first of all, we have to configure and prepare our community page for the reception of money.

That implies (for example) to open a Paypal account, but we can also configure other payment methods.

In order to get money with our Dolphin site we have to bear in mind another important point. It is necessary to take our site out of “free mode”. This will enable the new memberships and will enable also the payment system to allow the collection of money via a gateway such as Paypal, online transactions...

The procedure to take the site out of “free mode” is the following:

Enter on the site as a administrator and when the dashboard appears go to the left panel and click on Settings. In the new menu that will appear below, click on Membership Levels. Then focus on the Membership Settings Panel and uncheck the mark on the:

“Site is running in free mode”.

With this process we can continue with our purpose.

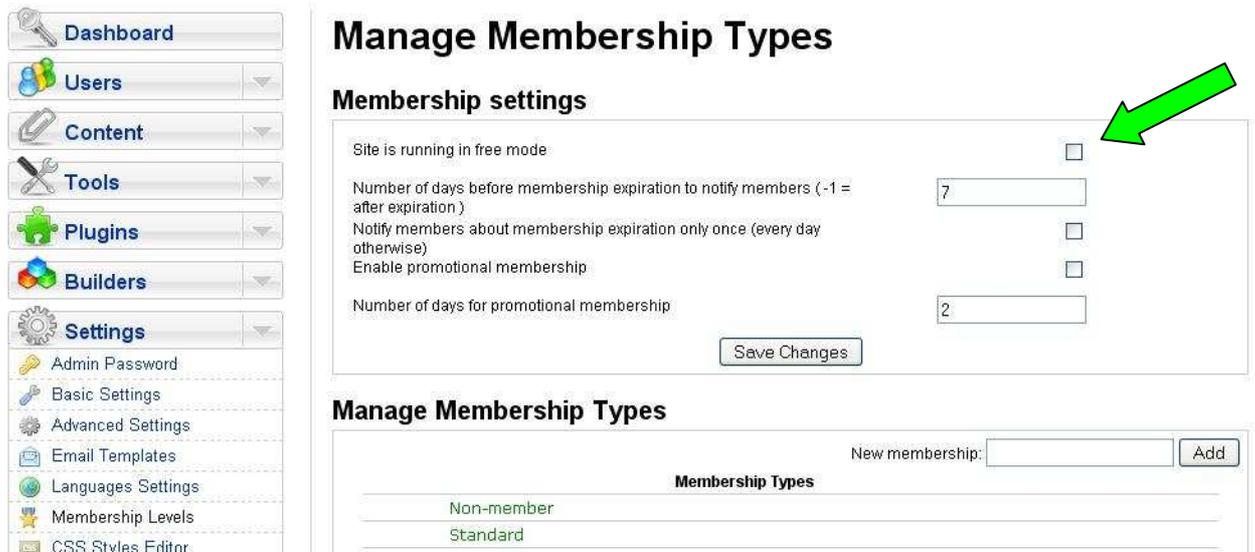


Image 4: Membership Types

3.1.2 Manage Membership Types

In order to configure and personalize our Membership Types we have to go again to the dashboard, to the left panel and click on Settings > Membership Levels.

In this section we have the opportunity to add or create a new Membership Type, or change the configurations of the already existing memberships.

In the default install we have three different types of memberships preconfigured:

1. Non- member. This one corresponds to the users who visit our community page without being registered to the web site.
2. Standard. This is the type of membership the user will get after registering to the web site.
3. Promotional. The Promotional Membership will be available only when the administrator of the web asks for it expressly. But this membership is not available in the beginning as a default, so if we want it to be available we have to do the following:

Go to Settings > Membership Levels, focus on the Membership Settings Panel and mark “Enable promotional membership”. After doing this every new registered user will get directly the Promotional Membership.

If we do not enable the promotional membership, this type of user will not exist. That means that inside the community will be only standards members and/or the new type of memberships that we will create.

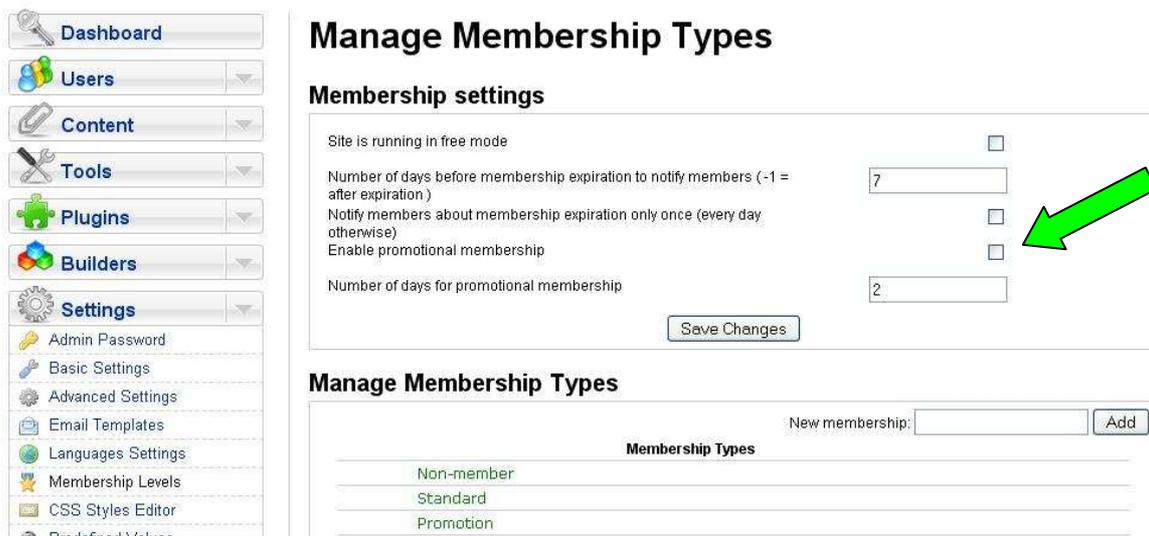


Image 5. Manage Membership Types

Each Membership has assigned, as a default, some different actions. We, as administrators, can choose and change these actions easily in this same section, we do not have to follow the default example, we can change everything as we want.

We can do this clicking on the name of the Membership we want to change or add actions. It will appear the list of the actions below and the possibility to add new ones or delete the old ones.

Here is the default list of actions of each different type of Member:

Non - member: make searches, use Orca public forums, view other member's guestbook and vote.

A non-member, obviously, can not do or interact so much in the community. As administrators we can change this choosing specific options for each Membership and we could give the non-members more rights in the community, but it is not recommend if we want to keep the "privacy" of our users.

Standard: can add or delete classifieds, post comments, vote the comments, make searches, rate photos, send greetings, send messages, use Orca public forums, view photos, view profiles and vote.

Promotional: get other member's emails, make search, send greetings, send messages, use the chat, use the forum, use the gallery, use the guestbook, use Orca private forums, use Orca public forums, use Ray chat, use Ray instant messenger, use Ray video recorder, view other member's galleries, view other member's guestbook, view photos, view profiles and vote.

As we can see, as more promotional you are more options and possibilities you have in the community. This way of differentiating is in order to keep a range in the community. For example, in some communities you can get more privileges if you pay some amount of money, or in other ones you can get promote by seniority, or depending on your activity in the community. The more you get involved inside the community more privileges you will get,

This is the way of working of most community pages in the web, but each creator can run his own web as he wants, with no limits, restrictions or ways to be.

3.1.3 Adding a new Membership Type

Now, we will add the new type of membership for our project. We will call it Paying Member

The procedure will be the following: Go to Settings > Membership Levels and focus on the Manage Membership Type panel. On the right side on top there is a text field where we can write the name of the new Membership. After this we just have to press the Add button and

the new Membership will appear in the Membership Types list. As a default its mode is Inactive, so to activate it we have to click on the Inactive link and its status will change to Active.

Dashboard

Users

Content

Tools

Plugins

Builders

Settings

- Admin Password
- Basic Settings
- Advanced Settings
- Email Templates
- Languages Settings
- Membership Levels
- CSS Styles Editor
- Predefined Values
- Payments Settings
- Blogs Settings
- News Settings
- Groups Settings

Manage Membership Types

Membership settings

Site is running in free mode

Number of days before membership expiration to notify members (-1 = after expiration)

Notify members about membership expiration only once (every day otherwise)

Enable promotional membership

Number of days for promotional membership

[Save Changes](#)

Manage Membership Types

New membership: [Add](#)

Membership Types	
Non-member	
Standard	
Promotion	
[Active] Paying Member	Pricing Delete

Image 6: Paying Member Membership

As a new Membership we can add actions to it. To do this, we have to click on the Membership Type name we want to configure and this will enable the Membership Actions Panel. With this panel we can specify the allowed actions for the Membership, as like: use chat, search on forums, send messages, and we can also limit or control the quantity of actions. So, for each action we can specify the limits of the action clicking on the “Show” link on the right side of the Membership action. For example, we can specify the number of allowed actions, the number of hours when the action is reset, since when the action is available and until when the action is available.

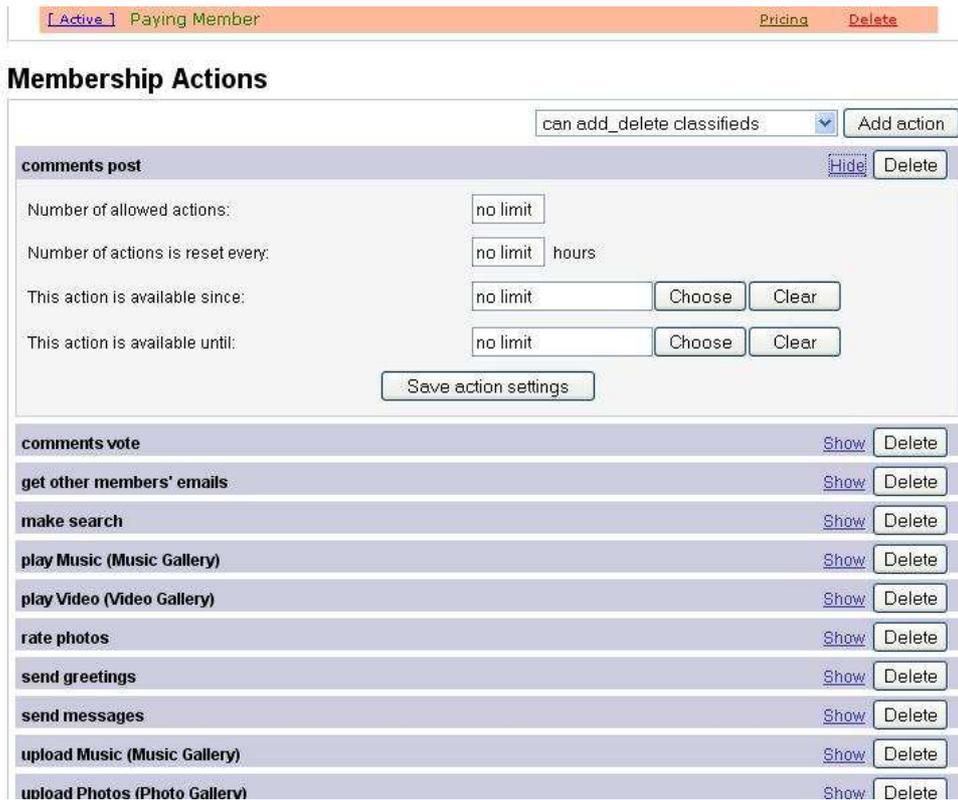


Image 7: Membership Actions

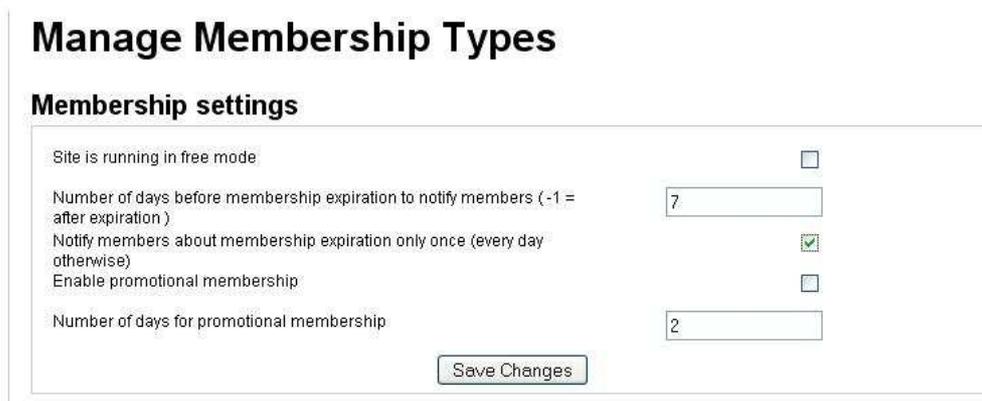
The new create membership, *Paying Member*, will have all the possible privileges inside the community, they are as follows:

Paying Member: post comments, vote comments, get other member's emails, make search, play Music (Music Gallery), play video (video Gallery), rate photos, send greetings, send messages, upload Music (Music Gallery), Upload Photos (Photo Gallery), upload Video (Video Gallery), use Blog, use Chat, use Forum, use Gallery, use Guestbook, view Photos (Photo Gallery), vote, use Orca private forums, use Orca public forums, view other member's Blog, view other member's galleries, view photos and view profiles.

3.1.4 Adding a price to a Membership

Now we will put a price to the membership, meaning that the new users who want to have it, will have to pay the price we want. To do this we have to continue in the same panel Manage Membership Types and focus on the Pricing link on the right side of the Membership name. If we click on it, will appear the Pricing panel where we can choose the number of days for the Membership to last and the price. This membership will last 365 days and will cost 1\$.

If we focus on the panel Membership settings we will see that we can change some properties of the Memberships that we have create. Here we can choose the number of days before a Membership expire to notify members. In our case we will write *7 days*, for example. And also, choose if we want to notify membership expiration only once or every day. In our case we will choose *only once*.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Manage Membership Types". Underneath, there is a section labeled "Membership settings" which contains a form with the following elements:

- A checkbox labeled "Site is running in free mode" which is currently unchecked.
- A text input field for "Number of days before membership expiration to notify members (-1 = after expiration)" with the value "7" entered.
- A checkbox labeled "Notify members about membership expiration only once (every day otherwise)" which is checked.
- A checkbox labeled "Enable promotional membership" which is unchecked.
- A text input field for "Number of days for promotional membership" with the value "2" entered.
- A "Save Changes" button at the bottom center of the form.

Image 8: Membership Settings

In this panel there are some other options only referred to the Promotional Membership. We can enable the promotional membership (as I have explained previously), and the number of days for the promotional membership to last. If we enable this Membership type, every new registered user will become directly a Promotional member. It means that the member will have the possibilities and actions attached to the Promotional Member.

Making it clear: If we uncheck “enable the promotional membership” every new registered user will join the community page as a standard member and with the options attached to it. And, if we check “enable the promotional membership” every new registered user will join the community page as a Promotional member. But, in both cases, they will have the possibility to upgrade to another Membership that we create. In our case, they will have the possibility to become a Paying Member.

Seeing this, we will uncheck enable the promotional membership and we will write 0 days for the promotional membership because we do not need it in this case.

3.1.5 Payment Options

At the moment we unchecked the “Site is running in free mode” mark at the beginning, we enabled directly all the payment methods. Now, we have to configure them.

To do this we have to go to Settings > Payments Settings.

We will see two Panels: Common Settings and Manage Payment Providers. In the first panel is where we can choose the currency and enable the recurring billings.

Common settings



The screenshot shows a settings panel titled "Settings". It contains two main configuration options: "Currency code (for checkout system)" with a dropdown menu set to "EUR (Euro)", and "Enable recurring billings" with an unchecked checkbox. A "Save" button is located at the bottom center of the panel.

Image 9: Common Settings

In the second panel we can find all the available providers with all the data they need to configure them. Each one has a *Payment provider setup instructions* link where explains the information of each field, in case we need a little help.

Manage payment providers



The screenshot shows the configuration page for the PayPal payment provider. The provider name "PayPal" is displayed in a large, stylized font on the right. The configuration options include: "Active" (checked), "Mode" (Live), "Debug output" (unchecked), "Supports recurring" (yes), "Business" (Any business), "Process type" (IPN), "Connection type" (SSL), "Identity token" (empty field), "Don't prompt customer to include a note" (checked), and "SandBox Business" (empty field). At the bottom, there is a link for "Payment provider setup instructions" and two buttons: "Save" and "Validate saved configuration".

Image 10: Manage Payment Providers

3.1.6 How an user can become a Paying Member

This point is oriented to the users, not to the administrators; because the new membership is already created and working so in the administrator site there is nothing else to do. But it is important to know what has changed in the user site and how a user can become a Paying member.

First of all we have to login in the community page as a normal user. Once we are inside we will click in the *My Account* link, on the top-right site of the page.

Once we are in the My Account site, focus in the Member Info Panel, on the Membership Part where it says: *Click here to upgrade.*

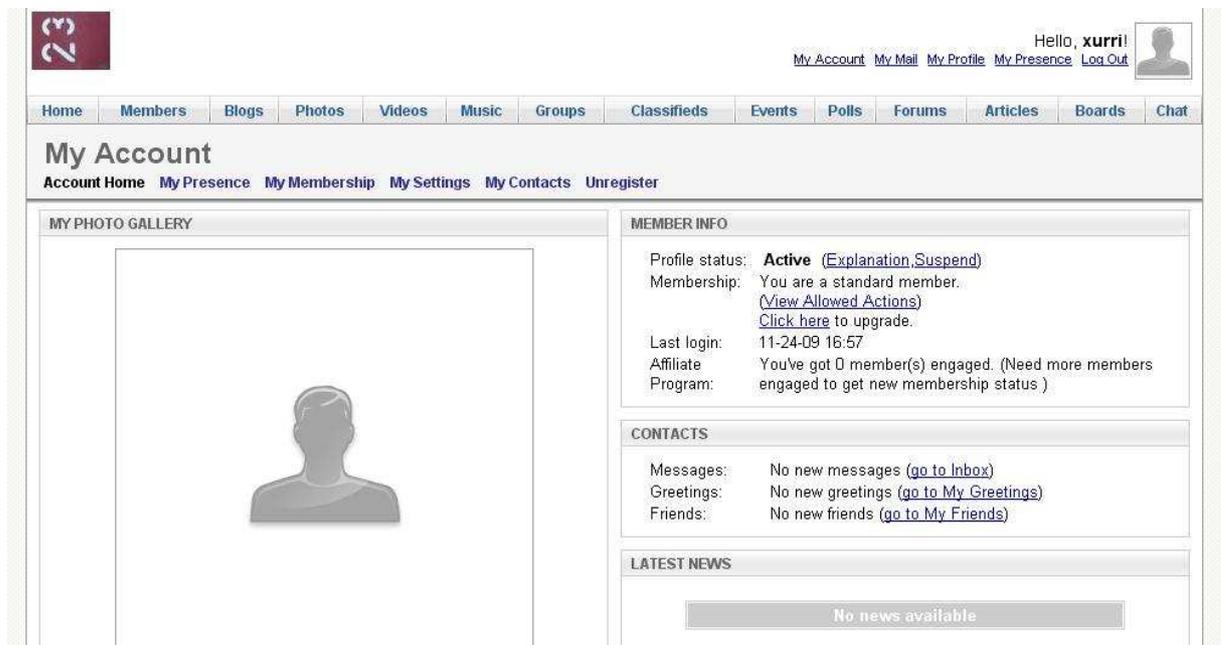


Image 11: My Account Template

If we click on the link, the system will redirect us to the Membership page. There, we will see the possible Membership Types we can choose, with the price for each one. And also, clicking on the Explanation link we will see the characteristics for the membership.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS	
You are a standard member. (View Allowed Actions)	

AVAILABLE MEMBERSHIP TYPES	
Paying Member	<input type="button" value="365 days - \$2"/> <input type="button" value="Check Out"/> Explanation

Image 12: Membership Status and Available Memberships

When we choose the Membership we want, in our case Paying Member, we have to click on the check out button on the right side of the Membership name.

After this, we will be able to choose the payment method, but we do not have the Pay Pal or any other provider configured, so we can not go forward this point.

3.2 Money Calculator

The Dolphin Admin Panel has an explicit tool that can help us to find out the money we have earned during a certain time with our site thanks to the Paying member Membership. The tool is called Money Calculator.

But first of all we have to enable the Affiliate Support, in order to activate the tool.

So, in order to allow affiliates we have to login as an administrator and in the dashboard click on Settings > Advanced Settings and mark “*Enable Affiliate Support*”.

Now we can use the tool Money Calculator. We can find it on the left panel, clicking on Tools > Money Calculator.

Finance

Finance

Show transactions and calculate sums

Total amount

For order number

During last days (type **0** for today's transactions)

On the date:

Between dates

and

The earlier date must be set first, the later one - second. Also you can use words "**start**" and "**now**" to indicate the beginning of your work and the present date. Do not use queries like "between start and now" because it can display a huge amount of transactions.

Image 13: Finance

This tool consists of one panel called Finance. In this panel we can find out the transaction sums, and we can choose explicitly a certain transactions, because we have some options to configure the research of the transactions.

If we click the *Total amount* field it will show all the transactions done until the moment.

For order number will show a concrete transaction.

During last will show the transactions realized during the last x days we want.

On the date will show the transactions realized during this date.

And finally, *between dates* will show the transactions realized during a period.

We click Submit and it will appear the Transactions and Calculations panel with the result.

Please Pay Attention

NOTE: Only transactions with your current currency will be shown here.

Transactions and Calculations

Calculations for the query	
Membership subscriptions	\$0.00
Contact sales	\$0.00
Events tickets	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00

Transactions	
No transactions available	

Image 14: Transactions and Calculations

3.3 Template

When our Dolphin site is running and we already have some users on it, the aspect of their Profile page will look like this.

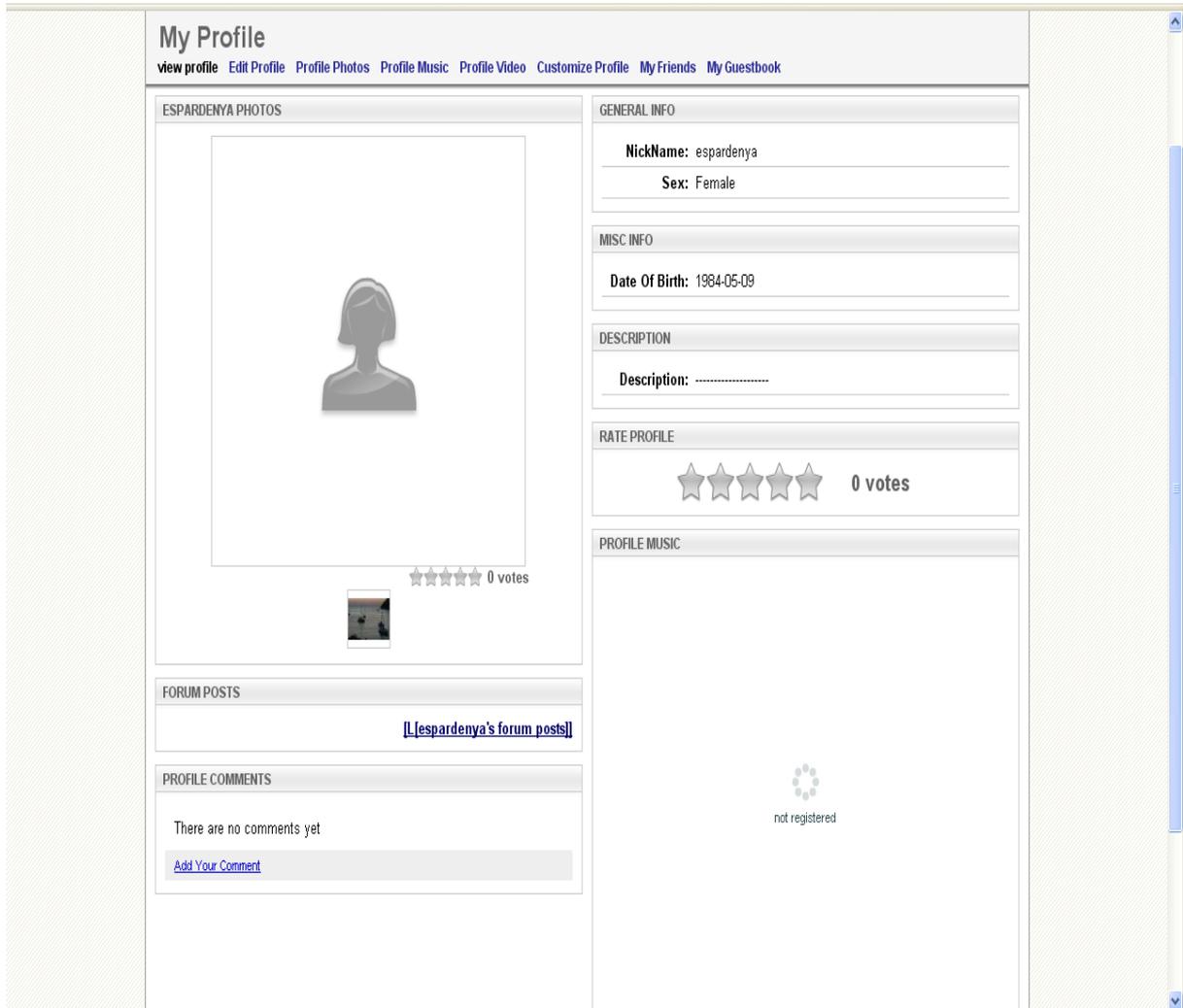


Image 15: Defect Profile

This is the default profile template for the users provided by Dolphin. It consists of a horizontal menu on the top with the following links: -View Profile - Edit Profile -Profile Photos - Profile Music - Profile Video - Customize Profile - My Friends - My Guestbook.

A first column on the left with the following fields: the member photo or profile photo, the posts in forums realized for the user and the comments.

And finally a second column with the following fields: the general info of the user, a miscellaneous info field with some more information of the user, a description, a row of stars where the users can rate the profile and a field where it shows our favorite music.

Here is my idea for a new profile. It will keep the same structure of menus and fields, but adding and deleting some things. For example, the horizontal menu will stay at the same place and with the same options. On the main page I will add a third column. In the first column on the left side will be a second menu with the following links: My account – My profile – my mail – my presence – log out, and with the profile photo on the bottom. In the middle column is where all the user info will be, and in the third and last column it will appear the late photos and late videos that the user could have upload on his profile, in order to make the profile page a little bit more visual and not so plain.

This is the new aspect of the profile:

view Profile	edit Profile	Profile Photos	Profile Music	Profile Video	Customize Profile	My Friends	My Guestbook
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[My Account](#)

[My Profile](#)

[My Mail](#)

[My Presence](#)

[Log Out](#)

General Info
Nickname:
Sex:

Misc Info
Date of Birth:

Description

Forum Posts

Profile Comments

User Pictures




[see more >](#)

User Videos

[see more >](#)

Image 16: New Profile

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Here are the Appendices

Template web code:

```
<!DOCTYPE html PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD XHTML 1.0 Transitional//EN" "http://www.w3.org/TR/xhtml1/DTD/xhtml1-transitional.dtd">
<html xmlns="http://www.w3.org/1999/xhtml">
<head>
<meta http-equiv="Content-Type" content="text/html; charset=iso-8859-1" />
<title>My Profile</title>
<style type="text/css">
<!--
body {
    background-color: #FFFFFF;
    background-image: url();
    background-repeat: no-repeat;
}
-->
</style>

<link href="estilos.css" rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" />
<style type="text/css">

</style>
</head>

<div align="center">
<table width="900" height="40" border="0" cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0">
<tr>
<th valign="bottom" bgcolor="#6699FF" scope="col"><div align="left"><a href="#" class="encap&ccedil;al">Sara Zapata
Vilanova</a> </div></th>
<th valign="bottom" bgcolor="#6699FF" scope="col"><div align="right"><a href="#" class="encap&ccedil;al">Main page</a>
</div></th>
</tr>
</table>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<table width="700" border="2" cellpadding="5" cellspacing="2" bordercolor="#FFFFFF" bgcolor="#FFFFFF">
<tr bordercolor="#000000">
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">view Profile</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">edit Profile</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">Profile Photos</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">Profile Music</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">Profile Video</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">Customize Profile</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">My Friends</a> </td>
<td bgcolor="#6699FF" class="parablogue"><a href="#" class="parablogueEstilo10">My Guestbook</a> </td>
</tr>
</table>
</div>
<p align="center">&nbsp;</p>
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wien.at/~s08_tbr/" class="navigation">My Account</a> <a href="http://inflamp.technikum-wien.at/~s08_tbr/" class="navigation">My
Profile</a> <a href="http://inflamp.technikum-wien.at/~s08_tbr/" class="navigation">My Mail</a> <a href="http://inflamp.technikum-
wien.at/~s08_tbr/" class="navigation">My Presence</a> <a href="http://inflamp.technikum-wien.at/~s08_tbr/" class="navigation">Log
Out</a></p>
<p align="justify">&nbsp;</p>
<p align="justify"></p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td bgcolor="#CCCCCC"><div align="left"><span class="peque&ntilde;o">Nickname:</span></div></td>
</tr>
</table>
</td>
</tr>
</table>
</div>
```

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<tr>
  <td bgcolor="#CCCCCC"><div align="left"><span class="peque&ntilde;o">Sex:</span></div></td>
</tr>
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<p>&nbsp;</p>
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    </div></th>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td bgcolor="#CCCCCC"><div align="center" class="Estilo13">
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    </div></td>
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  </tr>
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    <p>&nbsp;</p></td>
  </tr>
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  </tr>
  <tr>
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    <p>&nbsp;</p></td>
  </tr>
</table>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
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class="columna"> <p class="bold">User Pictures </p>
<p></p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<p></p>
<p><a href="#" class="little"> see more &gt;</a></p>
<p>&nbsp;</p>
<hr />
<p>&nbsp;</p>
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id="FLVPlayer">
  <param name="movie" value="FLVPlayer_Progressive.swf" />
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quality="high" scale="noscale" width="187" height="191" name="FLVPlayer" salign="LT" type="application/x-shockwave-flash"
pluginspage="http://www.macromedia.com/go/getflashplayer" /> </embed>
</object>

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    </p>
    <p><a href="#" class="little">see more &gt;</a></p> </td>
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  </tr>
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    <td width="233" height="60" bgcolor="#FFFFFF"><a href="http://www.boonex.com/"></a></td>
    <td width="233" height="60" bgcolor="#FFFFFF"><a href="http://www.boonex.com/"></a></td>
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  </tr>
</table>
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class="menuinf">News</a> <span class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#" class="menuinf">Contact Us</a> <span class="menuinf"></span>
<a href="#" class="menuinf">About us</a> <span class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#" class="menuinf">Privacy
Terms</a><span class="menuinf"> </span> <a href="#" class="menuinf">FAQ</a> <span class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#"
class="menuinf">Add feedback</a> <span class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#" class="menuinf">Affiliates</a> <span
class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#" class="menuinf">Invite a friend</a> <span class="menuinf"></span> <a href="#"
class="menuinf">Bookmark</a></div></td>
  </tr>
</table>
<p class="menuinf">&nbsp;</p>
</div>
<p align="center">&nbsp;</p>
<p align="center">&nbsp;</p>
</body>
</html>

```

Estilos.css

```

h5 {
    font-family: "Times New Roman", Times, serif;
    font-size: 12px;

    font-weight: normal;
    color: #333399;
    word-spacing: normal;
    background-color: #9999FF;
}
.pequeño {
    font-family: "Times New Roman", Times, serif;
    font-size: 16px;
    font-style: normal;
    text-decoration: none;
    color: #333366;
}
}
.bold {
    font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 12px;
    line-height: 18px;
    font-weight: bold;
    color: #333366;
    text-decoration: underline;
}
.parablogueEstilo10 {
    font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 14px;
    font-style: normal;
    line-height: inherit;
    font-weight: bold;
    font-variant: inherit;
    color: #FFFF99;
    text-decoration: none;
}

```

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}
.little {
    font-family: Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 12px;
    font-style: italic;
    font-weight: normal;
    color: #6699FF;
    text-decoration: none;
    margin-left: 130px;
}

.menuinf {
    font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
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}

.navigation {
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    font-style: inherit;
    font-weight: 100;
    color: #333366;
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    border-color: #6699FF;
}

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    border-bottom: 0;
    border-left: 0;
    border-right: 0;
    background-color: #6699FF;
}

.encapçal {
    font-family: Verdana, Arial, Helvetica, sans-serif;
    font-size: 12px;
    font-style: normal;
    color: #FFFFFF;
    text-decoration: none;
}

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    font-weight: 100;
    color: #FFFFFF;
    text-decoration: inherit;
    background-color: #006699;
    display: block;
    padding: 8px;
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    border-left-color: #6699FF;
    border-top-style: double;
}

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}
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border-left-color: #CCCCCC;
}
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