

All Groups page :: Existing navigation

The screenshot shows the 'All Groups' page in the Grouper application. The page has a blue header bar with the 'INTERNET.' logo on the left and the 'Grouper' logo on the right. A welcome message 'Welcome JENNIFER A YUAN' is displayed on the right side of the header. A left navigation bar contains links: 'My Memberships', 'Create Groups', 'Manage Groups', 'Join Groups', 'All Groups' (highlighted), 'Search Subjects', 'Saved Groups', 'Saved Subjects', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into sections: 'ALL GROUPS' (with a description and a list of items), 'BROWSE GROUPS' (with a 'Current location is - Root' message and a list of items), 'SEARCH GROUPS' (with a search input field and radio buttons for 'Name', 'Display extension', and 'Display name'), and 'MANAGE STEM' (with a 'Show subjects with' dropdown and a 'STEM' privilege selection). At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Edit stem', 'Create stem', and 'Create group'. Annotations are placed on the page: 1 points to the header bar, 2 points to the 'All Groups' link in the left navigation bar, 3 points to the 'SEARCH GROUPS' section, and 4 points to the 'Edit stem', 'Create stem', and 'Create group' buttons.

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- 1 **Toolbar space** has potential for alternate uses and display of information, including high-level navigation.
- 2 Using text background color to denote navigational state is nonstandard, and does not scan well visually. **Change text appearance** (color, weight) and/or highlight entire "cell" **background from left to right edge**, with greater **padding** between text and edge of background shading
- 3 If a **left navigation bar** exists with a colored background, it should **flow to the bottom of the screen**, and design must **close the gap** between the navigation menu and the horizontal toolbar.
- 4 **Dark buttons** are used to lead users to subsequent screens. These should all be **converted to links**, or something other than a common form element.

All Groups page :: Existing visual presentation

The screenshot shows the 'All Groups' page in the Grouper application. It features a sidebar with navigation links, a main content area with sections for 'ALL GROUPS', 'BROWSE GROUPS', 'SEARCH GROUPS', and 'MANAGE STEM'. Annotations 1 through 8 highlight specific visual and usability issues.

1 Internet2 logo

2 Welcome banner

3 ALL GROUPS header

You can look for groups throughout the hierarchy, however, you may not be able to see some groups if you lack appropriate privileges

4 BROWSE GROUPS header

Current location is - Root

Showing 1 to 4 of 4 items
Click on a stem to view its direct children, or a [group] to see its summary

- a stem
- Administrative Centers
- DisplayName-SOMStem
- VPUL Stem

5 SEARCH GROUPS header

Go to advanced groups search

6 Search groups button

Display group results using the ☒ Name ☐ Display extension ☐ Display name

7 Show subjects with **8** STEM privilege

Edit stem Create stem Create group

- 1** Grouper and Internet2 logos are **excessively prominent**. Find a way to retain logos/branding while leaving space for branding from specific implementation
- 2** **Excess margin** between box elements and **inadequate padding** within box elements embedded into CSS
- 3** Use of **colored background** for page title information contributes to **visual clutter**, particularly when positioned directly beneath colored toolbar. Use of **all caps** style **diminishes readability**.
- 4** **Inadequate visual contrast** between content and background **diminishes grouping** of three distinct task areas on page
- 5** Use of **thin border** actually **distances box contents** from, rather than integrating box content with, information located immediately above box. Box is also set as a **percentage of div width**, causing unnecessary text wrapping.
- 6** **Form button** in light gray **lacks visual contrast** against background, lacks sufficient margin around button
- 7** **Form button placement inconsistent**, may lead to misclicking.
- 8** **Pulldown list** difficult to read in all caps.

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All Groups page :: Proposed revisions, main page area, version 1

The screenshot shows the Grouper web interface. At the top left, a placeholder for a logo is marked with a yellow circle 1. The top right shows the Grouper logo (marked with a yellow circle 1) and a 'Log out' button (marked with a yellow circle 2). A left sidebar contains navigation links: 'My Memberships', 'Join Groups', 'Manage Groups', 'Create Groups', 'Explore Hierarchy' (marked with a yellow circle 3), 'Search for an Entity', 'My Workspace: Entities' (marked with a yellow circle 5), 'My Workspace: Groups', and 'Help'. The main content area has a header 'Explore Hierarchy' (marked with a yellow circle 4) and a sub-header 'Browse Groups' (marked with a yellow circle 6). Below this, it shows the current location 'Root>VPUL>Greek System' and a list of items. A 'Search Groups' section includes a search bar, a 'Search Groups' button, and dropdowns for 'Display results by' and 'Search from'. At the bottom, a 'Manage Folders' section (marked with a yellow circle 7) shows options to 'See list of entities', 'Edit this folder', 'Create a new folder', or 'Create a group'. The bottom left corner features a logo for 'Grouper is sponsored by' (marked with a yellow circle 1).

1 Premium real estate in the upper left corner can be designated for the **host institution's logo**. The **Internet2 logo** and **Grouper logo** remain on the page, and can be sized/colored appropriately.

2 A “**Log Out**” **button and link** are placed in the far right side of the horizontal toolbar. Unauthenticated users will see a green “**Log In**” button + text in the same location, making this the **designated “authentication area”**.

3 **Subheadings are added** to the left navbar to help users mentally “type” their choices in the navbar. A user with no creation/stem privileges will not see the “My Responsibilities” grouping.

4 A change of **background coloration** that **spans the full width** of the left navbar will help clearly define location.

5 Suggested name changes (old/new):
All Groups/**Explore Hierarchy**
Subject Search/**Search for an Entity**
Saved Subjects/**My Workspace: Entities**
Saved Groups/**My Workspace: Groups**

6 The addition of clickable infodots are an opportunity to provide more extensive help text or instructions.

7 Current location information repeats within the Manage panel to help contextualize possible actions.

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All Groups page :: Proposed revisions, main page area, version 2

Note:

Current development discussion is focused on Version 1. This page remains for reference purposes.

[Your Logo Here]

Search

go to advanced search

Welcome JENNIFER A. YUAN

Log Out

Search from Root

My Enrollment

My Memberships

Join Groups

My Responsibilities

Manage Groups

Create Groups

My Tools

Explore [Namespace]

My Workspace

Help

Explore [Namespace]

You can look for groups throughout the hierarchy.
(You may be unable to see some groups if you lack appropriate privileges.)

Browse Groups

Current location is:
Root>VPUL>Greek System
Fraternities >
Sororities >
Panhellenic Council
Showing 1-3 of 3 items

Manage Namespace

Current location is:
Root>VPUL>Greek System

☐ See a list of entities with Folder privileges

☐ Create a folder

☐ Edit a folder

☐ Create a group

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