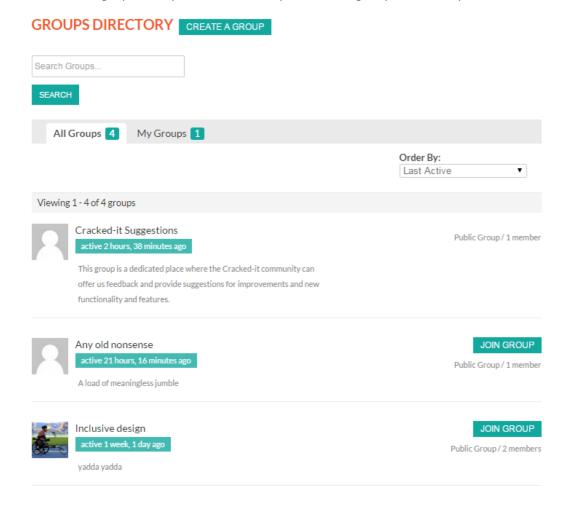# Groups

The groups section is a topic based forum, allowing the user to join an existing conversation or create their own on any subject matter they choose and start a conversation with other users. Below is a short tutorial detailing how to get started using groups? To start using groups head over to www.cracked-it.com/groups/ or click on the groups button on the homepage. Here to can browse existing topics or if you can't find what you are looking for you can start your own.

GROUPS DIRECTORY CREATE A GROUP

Search Groups...

SEARCH

All Groups 4   My Groups 1

Order By:
Last Active ▼

Viewing 1 - 4 of 4 groups

Cracked-it Suggestions
active 2 hours, 38 minutes ago   Public Group / 1 member

This group is a dedicated place where the Cracked-it community can offer us feedback and provide suggestions for improvements and new functionality and features.

Any old nonsense   JOIN GROUP
active 21 hours, 16 minutes ago   Public Group / 1 member

A load of meaningless jumble

Inclusive design   JOIN GROUP
active 1 week, 1 day ago   Public Group / 2 members

yadda yadda

Getting Started

On the groups page you'll see the two tabs 'All Groups' and 'My Groups'. The 'All Groups' tab displays all the available groups that you can join and contribute to. The 'My Groups' tab displays the groups that you have previously joined. Here you can also leave groups if you wish too.

CREATE A GROUP   GROUPS DIRECTORY

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Group Name (required)

Group Description (required)

CREATE GROUP AND CONTINUE

Group Name – Enter the chosen name for your group, try and keep it topical so other users can easy identify the subject.

Group Description – Enter a short description to explain what your group is about

Once you've filled in the text boxes click 'Create Group and Continue' to proceed

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PRIVACY OPTIONS

◉ **This is a public group**

- Any site member can join this group.
- This group will be listed in the groups directory and in search results.
- Group content and activity will be visible to any site member.

○ **This is a private group**

- Only users who request membership and are accepted can join the group.
- This group will be listed in the groups directory and in search results.
- Group content and activity will only be visible to members of the group.

○ **This is a hidden group**

- Only users who are invited can join the group.
- This group will not be listed in the groups directory or search results.
- Group content and activity will only be visible to members of the group.

GROUP INVITATIONS

Which members of this group are allowed to invite others?

◉ All group members
○ Group admins and mods only
○ Group admins only

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Group Settings – The following settings dictate who can be involve with and invite others to the group.

Privacy - The three options for privacy are 'Public', 'Private' or 'Hidden'. Read the descriptive bullet points to help decide which option to choose.

Group Invitations – This setting is designed to limit who can invite and be invited to the group.

CREATE A GROUP GROUPS DIRECTORY

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GROUP FORUM

Create a discussion forum to allow members of this group to communicate in a structured, bulletin-board style fashion.

☐ Yes. I want this group to have a forum.

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*Forum – if you would to include a forum in the group, allowing members to communicate in a structured bulletin board style fashion, **click 'Yes. I want this group to have a forum'.***

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Upload an image to use as an avatar for this group. The image will be shown on the main group page, and in search results.

To skip the avatar upload process, hit the "Next Step" button.

Upload

Drop your file here
or
SELECT YOUR FILE
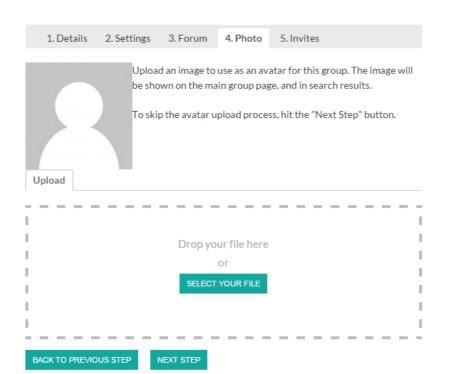
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Photo – If you would like to add a profile image to your group, drop the files in the area shown on the left, or click 'Select your file' to select the file through the browser window.

Once the file is uploaded click 'Next Step' to proceed.

We advise using a relevant image to represent the chosen topic of your group.

An image will make your group more appealing to other users.

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Once you have built up friend connections you will be able to invite others to your group.

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Invites – Here you invite people to the group that you have previously connected with.

Once you're happy with your settings click 'Finish' to complete the group set up.