

New navigation and new user interface design ideas.

Navigation inspiration

The Guardian.co.uk linear top navigation is one of the best examples I have seen which clearly shows a user where they have been and where they can go from their current place. All the main sections are visible at all times, the secondary nav changes depending upon what you click on.

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Navigation inspiration

The BBC uses a similar navigation but on the left hand side. The only real difference between the two is that the other main links of this website are not visible. The BBC has highlighted News, Weather and Sports Relief to be quick links out of this section compared to the 14 top level links the Guardian keep visible at all times. I believe Manager Zone could use a mixture of both.



Navigation

The possible new nav for Manager Zone would have six main tabs to get to the main areas of the site. Once a user has click on one of these, a sub nav to the most important parts of that section will appear. In this instance My Club – Squad, Tactics, Training, Transfers, Youth and Staff. However within My Club you have a left nav which takes you to all the extended components of that page you are looking at, similar to our tabs currently as well as providing hyper text links within the content.



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New UI – Club House and My Team

If you look at the Club House page and the My Team page there is information shared between these pages which could be merged together for a more comprehensive view of your club. I am not so sure Camp Offers is in the correct place by being on the Club House page especially if you take into account you don't even see these on the Training Camp page.

The current width of Manager Zone currently is 750px wide.



New UI – Club House and My Team

The new design for this section introduces a 950px width and a club overview bar showing your badge, home and away strips, league, rank and your last game results including a link to that match review. You also find on here a news section, financial overview, a form overview including a description of what the graph shows (currently hidden under a help button) as well as a cups overview and a brief league overview including your next match. A mixture of the two previous page and more.



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New UI – Edit Info

The current Edit Info page doesn't really tell you why you would want to edit that info. When you click on the help button it is explained a little more and suggests if you want to learn even more you can go to the FAQ section but no link is provided.



New UI – Edit Info

The new design keeps the club overview bar as it is relevant to what you can change on this page. The help text now acts as an introduction to this page and a link is provided to take you straight to the relevant FAQ page. The change buttons are now green to make them stand out more.



New UI – Edit Badge

The current Edit Badge informs you that the badge feature is a Club Member feature but doesn't provide a link for you to go to that page. The user would have to click on the ad top left to do this. The grey buttons aren't the best usability as the page is telling you it is for Club Members only and the buttons suggest you can't do it any way. Once you design a logo the saved message again tells you that as a non-club member the default badge will be shown but again there is no link to the Club Member page.



New UI – Edit Badge

The new design keeps the club overview bar as again it is relevant to what you can change on this page. The text that popped up before you could do anything in this section is now introductory text and there is a clear definition of what you get as a non-club member and a link to the club member section. The buttons are clearly coloured now too so you can start designing.



New UI – Edit Jersey

The current Edit Jersey page doesn't inform you of anything. It doesn't even provide you with any help text. The shields on the greyed out shirts are the only hint that those are Club Member features and if you roll over these help text does appear telling you so. However there is no link to the Club Member section again from within the main content of the page you have to see and click on the ad top left.



New UI – Edit Jersey

The new design keeps the club overview bar as again it is relevant to what you can change on this page. Some introductory text now explains a bit more about the section and provides a link to the Club Member section to unlock those greyed out shirts. The green button again just stands out more as something you can do.



New UI – Sponsor page

The current sponsor page doesn't inform you of what this page is for. You have to again click on the help button to find out what this page is for. Other than that the layout is just a list but again the lack of width on the current browser width means the page is guite long. This could be changed if the news section was removed.

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New UI – Sponsor page

The new design keeps the club overview bar as a sponsor logo can appear on your shirt so it again it is relevant to what you can change on this page. The help text is again moved to become introductory text and the sponsor you choose is actually pulled separate from the list to fit underneath the explanation of this page.



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Quick summary:

The changes aren't huge but I hope I have shown quickly how navigation could become a lot easier with a top and left nav. Our current tabs have a set width limit a left list doesn't so we would never have the need for a right hand nav to appear again.

As long as the overview page, as show here highlights the main areas of that section a user should be able to quickly go where they want either by the navigation or through the main content links.

Due to the lack of width a lot of these changes cannot happen on the existing MZ site even if we remove the news column. New ideas like the club overview bar just wouldn't work on a 750px width taking into account the length of other languages MZ supports and in fact this may have to be looked at with a width of 975px.

These are very fast mock ups that have real substance behind them and show the potential we have to change the site and make it look amazing.