

In the beginning it is a bit hard to get used to the crabgrass way of thinking: It is strange that you have to click "public" and "share pages" with other users and groups all the time. If you don't do it, people cannot even see your profile, and of course not your groups and the pages you create. Everything is hidden first – until you say: "yes, they may see it!". Once you understood that, it really makes sence and gives you a lot more privacy and control about your information.

There is some more things which are not "logical" and intuitive from the first moment on, but if you play around with the software for a while, it is really easy. You can already change the crabgrass header and colours and give the appearance your personal projects touch. Not as dynamic as myspace of course, but it doesn't want to be like that. It just has different qualities!

It is not so much about "I know who you know" and "I want to have as many friends as possible", it is more about deciding who should see what, because it is important for working on something, together.

Translations are still a bit tricky, and you'll realise quickly that crabgrass is mainly used by English-speakers up to now. Calender functionalities are not developed yet, which is pretty sad. But UNICEF seemed to have other priorities up to now.

I was a bit confused in the beginning about how to send messages to whom. But once you found out that it is not so much about "messages", but more about "pages", and that you can send notifications about pages you created, even to people's email accounts, it is getting better lust never forget to share what you want to share, and everything will be fine!



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