

# User Access Levels & Authentication Flow

## User Access Levels

Level	Description	Permissions
Guest	Unauthenticated user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• View public content</li><li>• Limited access</li></ul>
User	Registered, authenticated user	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• View and edit own profile</li><li>• Access user features</li></ul>
Moderator	User with moderation rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• User permissions</li><li>• Moderate content</li></ul>
Admin	Full access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All permissions</li><li>• User/role management</li><li>• System settings</li></ul>

## Authentication Flow

### 1. User Visits Application

User lands as *Guest*.

### 2. Login/Signup

User provides credentials or creates a new account.

### 3. Credentials Verified

System checks credentials and assigns access level.

### 4. Authenticated Access

User accesses features based on their role.

### 5. Logout

Session ends and access level returns to *Guest*.