5. Groups

5.2. Find groups
You see all groups that exist on Mahara and get basic information about the groups.

1. Search for a certain group using a word from the title or description. You can search either all groups, groups you are a member of or groups you are not in.
2. If you want to become a member of an open group, click the **Join this group** button and you will be a member immediately.
3. If you have been invited to a group, either **Accept** or **Decline** the membership invitation.
4. If you want to join a group that needs the approval of the group administrator first, click the **Request to join this group** button next to the group.
5. You can also find out more about a group by
   - clicking on the group name to see the group homepage
   - clicking on the name of the group administrator to get to his profile page
   - clicking on the *member* link to see who is already a member of this group

In addition to the filter options above, you can filter for group categories.

*Usually, you do not see forums, group pages and group files unless you are a member of a group. If a group is publicly available, you do see the forum discussions.*