



Anonymous Club Members in LYNX

All registered LYNX Club members have their personal space on the LYNXcoding website. They keep their projects in the **My Projects** section. There are 2 ways to sign-in to LYNX

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2. Anonymous LYNX users do **not** need to have a Google or Microsoft account to sign-in to LYNX. To sign-in, they simply use a link provided by a teacher.

Benefits of having your students be Anonymous Club Members

1. Registered LYNX users sign-in to LYNX using their Google or Microsoft account. Their personal space is therefore password-protected. A registered LYNX user can be a member of more than 1 LYNX Club.
2. Anonymous LYNX users do **not** need to have a Google or Microsoft account to sign-in to LYNX. To sign-in, they simply use a link provided by a teacher. That's sometimes easier for the students, and nobody, except the teacher, can ever associate projects created by the anonymous user with an actual student.

Drawbacks of having your students be Anonymous Club Members

1. If the link is stolen, or the student gives the link to someone else, then this other person can see, edit and even delete the projects created by the original student.
2. An Anonymous user can be a member of only 2 LYNX Clubs – the one, where their link was provided by their teacher and the general club where all LYNX users in the world belong, we call it the LYNX Community.

How to add members to your LYNX Club

1. As a teacher with a School / Club Plan, sign-in and, on your Profile page, Create a New School / Club.
2. Right after creating a Club, and saving it, you will find yourself on the **Club Administration** page (or you can get there through the School / Club menu item using the down arrow beside your sign-in name in the top right corner)

The screenshot shows the LYNX website interface. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the LYNX logo and links for 'All Projects', 'My Projects', 'About Us', 'Why Code', and 'Help'. On the right, it shows 'Language' and the user name 'Jane Smith'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'MY CODING CLUB'. The main content area is titled 'ADMINISTRATION: MY CODING CLUB (ENGLISH)'. It features a sidebar with three menu items: 'SCHOOL/CLUB', 'CLUB MEMBERS', and 'REPORTS'. The main form has several sections: 1. 'INVITATION LINK FOR CLUB MEMBERS' with a text input field and a 'Create' button. 2. 'INVITATION LINK FOR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATORS' with a text input field and a 'Create' button. 3. 'ANONYMOUS USERS' with a dropdown menu. 4. 'NAME YOUR CODING CLUB' with a text input field containing 'My Coding Club' and a URL address: 'HTTPS://MY-CODING-CLUB.LYNX.COM/'. 5. 'MODERATOR' with a text input field for the moderator's email address. 6. A language selection bar with options: English (selected), Français, Anishinaabe, Mi'kmaw, Kanien'kéha, Ojib-Cree, and ᐃᓂᐃᐅᐅᐅ. 7. 'TAGLINE' with a text area. 8. 'SPOTLIGHT PROJECT' with two input fields: 'ID' (with a note 'Enter a number only') and 'Image' (with a note 'Enter image URL'). At the bottom of the form is a yellow 'SAVE' button with a right-pointing arrow.

There are 2 ways of adding members to your LYNX Club

- a. In the top field, you can create an **Invitation Link for Club Members**. Send the link to your students and ask them to accept the invitation. This creates registered Club members; and / or
- b. In the 3rd field, you can create and add **Anonymous Users** in your Club.

For the rest of this document, we will only discuss Option B: **Anonymous Users**.

How to add and manage Anonymous Users to your LYNX Coding Club

Background info

Remember: Anonymous users sign-in to LYNX by using a special link provided by their teacher, *not* by using a Microsoft or Google account.

Teachers can have both registered and anonymous users in the *same* Club.

Anonymous users cannot edit their profile but their teacher can.

The teacher can:

- change the "name" of the Anonymous user (Don't use the real name of the student),
- see all their projects - even private ones; and
- remove an Anonymous User from the Club.

Warning

This Anonymous User method is insecure. Anyone with the link that the teacher sent to the student can view, modify or even delete projects. **For this reason, tell your students NOT to share the link with siblings & friends as anyone knowing the link can modify or delete the projects done by the student.**

Pro Tip: we have seen one teacher protect students' links by creating a password-protected folder on each student computer. The folder requires a simple password, like *apple* or *banana*, to open it.

How to create Anonymous Users

On the Club Administration page, the teacher creates as many Anonymous links as needed. You can add 1, 5 or 10 anonymous users with each click. The maximum number must match the number of seats that the annual subscription covers. You can see the maximum number of members on your Profile Page, below Subscription.

In the field *to the left* of the **+1 +5 +10**, the teacher can choose the Prefix. It can be as simple as Club Member or customized for each student. In the example below, a student has been assigned the prefix **Panther** and they are the 9th member of this Club

bVVBxQRpC	Club Member 5
PmwCMB6z	Testor 9 8
5R3U4JoV01	Club Member 4 6
I6YiCafOeH	Club Member 3 7
4llehmPegI	Panther 9

Panther	+1	+5	+10
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You can either add more users (if you like, change the prefix so you don't have the whole class with names like My Coding Club Member 11).

You should keep a list, *for your eyes only*, of which actual student is associated with the Anonymous Prefix / name.

MmyDYCy2'	My Coding Club Member 1
KvNIVDNXb	My Coding Club Member 2
Aefhv0vYW	My Coding Club Member 3
v4WRfT1mJ	My Coding Club Member 4
RB6vFFzgM'	My Coding Club Member 5
iWzC9JsNE\$	Jane 6
BaJGbczV3i	Marco 7

Copy the link Send the link
Change the link Remove from the club

This is a pop-up menu that appears when you hover over a specific student

What next?

Once you have created 1 link for each member of the coding club, LYNX will have created a set of links *for example only*:

<https://my-coding-club.lynx-beta.com/insecurelogin/Aefhv0vYWqmf>

Email or provide the link to a student: Hover over a specific student and choose [Copy the link](#) or [Send the link](#). Be careful how you provide this insecure link as you only want the specific student to receive it. It's the teacher's responsibility to correctly distribute the links and keep them safe.

It is the responsibility of the student to remember their link and keep it safe as anyone who follows the link can see / edit / remove their projects.

Other things a Teacher can do

1. You can delete a member from a Club. Hover over a particular student and choose [Remove from the club](#) from the pop-up menu;
2. If you, or the student, is worried that someone has hacked or compromised their anonymous link then you can recreate the link. All the projects created by this particular student will remain available but the access link is now different. Choose [Change the link](#) in the pop-up menu.