Login Page Cleanup - UI/UX Improvements

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Task: Center the login form and remove distracting content sections

Changes Made

1. Centered the Login Form

Before:

```
.login-container {
    width: 80%;   /* Too wide, not centered well */
    max-width: none;
    ...
}
```

After:

```
.login-container {
    max-width: 550px;   /* Narrow, centered width */
    margin: 0 auto;
    ...
}
```

Result: The login form is now properly centered with a comfortable reading width, similar to Wikipedia's focused content style.

2. Removed "Community Activity" Section

Removed: Lines 1074-1080

- Entire community activity feed section at bottom of page
- The feed was calling `render_community_feed(3, true, true)`

- Removed wrapper div with inline styles

Reason: Reduces distraction, keeps user focused on logging in.

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3. Removed "Look what we can do!" Sample PDF

Removed: Lines 1082-1098

- Sample PDF preview card
- PDF embed object with 320px height
- Sample badge and teaser text
- PDF links

Reason: Unnecessary marketing content on login page. Users are here to log in, not browse samples.

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4. Cleaned Up Unused CSS

Removed: All `.sample-preview` related styles (~35 lines)

- `.sample-preview`
- `.sample-header`
- `.sample-teaser`
- `.sample-embed`
- `.sample-link`
- `.sample-badge`

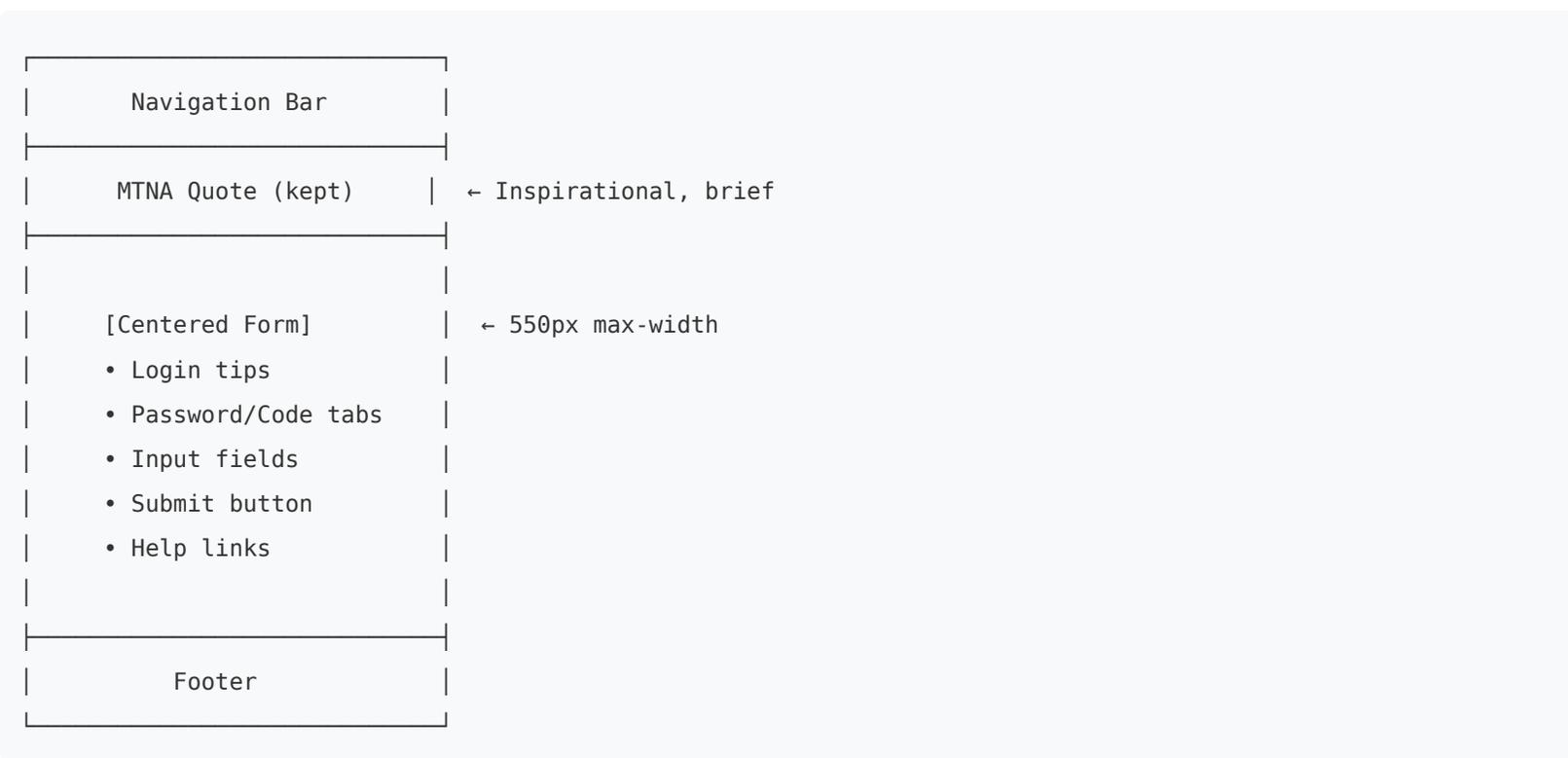**Result:** Cleaner stylesheet, faster page load.

Visual Design Philosophy

Applied **focused login experience** principles:

- **Single purpose:** Login, nothing else
- **Centered content:** Natural reading width (550px max)
- **No distractions:** Removed promotional content
- **Clean layout:** Form is the hero element

- **Wikipedia aesthetic:** Minimal, functional, accessible

Page Structure Now

```
┌─────────────────────────────┐
│       Navigation Bar        │
├─────────────────────────────┤
│      MTNA Quote (kept)      │   ← Inspirational, brief
├─────────────────────────────┤
│                             │
│      [Centered Form]        │   ← 550px max-width
│      • Login tips           │
│      • Password/Code tabs   │
│      • Input fields         │
│      • Submit button        │
│      • Help links           │
│                             │
├─────────────────────────────┤
│          Footer             │
└─────────────────────────────┘
```

Testing Results

☐ Community Activity section removed (verified with grep)

☐ Sample PDF section removed (verified with grep)

☐ Form properly centered with 550px max-width

☐ No linting errors

☐ Page loads successfully on localhost:2025

Files Modified

1. `/login.php` (3 changes)

- Changed `.login-container` width from 80% to max-width: 550px

- Removed community activity feed section (7 lines)

- Removed sample PDF preview section (17 lines)

- Removed unused CSS styles (~35 lines)

Total removed: ~59 lines of code

Result: Cleaner, faster, more focused login experience

Mobile Responsiveness

The centered form works well on mobile devices:

- `max-width: 550px` naturally adapts to smaller screens
- Existing mobile padding preserved: `padding: 1rem`
- Form fields remain full-width within container
- No horizontal scrolling issues

User Benefits

1. **Faster page load** - Less content to render
2. **Better focus** - One clear action: login
3. **Less cognitive load** - No competing information
4. **Professional appearance** - Clean, purposeful design
5. **Improved accessibility** - Clearer navigation path

Before/After Comparison

BEFORE:

- Wide form (80% of page width)
- Community activity feed at bottom
- Large PDF sample preview
- Cluttered, marketing-heavy

AFTER:

- Centered form (550px, comfortable reading width)
- Clean, focused experience
- Only essential login elements

- Professional, Wikipedia-like simplicity

Related Tasks

This cleanup aligns with the overall UI/UX improvement initiative:

- [x] Contact form cleanup (contact.php) - Dec 18, 2025
- [x] Login page cleanup (login.php) - Dec 18, 2025
- [ ] Consider applying same centered approach to other auth pages
- [ ] Review signup/registration pages for consistency
- [ ] Audit all forms for similar cleanup opportunities