We use Adobe Connect for webinars, interactive trainings, etc.
We also created a handout for accessibility issues for presenters and participants.
www.tsbvi.edu/adobe-connect

and a video
http://library.tsbvi.edu/Play/12776

On Wed, Dec 21, 2016 at 3:02 PM, O'Keeffe, Hope <loke@loc.gov> wrote:

And don’t forget accessibility!

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Would love to hear others thoughts/ideas etc.

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From: James Jones <jjones@FEC.GOV>
Reply To: James Jones <jjones@FEC.GOV>
Date: Tue, 3 Jan 2017 16:06:51 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (16 kB), text/html (8 kB), image001.png (16 kB)
My agency has been holding small-scale virtual conferences every few months for several years now. We also use the Adobe Connect webinar service and have been quite happy with both it and the conferences. Adobe’s service is scalable, so you pay only for what you need both in capacity and functionality. I’d be happy to share the lessons hard learned at your convenience.

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From: "Springer, Michelle" <mspringer@LOC.GOV>
Reply To: Springer, Michelle
Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2017 11:23:28 -0500
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Thanks,

Michelle

Michelle Springer
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From: Todd, Alec (Federal) [mailto:ATodd@EDA.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 7:31 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Podcast hosting

Hey all,

We just started up our new podcast here and wondering how other agencies are hosting theirs. I assume there are a few that hosted internally, but anyone using external sites like soundcloud or the like? I am not sure what is available to federal agencies.

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Alec

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Subject: Drupal 8 Training
From: "E CIV (US) DeCA HQ OC" <@DECA.MIL>
Reply To: Horne, Christopher E CIV (US) DeCA HQ OC
Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2017 18:45:38 +0000
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From: "Wood, Tim (Federal)" <twood@DOC.GOV>
Reply To: Wood, Tim (Federal)
Date: Wed, 11 Jan 2017 19:31:03 +0000
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Or this recording, also from OSTraining specific to front-end development in D8. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCH1QrGy2Ko

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Tim Wood, IT Specialist
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U.S. Department of Commerce
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From: [b] (6) @DEC.NY.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:14:53 PM
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Greetings Web Content Managers,

Last night we had a very productive meeting with a team behind Amazon Alexa, the Smart Assistant powered by AI (such as Apple's Siri, and Google Home).

We're actively exploring how federal public services can integrate into Smart Assistants like theirs, with different roadmaps and paths to implementation: from agencies developing these "skills" in-house to holding competitions and hackathons for proofs of concept.

Alexa's team and us would like to start with a baseline of the kind of ideas agencies have for which public services would be suited for smart assistants -- please put your thinking caps on and send us your ideas, whether a rough concept or a deeper take through identification of data sources to fuel the programs.

These concepts will help us as we begin framing what the process and considerations will be for enabling Smart Assistants, whether developed by us or by the private sector using publicly available data.

Also, if this emerging means of delivering public services is of interest to you, I invite you to join the Artificial Intelligence for Citizen Services Community. To join, email the Al Listserv.

-- Justin

Justin "Doc" Herman
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Thanks. Coqui

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From: "Rodriguez, Donna Adorian" <Donna.Rodriguez@VA.GOV>
Reply To: Rodriguez, Donna Adorian
Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2017 01:53:48 +0000
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Having just completed DrupalEasy - Highly recommend.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 4:52 PM
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Subject: Re: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L Digest - 3 Jan 2017 to 11 Jan 2017 (#2017-3)
From: @MYFWC.COM>
Reply To:  
Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2017 13:12:07 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4086 bytes) , text/html (24 kB)

We are a State of Florida agency, looking for a volunteer management application. Can anyone recommend a volunteer management application they have worked with or created and are willing to share with us? We are even willing to test volunteer management applications you have heard good things about.

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Happy New Year!

Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
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If so, would you mind being interviewed for a column for DigitalGov?

All opinions are my own and do not reflect the opinions of my agency.

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Re: SoundCloud
We did try to amend the SoundCloud TOS on and off for about 4 years and NSF later took up the cause but in the end SoundCloud was not willing to negotiate.

Sooo
GSA/Digitalgov.gov decided to purchase Soundcloud thanks to recent changes to the FAR and GSA. FAR 12.216 neutralizes the Indemnification provision in the SoundCloud Terms and regulations added to the GSAR last year by Acquisition Letter MV-15-03 cover 15 other problematic subjects such as governing law, venue, disputes, and non-assignment.

While Federal agencies other than GSA are protected by the FAR clause that neutralizes indemnification, those other agencies do NOT enjoy the protection of the GSAR (unless those other agencies have amended their own agency's specific acquisition regulations as GSA has done).

I hope this helps.

IF anyone else has information about either of these please let me know off list.

Thank you,
Betsy

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Ditto!

Very Respectfully,
External Relations Chief, Public Affairs
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Mobile 1: 
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-----Original Message-----
From: Springer, Michelle [mailto:mspringer@LOC.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 11:23 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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I'm also interested if anyone has a modified TOS for either podcasting platforms of Caution-https://soundcloud.com/ or Caution-https://www.stitcher.com/ < Caution-https://www.stitcher.com/ >?

Thanks,

Michelle
Hey all,

We just started up our new podcast here and wondering how other agencies are hosting theirs. I assume there are a few that hosted internally, but anyone using external sites like soundcloud or the like? I am not sure what is available to federal agencies.

Thanks!

Alec

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Today I find myself on that elusive quest for the perfect Word template: Using it, people will be able to create a document (a letter, a report, a memo—whatever that template is set up to support) in which the branding components are absolutely impossible to edit, and they still will be able to use all the features of Word to work on the body of the document. Furthermore, the finished document will be fully accessible—people navigating the document by keyboards or the equivalent will be able to reach all portions of the document, and assistive technologies will be able to transmit all the information as voice, Braille, or some other electronic format.

Of course, that can’t be done. Even in the days of print shops and typewriters, a person determined to come up with their own “improved” design could find a way. Guidelines and policy are a huge part of making it work.

But do you have recent experience trying to crack the technological side of this problem? Any promising techniques since I last confronted it with Word 2007 and early Word 2010?

We are using various versions of MS Office: many people using 2010 and 2013; not so many using Office 365; and maybe even a few folks using 2016.

Thanks!

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Thank You,

Christian Fiascunari | Web Content Manager / Outreach Specialist
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Hello, happy planning season! I’m looking for subject matter experts / evaluators of “web communication programs,” to bounce ideas off of. This involves evaluation programs or systemic plans that are capable of generating for web staff, concrete and evidence-based advice to improve public sector web sites.

I have been collecting research questions and potentially actionable advice from the fields of ‘social science’ (social service program evaluation), web governance, web analytics, user experience design, customer experience maturity, etc. Some of which I got from members here (thanks!). I’m wondering, are you asking and answering questions like these? What is missing? Are you answering these types of questions in periodic reporting, and if so, what does that look like? What would be better than the below as guiding questions? I have been making attempts at reporting out on the first three phases below; still working. This is one way that different types of work could be sequenced:

**Phase 1: Program audit. Where are we at? How should we describe the state that our web communication program is in?**

1. What work is our group's web presence accomplishing for our group? This has three parts:
   a. What are we trying to achieve with each specific content group that we are currently running on the site?
   b. How will we determine whether we are succeeding? For example, we should think about the user experiences we create:
   c. How can we build among staff a shared understanding of where we're at?
2. Are our publishing practices and coding consistent with the current best practices?
3. Is our web communication program operating efficiently?
4. Is our web communication program improving over time?
5. Do we have the infrastructure to be ready for the Next Big Thing? While we have successfully worked through Section 508 Compliance and OMB's Secure Connections Across Federal Websites standard, and we have implemented code updates to support responsive design, will we be ready for content syndication? The next mobile advances? Web content management system migration? Fill in the blank - there will always be a Next Big Thing.

**Phase 2: Repair technical problems (Inventory, plan, implement, test/confirm, close out)**

1. Resolve broken links. First, have a subject-matter expert review the content; if many links are broken in one group of content, perhaps it’s a signal that this whole group of content has passed a tipping point, toward the “retirement” stage the information life cycle. Or, if not, fix the links.
2. Evaluate video and video players; optimize for browsers and devices.
3. Determine if PDFs, Word files, etc, can/should be converted to HTML.
4. Run search engine optimization checklists/reporting, perhaps based on results from an SEO spider report, perhaps a checklist run “manually” by a person.
5. Improve accessibility coding.
6. Clean up outdated tags such as valign in table cells. Avoid damaging displays (complete automation may cause damage, so, establish a work process; build an inventory, determine priority, create code to resolve, test, implement, test, deploy, etc.)
7. Etc. (running the plain language checklist, other checklists)

**Phase 3: Elevate customer experiences. Create personas and journey maps. Conduct user testing. Make improvements.**

1. What types of customers are we serving?
2. What do our customers want?  
3. With what level of ease or difficulty are they completing the tasks they came to our site to do?  
4. What do we know about the customers who CANNOT complete their tasks? Are our priorities aligned with their interests? Are we missing information that they need from us?  
5. What drives their decisions? What do they care about? Why do they make the kinds of decisions that they do? Why are they moving from one place to another on the site?  
6. What do they like?  
7. What don't they like?  
8. Which customer journeys in which site areas are problematic? What can be done to improve them?  

Phase 4: Optimize our user experience toolkit and practice  
1. Use on-demand analysis to model the relationship between customer experiences and business results  
2. Build strong experience design practices using a structured training program  
3. Score the extent that data helps the organization; address low scores systemically  
4. Optimize the organization's outcomes for:  
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   b. Sustainable pace  
   c. Customer value  
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Thanks,

Jeanie Prochaska
Public Affairs Specialist
Social Security Administration
Office of Communications
Baltimore, Maryland

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From: [b] (6) [EMAIL]@INTERSTATECOMPACT.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:50 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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I'm in the process of migrating ntsb.gov to Drupal. Your cost could range widely between "X and Y" depending on the scope and scale of the project, resources required to build / migrate, and what sort of hosting set up you're looking at, but there are no out-of-the-box software costs. Pro is it's free and open source, though "free" like "free puppy" :) (possibly mitigated if you have / could get an in-house Drupal person and didn't need to worry about that going forward).

Overall, I'm very happy with moving to Drupal, and my costs have been less on the development side of things than on a very comprehensive requirements and content architecture / strategy process (so if you're happy with the website as it is and just need to move it, that would be less costly).

Hope this helps, please feel free to contact me offlist with any questions.

James

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From: EIR Accessibility Coordinator
Texas Health & Human Services Commission
@hhsc.state.tx.us
Reply To: [b] (6)
Date: Tue, 24 Jan 2017 20:04:46 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (5 kB), text/html (26 kB)

Bummer!

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From: [b] (6)
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Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Tyllick,Cliff S (HHSC/DADS)
Cc: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@listserv.gsa.gov
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PEAT no longer works. Trace moved and the license has expired. the new home for trace (its changing names also) assured me they will have a new functioning version...but no timeline beyond "working on it"

On Mon, Jan 23, 2017 at 5:33 PM, [b] (6) wrote:

The University of Maryland’s Trace R&D Center offers a free tool, PEAT (Photosensitive Epilepsy Analysis Tool), for just this need.

I have never used it because I opt for a different best practice: a frequency of 0 Hz. 😊

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From: [b] (6), [b] (7)(C)
@OIG.DOC.GOV
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 9:37 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Gif images and web-based content

Good morning,

Does anyone use (animated) .gif images in their web-based content? 508-UAAG states that GIF’s can be use if blink frequency is not greater than 2 Hz and not lower than 55 Hz.

How would one measure this frequency?

Cheers!

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David's comments reminded me of this Google blog article about interstitials/overlays and how they may affect a website's ranking in search results. There are good examples to check out near the bottom of the page, too. https://webmasters.googleblog.com/2016/08/helping-users-easily-access-content-on.html

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Hi,

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... scratch that. I forgot it's free.

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All opinions are my own and do not reflect the opinions of my agency.

Cheers!

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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For those who can afford the time and dollars for a deep dive, Real Story Group has a comprehensive market analysis: https://www.realstorygroup.com/Reports/CMS/. They helped us winnow down the field and look closely at several options.

-David

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OK, I'm off. If there are questions, let's take them off-list. Thanks.

Good luck, Zona!

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A somewhat biased vote for Drupal here, as I've participated a bit in its development, but another important aspect of it is that literally thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of people dedicated to keeping sites secure are watching your back.

Whether it's core code or a contributed module, your own security initiatives will be augmented by the constant work of others who are identifying and plugging holes before miscreants can exploit them.

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hhsc.state.tx.us

-----Original Message-----
From: Venable, John B. (Fed) [mailto:john.venable@NIST.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 8:47 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Content Management System question

Another vote for Drupal, Mostly because of the size of the community. Literally 10s of thousands of people are writing code for it. We moved to Drupal last year from a Coldfusion based CMS (Commonspot).

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John Venable, Web Team Lead
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
Office of Information Systems Management (OISM)
100 Bureau Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070

On 1/23/17, 1:55 PM, [b] (6)@MAIL.MIL> wrote:

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Hi Angela,

I didn't know of any off of the top of my head, but recalled that a while back, a really talented designer on our team had built a neat tool that took a screenshot of the homepage of every .gov. I dug up the 1k of so images he'd made at the time and used the helpful cover flow view in Finder to skim through them all. I dragged out any that even remotely looked black and white and below is the list of 50 or so sites that I had. Two caveats -

- I was really liberal with choosing black and white themes.
- These images are 2 years old so some will have changed since then.

Hopefully though, you can click through them and see if any work for you. If you need help getting in touch with someone from any particular website holler off thread and I'm sure we can root out a POC.

Gray B.

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- adlnet.gov
- africanamericanhistorymonth.gov
- asianpacificheritage.gov
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Hello, all,

Does anyone know of a government website with a black & white color scheme comparable in design to Smithsonian.com or newyorker.com?

It can be as plain as the Gov.uk site. I am just investing a lot of time in the quest to find it on my own (if one exists).
Cheers!

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For those that aren’t listed or not necessarily current, one can also check BuiltWith.
https://builtwith.com/

Wayne Whitten
Social Security Administration

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From: Bryant, Nancy (CDC/OID/NCHHSTP) [mailto:nib1@CDC.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 12:59 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Here is a helpful list of federal WCMS’s:

https://www.digitalgov.gov/resources/content-management-systems-used-by-government-agencies/

At CDC we are moving to WordPress.

Nancy

Nancy J. Bryant, MSLS, AHIP, CUA
Web and Digital Media Team Lead (Acting)
NCHHSTP Health Communication Science Office (HCSO)
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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From: Emileigh Barnes [mailto:emileigh.barnes@GSA.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:44 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Content Management System question

Hi content managers!

This is my first time posting — I'm a content designer working at 18F. Right now I'm helping the Federal Election Commission with their 40,000 page website migration.

We're using Wagtail (https://wagtail.io/) as our CMS. It's free and open source. Even better, it's the most intuitive, forgiving CMS I've ever used in my career.

If you have questions and want to reach out to me off this list, please do!

Emileigh Barnes

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On Wed, Jan 25, 2017 at 9:07 AM, Law, Charles W <cwlaw5@tva.gov> wrote:

At TVA we are using OpenText. Terrible product, terrible company... Avoid like the plague
On 1/25/17, 9:43 AM, "Williams, David A." <david.williams@USPTO.GOV> wrote:

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> For those who can afford the time and dollars for a deep dive, Real Story
> Group has a comprehensive market analysis:
> https://www.realstorygroup.com/Reports/CMS/. They helped us winnow down
> the field and look closely at several options.
> -David
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> David Williams
> Chief, Website Management Branch
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> Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 2:58 PM
> To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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> All,
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> I'm interested in this information as well. Our internal communications
> website is established, but we need a way to manage the content, which
> changes frequently. How do you do this when the website is already up
> and running? There's no budget for this, of course, but I don't know if
> anyone in government uses free software... Right now, we are using an
> Excel spreadsheet.
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> Thanks,
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: [b] [6] [mailto:[b] [6]@INTERSTATECOMPACT.ORG]
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> Zona,
I am interested in this information as well. We currently use an old, paid version of DotNetNuke (6.2.5 Professional). For the most part it has been a reliable platform.

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Thank you,

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From: <@NRO.MIL>
Reply To: @NRO.MIL
Date: Thu, 26 Jan 2017 14:47:12 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/signed
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (10 kB), smime.p7s (5 kB)

My sincerest apologies. I meant "WordPress". Thanks for getting me straight.

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Hi,

The NRO is going through a website revamp and we will be using SharePoint as a content management system. It is open source and FREE. I believe the CIA
uses Drupal and I do have a comparison for the two someplace.

V/r,

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Ha, was just thinking about that naming standard.

BTW, nice to see the evolution to good design!

Jason

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Fully agree with John. Do be careful when selecting a Drupal module.

1. Make sure it is well-coded. Well worth doing a code review because, some modules can be troublesome; especially if they are in early versions.
2. Make sure that the module meets security standards. Pay special to any dependencies that the module has. I was personally bit by a module that had an insecure dependency module.
3. Be careful about adopting a module. I've built applications with modules that the original developer gave up on. Suddenly, I've had to be the developer to keep the module going and updated. Modules are like kittens; they may be free but you may be spending time and resources taking care of them.

There was a great book by Greg Knaddison called "Cracking Drupal: A Drop in the Bucket." It was focused on Drupal security and had some great advice on picking modules. It's nearly eight years old and the Drupal community could benefit a revised edition.

All opinions are my own and do not represent the opinions of my agency.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Venable, John B
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 3:03 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Content Management System question

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Subject: Re: Content Management System question
From: "Hammersmith, Carolynn" <Carollynn.Hammersmith@ED.GOV>
Reply To: Hammersmith, Carolynn
Date: Fri, 27 Jan 2017 13:29:04 +0000
Content-Type: text/plain
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (302 lines)

I agree with the very astute comments everyone has made about Drupal and CMSes.

It's easy to set up a website, but a robust CMS, that can support the myriad of security, privacy, digital strategy, section 508 compliance and user need that federal website must comply with, is not easy, nor is it cheap. It requires expertise. And expertise costs real money. The Open Source CMSes can be free or relatively cheap from licensing perspective, but a support contract for help, patches and maintenance can add to your expenses.

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Happy Friday,

Carollynn Hammersmith
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US Department of Education
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202.245.6153

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John

On 1/26/17, 2:25 PM, "Jennings, Mike" <JenningsM@OSTI.GOV> wrote:

Agreeing with Brad's comment about security, the risk and cost of writing code are much greater and are congruent with the amount of code.

Adding that fortunately, because of the size of the community there are few dead-ends with Drupal that would require custom coding regardless of the size or complexity of site you need to build.

Adding to David's comments, in terms of lifecycle costs, you need a career position to become expert from start to finish, through to all site operations and all contracted vendors year in / year out. In the community the experts needs what are often called the "site builder" skills to understand what developers have done and to interface with hosting staff.

Plain Drupal doesn't serve any specific purpose out of the box and if you decide to start with a pre-configured version (Drupal distribution) that is tuned for your situation, then your expert needs to know what parts are standard community software and which parts might use custom coding.

Mike

-----Original Message-----
From: Smith, Bradley G -FS [mailto:bgsmith01@FS.FED.US]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:37 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Content Management System question

I would also add for federal agencies and given the security focus we operate under, that any solution requiring custom coding will need a standing team with the capability to update and patch the system as needed. Drupal, for example, is PHP based. The PHP team is now releasing monthly updates that often include security updates. These updates need to be deployed and any PHP based application has to be tested (or you let your users test real time). Similarly, the Drupal team releases quarterly security patches which also may need to be applied, tested, and released.

Brad

-----Original Message-----
From: David Low [mailto:lowd@ARTS.GOV]
We relaunched our site in Drupal 7 in Sept 2014. For a relatively small agency we have a lot of materials - funding opportunity guidelines, podcasts, webinars, videos, a magazine, partner programs/initiatives - Drupal's been ideal for aggregating across sections of the site. We considered WordPress at the time but determined it wasn't robust enough for what we needed.

We are not programmers - the new site was built by a contractor, significant cost. Learning to use Drupal once the site was ready took time - the developers provided only limited training so we essentially trained ourselves - but it was a manageable learning curve. For early trouble-shooting and some very small development efforts we had assistance for several months from a Drupal expert at a sister agency.

In early 2015 we hired a Drupal development firm to assist with major site development, troubleshooting, and overall site improvement. This, of course, is an additional cost, but has been crucial to accomplishing agency goals. We are hosted on Acquia, a necessary expense for guaranteeing high quality performance and federally mandated security requirements.

And has been noted, the Drupal community (including Drupal.org) is a remarkable resource, and the platform accommodates practically open-ended custom development. Costs can be significant, depending on the scale and ambitions of the project; for us the investments up front and ongoing have been well worth it.

David

On 1/25/17, 1:11 PM, @HHSC.STATE.TX.US> wrote:

> A somewhat biased vote for Drupal here, as I’ve participated a bit in its development, but another important aspect of it is that literally thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of people dedicated to keeping sites secure are watching your back.

> Whether it's core code or a contributed module, your own security initiatives will be augmented by the constant work of others who are identifying and plugging holes before miscreants can exploit them.

> EIR Accessibility Coordinator
> Texas Health & Human Services Commission
> @hhsc.state.tx.us

>-----Original Message-----
>From: Venable, John B. (Fed) [mailto:john.venable@NIST.GOV]
>Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 8:47 AM
>To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
> Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Content Management System question
>
> Another vote for Drupal, Mostly because of the size of the community. Literally 10s of thousands of people are writing code for it. We moved to Drupal last year from a Coldfusion based CMS (Commonspot).
>
> John Venable, Web Team Lead
> National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Office of
> Information Systems Management (OISM)
> 100 Bureau Dr, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1070
>
> On 1/23/17, 1:55 PM, @MAIL.MIL wrote:
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> Hello group!
>
> My office is considering a content management system, but I am in sticker shock (annual cost for the program).
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> I would appreciate knowing what content management systems you use, if you love them, the cost (set-up and/or annual), and if you feel it is worth the value.
>
> We currently use a tasking program not designed for content management and an in-house built content management system that is adequate for posting/hosting content, but not for the A-to-Z content lifecycle management process. We currently do this task manually via Excel or other formats. [Insert groan here.]
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The webinar will take place on January 31 from 1:00 to 2:30 (ET) and will be recorded and archived. The registration link is: www.accessibilityonline.org/cioc-508/session/?id=110610


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How many code repair problems do you think you will be hit with in 2017? Code / content changes that will require hands-on work,

- To meet an existing standard.
- To meet new standard.
- To take advantage of a new technology or new browser/device capability?

Where is the code you will need to change? How bad are the problems? In what order should you repair the problems?

So that’s the design problem I started from… And the comments period is now open for a D3.js tool that helps you visualize and accelerate your web site repairs.

In addition to the visualization itself, this is a specific STRATEGY tool for processing site repairs, for people running large sites supported by many teams, where problem reports such as broken links, etc., are already being generated; this can be made to visualize reports that you get from other sources. It is a custom application that is enterprise-readable, interactive, and the visualization UI (D3.js) is free open source, with assembly required. The site I work with has around 30,000 pages, around 420 separate thematic groups of pages (microsites), and around 15 organizational owners. This is version 1.0, I am hoping. I’m using the Mottie table sorter as the accessible equivalent.

Feedback and thoughts welcome, on the theme of automating staff processes around web site repair. – Dan Wendling, National Library of Medicine

https://github.com/wendlingd/Interactive-Treemap-with-Shading
We are migrating the NIDCR website and would like to find an alternative to “Add This.”

If you have used another sharing option or know of others to look at, please let me know.

Thanks.

Ann

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Hello all, seeking your advice.

On January 30 we went live with the new website - www.annapolis.gov. I've created (before we even went live) about 100 redirects - for the most requested pages. I also have submitted to Google (webmaster tools) our site for re-indexing. However, three days later, we still have very few pages with the new URLs (out of 50-60 thousand pages and documents) appearing in Google search result page. The old site URLs still prevail significantly in the search result page. Meaning when people google something pertaining to the City business, they end up with my custom "page not found" message. And, regardless of how user-friendly it is, pointing the visitors in the right direction, it's still not the same experience as getting to the right place.

A question: had any of you ever ran into a similar problem and how did you handle it?

Google has no contact info on this subject - to email or talk to a human, only messy forums with tons of irrelevant info.
Subject: Re: Google Indexing of the new Site
From: "Maher, Mary - ERS" <MEMAHER@ERS.USDA.GOV>
Reply To: Maher, Mary - ERS
Date: Fri, 3 Feb 2017 15:01:59 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4 kB), text/html (12 kB), image001.jpg (12 kB), image002.jpg (12 kB)

We had/have the very same issue, sigh… It takes them forever to reindex the site…
Found this, though:
https://searchenginewatch.com/sew/how-to/2198245/how-to-force-google-to-recrawl-your-site

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From: [b] (6) [ANNAPOLIS.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2017 10:36 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Hello

Apologies to NIH'ers who saw this request already…but I am still looking.

NIDCR is building a new Drupal 8 website. We have some of the taxonomies and vocabularies done, but many others are not done.

For those of you using Drupal, are you willing to share your taxonomies and/or vocabularies to help us with building ours?

Thanks.
Ann

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Dear Ann,

Could you share the reason you are looking for an alternative to Add This?

Thanks,
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From: Poritzky, Ann (NIH/NIDCR) [E] <ann.poritzky@NIH.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 5:11 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Looking for an alternative to Add This

We are migrating the NIDCR website and would like to find an alternative to “Add This.”

If you have used another sharing option or know of others to look at, please let me know.

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Hi Inna, is it possible for you to remove the custom 404 message and place with a 301 redirect on each page pointing to the new site, either the 1:1 page equivalent, or the closest relevant landing page for the topic? This will help the users, but it'll also help the spiders as they come through your site. the 301s will tell them that they need to replace their index records for those items.

Mary also directed you to some good suggestions, I'm a big fan of the Submit to Index button. But the 301s will expedite the old URLs getting cleaned out. Because 404s can get thrown in error, the spiders ignore them for what can seem like a very long time.

Best,
Dawn

On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 10:35 PM, @annapolis.gov> wrote:
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Reply To: @NRO.MIL
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Hello group.

This may be outside of your scope but I will ask as it ties into social media plans and documenting such plans...

1) Would anyone be willing to share their male/female population via Twitter and Facebook analytics?
2) Re: Twitter, do you know how Twitter categorizes "companies" that are following your accounts? For example, how does Twitter know if followers (businesses) are male or female? I hope that made sense.

Also, I'm happy to share NROs social media plans once they are approved. Unfortunately at this time, we don't have metrics or staff capability to measure "behaviors" but we are using quantitative means to be more strategic in our planning activities.

Enjoy and thank you for considering sharing your data.

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- Defining terms (e.g. commits, repositories, branches, forks, pull requests, etc)
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WEBSITE: [http://womeninscienceday.org/](http://womeninscienceday.org/)

Science and gender equality are both vital for the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](http://www.un.org/). Over the past 15 years, the global community has made a lot of effort in inspiring and engaging women and girls in science. Unfortunately, women and girls continued to be excluded from participating fully in science. According to a study conducted in 14 countries, the probability for female students of graduating with a Bachelor’s degree, Master’s degree and Doctor’s degree in science-related field are 18%, 8% and 2% respectively, while the percentages of male students are 37%, 18% and 6%.

We had/have the very same issue, sigh… It takes them forever to reindex the site…

Found this, though:

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From: [Caution-Caution-mailto: @ANNAPOLIS.GOV] [Caution-Caution-mailto: @ANNAPOLIS.GOV]
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I'll add that each of us needs to look at our own stats instead of relying on the averages. You might be surprised.

I certainly was: our English site is close to the average, where around 35% of our traffic is on mobile. But in Spanish, it flips, with about 65% on mobile!
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Moving forward, all DHS information related to the Executive Orders will be consolidated onto https://www.dhs.gov/executive-orders-protecting-homeland as a landing page.

Thanks!

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CORRECTION – Drupal GovCon dates are July 31st – August 2nd!

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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:27 AM
To: 'CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV' <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
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Hello all,
Someone asked me about creating an online flipbook, but the resources that I found do not create one that would meet accessibility standards. Has anyone here been able to create one?

Thanks,

Wendy

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Hi Arva!

I asked in our team slack and have a contact for you that I'll send over off-thread.

Gray B.

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This might be the wrong list to ask, but I noticed a number of sessions by federal employees at next week’s CSUN Assistive Technology conference. If you were planning to present, or even just to go, have your plans been changed? Will I be able to count on seeing you there?

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On Wed, Feb 22, 2017 at 9:06 AM, Thompson, Cheryl (NIH/NIEHS) [E] <ThompsonC2@niehs.nih.gov> wrote:

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Subject: Re: CORRECTION RE: Drupal GovCon 2017 - Save the Date(s) Jul 31 - Aug 2
From: (b) (6) STATE.GOV>
Reply To: (b) (6)
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And we’ll be open for session submissions During April!!

Woot Woot!

From: Dearie, Jessica [mailto:Dearie.Jessica@EPA.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:01 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] CORRECTION RE: Drupal GovCon 2017 - Save the Date(s) Jul 31 - Aug 2

CORRECTION – Drupal GovCon dates are July 31st – August 2nd!

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Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 9:27 AM
To: 'CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV' <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
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Put on your Google calendar, Synch it to iCal or use an old-fashioned Post-It---Drupal GovCon is back! We're returning to the NIH campus this year and are looking forward to another amazing GovCon! This year's conference is Mon - Wed. Registration and session submissions will be open soon, so stay tuned for more information!
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I’d like to know if folks using Drupal in Gov are heading to Drupalcon. You can either email me directly or spam the list (I prefer not spamming the list).

I’m leaning toward hitting the Community Summit but I know Jess (EPA) and Becca (DOI) are planning the Gov Summit for Drupalcon.

https://events.drupal.org/baltimore2017

I’m also planning to head to Drupaldelphia on April 8, anyone else heading there?

http://www.drupaldelphia.com/schedule

Just really looking for a head count. I am trying to pull together a half day before Drupal con, so if anyone wants to host a Devops Half day at your agency geared especially for Drupal, let me know. I’ve got the speakers, just need a venue. It’s not hands on so for once, we don’t need Wifi.

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We're have a 1930's listserv in-place for a few of our national forests to use. We also have isolated implementations of GovDelivery, hence the desire to think about a BPA for the enterprise.

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Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Albert, Donavan -FS <dalbert@fs.fed.us>
Cc: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@listserv.gsa.gov
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Camtasia has awesome, very easy to use, video editing capabilities. I love it, but it is only allowed on machines with Windows 8 – for us

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 4:30 PM
**To:** CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Here's a good contact at FCG:
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Associate Director, Federal Consulting Group
Department of the Interior
1849 C St, NW, Room 2244
Washington, DC 20240

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(c) linda_wilkinson@ios.doi.gov

In fairness, I should mention that I'm not the only agency rep on the eval team; but I won't name-drop (what goes in contracting stays in contracting). If that person would like to confess to being on the team -- great!

Side-note: I should be putting out the Unofficial Digital Cabinet meeting/lunch invitation today. What would you say to shaking things up a bit? More later...

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Kate

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White House teams are working hard to re-post all OMB memos and policies on the new WhiteHouse.gov site ASAP, but no ETA yet.

Thanks for your continued patience and work.

Best,

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The webinar is on March 2nd and starts at 11:00 AM Eastern Time. Please pass this announcement around to your colleagues.

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Hi Jeffrey! Nice to hear from you, too.

What the heck is banana tag? I asked the same question when our Office of Communications asked me to evaluate it. Banana Tag is a tool for email marketing. It provides both metrics and a composer for nice looking emails in Outlook. It’s similar to MailChimp, except you send your emails from your own desktop, instead of through the service. Since the need is for internal communications, we weren’t looking for a hosted solution, but something we could use in our existing environment. OComm was also interested in the composer feature, as creating sophisticated looking email in Outlook can be a challenge. Here’s the link: https://www.bananatag.com/

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-Cheryl Thompson
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(To me, this situation is similar to close captioning.) Although font sizing is poignant in an accessibility discussion, I use Ctrl -/Ctrl + often. I bet other "regular" people do too.

Maybe the neighbor kid is lawnmowing his way to college - close captioning serves. Or, maybe the content is satire - large characters enhances.

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So addressing that business need with recommended software for accessible HTML5 and responsive design email authoring would help.

Any external emails incoming to us get automatically updated with links that go to a proxy sanitizer, either ending in “You did a bad thing and your special points of contact have be alerted to your failure” to “are you really sure you want to follow this link” before allowing one to continue to the final URL.

Hope that adds some value.

Yours in service,

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I’ll join in and voice an opinion that there is a special part of hell designated for those who ignore convention of
standard keyboard access and those that speak at the theater. If we received a formal complaint for Section 508, I’d be
on the complainant’s side.

http://dmcritchie.mvps.org/firefox/keyboard.htm might be of use to them.

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Hi , I’m in agreement with Larry here.

https://blogs.state.gov/

Ours is responsive. As is https://www.state.gov/ and I just tested both, each responds to the new browser increases and
decreases depending on the breaks.


I think the person telling you this has no idea what they’re talking about.

That's just weird. I have no idea why a dev would assert that removing control from a site-user would be a) a
good thing or b) 508-friendly.

Please feel free to +/- on DOI.gov. If it fails, I'm going to be highly embarrassed.
On Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:00 PM, [b] (6) [email protected] wrote:
Hello all!

I have two question for the group.

(1) Are responsive design and Ctrl-/Ctrl+ functions mutually exclusive? Our current beta site does not Ctrl- (minus) appropriately. I am being told this is because the beta is responsive in design. I don't buy that explanation. Am I wrong?

(2) Are Ctrl-/Ctrl+ functions Section 508 compliance requirements or just best practices?

I would appreciate your thoughts.

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Thanks very much!

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.mil folks should be careful answering these questions because their answers have second and third order effects that impact security (identifying agencies, etc., for example). And knowing .mil email practices will make them easier to spoof.

Suffice it to say, as you can tell by the added text in the subject, the Army's very strict. Think of a CYA way to blame the recipient of the email for doing anything wrong and that's pretty much it. :)

Email/e-mail are dialects but email is the proper version because that's what I use. :)

Thanks.

The Answer to "Who else needs to know?" is always "(b) (6), the KMO!"

KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT OFFICER (KMO), GS-12
US ARMY CHAPLAIN US Army Chaplain Center and School (USACHCS)

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From: Jeremy Zilar - TEADB [mailto:jeremy.zilar@GSA.GOV]
Sent: Friday, March 03, 2017 4:36 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Hi.
We at DigitalGov have a few questions about the one service that unites people across all federal agencies — E-mail.

In many ways, e-mail is the lowest common denominator of communication services in the federal government and yet we know so little about how well it actually works for communicating across the govt.

I have talked to a few people who said that their agency strips out all links in e-mails, including the text that is hyperlinked. Some block all images and attachments. While a few have a 24-48hr delay for e-mails that don't come from their agency.

So, we are wondering — is there anyone who knows:
- what agency addresses are hard to send e-mails to?
- what agencies have tight restrictions, like blocking all links, images, HTML?
- what agencies have a delay, of any kind, on any e-mail that is sent?
- what are the best ways to get your e-mail white-listed within these agencies?
- are there agencies that block the tracking on e-mails by default (# of opens/clicks)
- who are the e-mail administrators/gate keepers for each agency?

What would we do with this information?  
It would be nice to get a sense of how big a problem this really is and if it needs to be documented.  
Also, it would help us to craft our DigitalGov newsletter to be received by more people in the government.

Lastly, should there by a hyphen in e-mail? I still think so.

-jeremy

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Jeremy Zilar — DigitalGov  
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Quick Question to the Group:

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Thanks!

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Allison Hazen, I’m happy to see the interest in XML.

Unpopular as my viewpoint may be, I think XML is not replaceable. Like CSS, the idea is to switch semantics and context ... with the flick of a switch.

Same data set, new message.

But, honey-like organizational inertia is. Plus, do the young know that HTML is smarter than Word? And, XML may be even smarter?

To me, "freedom of speech" across the web begins with HTML, CSS, and PDF. Followed closely by XML and JSON. The rest is just frosting on the cake.

I thought gpo.gov might have something. Searched on "xml", but no luck.

Good luck,

aka tax.webmaster@hawaii.gov

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WHEN: Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 1:00 - 4:30 pm

DOORS OPEN: 12:00 pm EST

WHERE: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) Building
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700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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From: (b) (6) <b@HAWAII.GOV>
Reply To: (b) (6)<b@HAWAII.GOV
Date: Thu, 9 Mar 2017 08:55:31 -1000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (6 kB) , text/html (12 kB)

Credit to Joseph Wicentowski. Years ago, he presented tei-c.org to the list.
>> Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Question about creating multichannel content
>> while preserving a legacy print document
>> Wicentowski, Joseph C (PACE)
>> to: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L 01/22/2014 06:06 AM

Visited tei-c.org today, and found this in a paper.

"Outline
1. "What is it Going to Look Like?"
2. Data is the Important Long-term Outcome
3. Editors will only Switch Focus to Quality of Encoding if Publication Becomes as Straightforward as Using a Text Processor"
... http://jtei.revues.org/1453

=> straightforward as using a text processor

Do the content creators have any choice? It has to do with hypertext.

When I create content, I start with HTML and navigation, then plug-n-play the presentation later. If WYSIWYG is needed, I do CSS into an 8-1/2x11 box.

To me, that's the tough part. Otherwise, to me, the text, ASCII or UTF8, is enough. There's more to plain text than Notepad - I use Komodo Edit.

The first line of the abstract - "Are the data of an edition means to a particular and privileged presentation, or is the presentation a side effect?"

Hilarious. Like Haskell people say "Output is a side effect." (Note: The context is different, I think.)

I'm going to be thinking about this all weekend. Except when I'm reading "The Framers' Coup".

Happy Thursday,
Hi Allison,

My office, the Office of the Historian at the State Department, moved all of our publications to XML – specifically the Text Encoding Initiative Guidelines (http://tei-c.org). We use oXygen XML Editor (commercial, http://oxygenxml.com) for editing our documents, and eXist-db (free, open source, http://exist-db.org) to power our website (https://history.state.gov) and orchestrate conversions of XML to PDF and ebook. Under the hood, the transformations to PDF and ebook are done using TEI Publisher (free, open source, by the developers of eXist-db, http://teipublisher.com).

The level of effort involved depends on exactly what you’re moving to XML and what your goals are for the product. We’ve done everything from paying vendors to scan books, extract the text, and apply our tagging guidelines – to in-house transformation of a book from manuscript chapters in Word to TEI, from which we generated the web and ebook edition and a print-ready PDF that went to GPO for printing. The benefits of single-source publishing are enormous. Besides flexibility and longevity, government agencies can release their publications as raw XML and foster use by the public – as open government data in service of transparency goals. We release all of our publications and source code to GitHub (https://github.com/HistoryAtState), so students, scholars, developers, etc. can build on our efforts.

Best,

[Digital History Advisor]
[Office of the Historian]
[Bureau of Public Affairs]
[U.S. Department of State]

From: Allison.Hazen@USITC.GOV
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 4:41 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] XML Use for Publishing to the Web (and other mediums)

Good morning,

Our agency is exploring the possibility of switching our Commission Publication publishing process from Word -> PDF and Word -> HTML to something a little more flexible and XML-based. I know there are a lot of commercial products out there, as well as some XML schema that have been developed in-house at other agencies (GPO has been kind enough to touch base with us already).

For those of you using XML in your publishing process, would you mind sharing:

- Is what you use proprietary or did you develop it in-house? If you’re able to elaborate on what you use and how it works for you, that would be great.

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Although the answers given address the spirit of your question, Zona, here’s the direct answer:
· Making the presentation respond to the size of the viewport is responsive design.
· Locking the display to the size of the viewport is not. In fact, it defeats the whole purpose of responsive design, which is to give the user the best experience possible on the device of their choice.

Hope that helps.

And, yes, it sounds to me like all someone knows about responsive design is that it is what the code they cribbed is supposed to produce. ;-)
Hi, I’m in agreement with Larry here.

https://blogs.state.gov/

Ours is responsive. As is https://www.state.gov/ and I just tested both, each responds to the new browser increases and decreases depending on the breaks.


I think the person telling you this has no idea what they’re talking about.

That’s just weird. I have no idea why a dev would assert that removing control from a site-user would be a) a good thing or b) 508-friendly.

Please feel free to +/- on DOI.gov. If it fails, I’m going to be highly embarrassed.

Larry
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Larry Gillick
Acting Director of Digital Strategy
Drupal PaaS Evangelist
U.S. Department of the Interior
202-208-5141 (o) / 202-573-0306 (c)

“Comms is not press, it’s visionary, it’s the real people impact.”
-- best quote ever, from [your guess here]

On Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 12:00 PM, CIV OSD OUSD P-R (US) wrote:

Hello all!

I have two question for the group.

(1) Are responsive design and Ctrl -/Ctrl + functions mutually exclusive? Our current beta site does not Ctrl - (minus) appropriately. I am being told this is because the beta is responsive in design. I don’t buy that explanation. Am I wrong?

(2) Are Ctrl -/Ctrl + functions Section 508 compliance requirements or just best practices?

I would appreciate your thoughts.
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https://www.wsj.com/articles/beware-collaboration-tool-overload-1489370400

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Of course, this never boded well for the canaries - https://www.eremedia.com/tlnt/your-millennials-are-your-canaries/

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Yes!
We use this to power the big search bar on our homepage of www.uspto.gov. It's a real problem, and my IT folks are reporting it's only had about 93% up time today, and has been cutting out for 5-15 minutes at a time.

Our folks are working with GSA, so GSA is aware.
~Laura
Yes, I’m having the same issue… we use it for our search tool as well. Any insight?

Thanks,

[User Experience Designer / Visual Information Specialist
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Toll Free 800-699-5063 x COM (804) 734-8000 DSN @deca.mil]

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I apologize for the impact this had on your sites and your customers. Please reach out with any questions, you can reach me directly, or contact the team at search@support.digitalgov.gov.

Thank you,
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Good morning,

( Over here ... it's morning. )

1) About the document. My guess is the middling contrast between background and text colors is related to the "weight" of the verbal content on the screen. I'm thinking "weight" as in number of words per page. Due to the "weight" of each slide, high contrast may have been too loud.

Went home last night and watched the video.  


2) "Writing as the real UX" question
Maybe this is it? Slide 27 - More than Design  
"Why UX Design is a Lot Like Writing" - Susan Stuart

3) GUI gedanken
I think the GUI owes it's success to writing by hand. And, writing by hand, as in a modern written language (sigh cursive), came from a need for pictures. Like stories. For storytelling. Is successful UX like an enjoyed story?

Anyone attempting visual notetaking? Sketchnoting?

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Not sure about good design and business success. Thinking about art + marketplace + afterdeath.

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This half day is all Devops including presentations on what's worked, what's failed, what's been tried and where they are now from Zivtech, Mindgrub and USDA where Ron Williams will talk about Drupal 8 at his part of USDA

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/devops-drupal-half-day-tickets-32858557831

So, come on out!! Let's get our Devops on! Seating is limited (70 folks is about all we can handle this time around), so sign up ASAP for the April 20th half day.

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We need your help!

The USAGov team at the GSA is looking to improve ways for users to find information in USA.gov. We are seeking volunteers to spend no more than 5 minutes giving us feedback on 3 simple questions about our website.

We are looking for people who meet the following criteria:

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If you meet the criteria, please email joanne.mcgovern@gsa.gov to receive further details.

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The challenge: identify a public space who can share their CAD data for Nvidia, whose GPUs are used across VR and AI teams globally, to create an open demo for anyone to explore that "takes users where they haven't been before." This could be a unique building, a landmark, a geographic anomaly, the International Space Station. But this is quick turnaround to get the data in their hands to develop as an experience for all.

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Thanks everyone for all you do every day, and whether your interests are AI for Citizen Services or Virtual/Augmented Reality, there's a DigitalGov Community here to serve you. Here's to an unstoppable Spring.

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If you don’t remember who she is, this is the info I posted back in February (if you do remember, just skip this part):

I went to Drupal Camp Florida to do a talk on User Experience and came away with the most amazing session about Accessibility I’ve ever seen.

The Speaker, Helena McCabe is an web accessibility expert who decided that she wanted to get an idea of how she could improve her code, so she put out a call and interviewed differently abled people. This includes people in wheelchairs, sight or hearing impairments, mobility impairments, and others and came away from the experience with a completely different mind set.

I thought I’d share her presentation here. She’ll be at Drupalcon April 24-28th in Baltimore, but if you can’t go, please, watch her session. She says she’s obnoxious for a good cause, the cause of an accessible web.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeTNvTrrJ2o

You can also see her presentation on auditing the Florida Drupal camp 2016 and 2017 sites. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-MJQ2U7Wtw

She has lots of tool suggestions in there and you can watch her doing the audit, too.

Since she lives in Florida, it’s kind of hard to get her to town to talk accessibility for the web, so another option might be a webinar or multiple.

So, I wanted to find out if there’s interest for either.

If you’d be up for hosting a brown bag at your agency (an internal, hey, let’s bring her in as an expert to talk to our internal web teams) let me know.

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Thanks,

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Me: Do you have administrative rights on your PC?
He: Do you know how to buy a naked put?
Me: What?
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Me: I have no idea what you’re talking about
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Thanks to all who have weighed in & shared perspective.

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(and sorry for spamming everyone -- valid point -- but thought it important to applaud the exchange of information & ideas)

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- Foresee
- iPerceptions
- SurveyMonkey
- Qualtrics
- Uservoice
- HHS' Voice of the Customer tool
- Google Surveys

Here's the question - do you know of any OTHER customer satisfaction tools, either that you use or that we should be aware of? If you can respond to me off thread, I'll really appreciate it!!

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With respect to the workplace generational topic, for those -
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I suggest the following two -

1) TRANSCRIPT 2012 Hooding Remarks
George Will
June 4, 2012 — As Prepared

2) TRANSCRIPT "Don't Eat Fortune's Cookie"
Michael Lewis
June 3, 2012 — As Prepared

Whenever William Brantley posts links, I check them out, because they vary in form and context, as well as tone. So far, none of his suggestions has been something I had already read. I have found some provocative, and some I simply worry about the graphic techniques. In any case, I appreciate the exposure and the potpourri.

Like beer and cookies.

That's why I liked the odd couple graduation speeches above. Because just prior ... I had heard of civilization cycle as in Spengler and Toynbee.

Und zo ... William Brantley, thank you for sharing.

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- Campus Photo Slideshow
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- Full Name of School
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I'd be interested in knowing anyone in government who is doing that.

Drupal, WordPress and other CMS platforms let you create API's and I think that's the approach most government organizations are taking. The jury is out on how well those approaches work from an open data perspective.

CDC and some others have been doing it with their microsites approach. Here's a good case study on the Zika Virus microsite.

HHS has been working on content models for government-wide use in Drupal. I think Christen Geiler posted about that a few days ago. She is actually presenting about that on a free webinar next Tuesday at 2 p.m. EST.

Also, I know the VR and Augmented Reality Communities are doing some work in this space.

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Fascinating experience albeit also a frustrating experience. Drupal 8 has a much better API implementation.

The rationale for my experiments with Directus/Meteor/React is that I want to start with a CMS that is built from the ground up with the API-First method in the design. I have also been experimenting with GraphQL (http://graphql.org/) and Apollo (http://www.apollodata.com/) in this mix. All part of my side project (or Plan B if I lose my govjob) on a next generation HR services platform.

As you see the movement toward VR and AI, I want to create a platform that can also incorporate those delivery vehicles in the near future. For example, I want a Node.js base so that I could accommodate Alexa skills (https://jordankasper.com/building-an-amazon-alexa-skill-with-node-js/) in the platform. I suppose that WordPress and Drupal could also have the same features but just how many modules and plugins can WP and Drupal handle before they break down completely?

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https://www.eventbrite.com/e/devops-drupal-half-day-tickets-32858557831

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Thank you.

-Mike

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Thank you Christen Geiler and William Brantley.

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I wonder about "Information Architecture vs Content Models".

"Information Architecture vs Content Strategy—and Why YOU Need Both"
"How to Create Portable Content with Structured Content Models"

I wish the posts had described the concept in terms of what they are not.
* I used to think "information architecture" included hardware, traffic control, and physical storage. Now, I don't know.
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Years ago (maybe ten), I ran into a classmate from high school. She was in graduate school at the University of Hawaii, in her first year of studying Library Sciences. She mentioned her professor and an application for use by researchers (I think) and XML.

To her, XML was "technical". I don't remember how I responded. I did not understand why XML is "technical" to Library Sciences. At the time, I had believed that XML and it's schemas were "content models". Kind of like the Dewey Decimal or Library of Congress systems. And I believed the management of the physical and digital resources, plus the responsibility for their security and safety, were "information architecture". I presumed both pertained to any brick-n-mortar library where people had jobs.

I just did a comparison of the initial snippets that show in a duckduckgo search of "information architecture" and "content models", and to me, they seem just as abstract.

I wonder. Can I relate "information architecture" to a four-drawer file cabinet, a physical, and "content models" to the filing system, a logical? Or is there no physicality to either of these terms? And where does the ocean of gray matter relate, ie. the user?

Or, are these two concepts impossible to explain to a user in terms of something not related to technology?

Forgive me. It's Monday.

Happy Monday and thanks,
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For shout-outs, we invite each of you to share your agency’s recent “wins” using the attached template (short, WH style with URL link). Materials needed by 8:00am, next Monday, April 24, 2017. No extensions.

Historically, OMB and OSTP have asked Federal agencies for Open Data, My Data, Open Innovation success stories (voluntary data call every ~6 months), so that we can help highlight & lift successes in data-driven
government. It’s that time again! This is a voluntary call for updates in recent months that are ready to share with the public.

Before submitting updates to the White House, please be sure to clear through your Federal agency comms/legal/front office for public release.

Feel free to contact me to discuss ideas or with questions.

Looking forward to your input!

Thanks as always,

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We're preparing an RFP for a new contract to provide media monitoring and press release distribution services in the coming weeks. We currently are using Meltwater to monitor all varieties of media, provide some basic analytics, and for its ability to distribute press releases. That contract expires this year.

I'm putting together our market research and looking for input on solutions in use by other government agencies and what you pay for these services. I've received feedback internally from others in DOI but would like to broaden the estimate.

I'm primarily interested in the following:

- Company
- What services you use
- Number of user accounts versus number of users
- Yearly cost

Your help is very much appreciated.

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Hello Web Content Managers,

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Reply To: O'Keeffe, Hope
Date: Tue, 18 Apr 2017 16:26:56 -0400
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4 kB) , text/html (9 kB)
Slight nonsequitur: Chatfuel is presently in the course of developing fed-friendly TOS.

From: Justin Herman - TAE [mailto:justin.herman@GSA.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 3:16 PM
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Reply To: Springer, Michelle
Date: Wed, 19 Apr 2017 10:06:00 -0400
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Information Technology
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Reply To: Lakroune, Amy
Date: Thu, 20 Apr 2017 14:21:42 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2354 bytes) , text/html (5 kB) , image001.png (5 kB) , image002.png (5 kB) , image003.png (5 kB)

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I too am very interested in this info.

Also — are there any feds out there whose agency website includes, as its primary customer satisfaction measurement, a simple binary indicator like thumbs up/down icons, smiley vs. frowny face, or the like? I assume this would be augmented with fields for the two-way part of the communication, but I’m interested in seeing any ways federal agency sites are handling this outside of multi-question surveys. Thanks!

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Artists at State exhibition

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Posting this to explore the possibility that there may be other employees at State who pursue an artistic interest (painting, photography, sculpture) either as amateurs or otherwise, and might be interested in showing their work in an exhibition here at State.

Drop a line. If there are enough of us, and some of us are willing to volunteer our time, we might be able to pull off quite an exhibition!

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JPEGmini is $30 for a single license, but you can install it on at least three separate machines, I believe. It has proven to work very well at compressing files with no visible loss in quality. I run all of my JPEGs through it before uploading.

Thanks,

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My earlier "suggestion" presumed that there may be more to response times than images. Maybe some javascripts responding to user behavior?

Long time ago, I tried manual pages with "static" images, ie. no javascript for behavior. Like three files for three image size/resolution combos. It depends.

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