Hello! Does anyone on this list run LEP.gov or know who does? I have a question...

Please feel free to reply off-list.

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We recently stepped through the process of building an MVP product on our site using the USAJobs API. It worked pretty well for us, so thank you for the API reference guide. We plan on making a few more adjustments here soon. We like offering a list of USFS opportunities directly on our site, especially since we see a fair amount of ‘job seeker’ traffic for temporary/seasonal positions as well as for permanent.

https://www.fs.fed.us/working-with-us/jobs

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Text/plain

Thanks Dan Thibodeau. I think the last time I visited a US government job site was more than 10 years ago. I expected little. I was not surprised.

Not sure what you mean by an RSS search. What I'm used to is a subscription to a website, then whenever the website adds a "new" RSS feed, my aggregator has a chance to compares to my history. I don't have to search. When I turn on my aggregator, it compares notes with the website RSS feed, and if the feed is new, downloads the feed.

To me, once I set the subscription, it's a no-brainer, even better than a mailbox, because the aggregator waits for my signal to go out and compare dates and request the feed.

I manually aggregate with Mozilla Thunderbird. Prior to that, I used to pay Radio Userland. I think it was $10/mth, and worth it. After they quit, I found it simpler to do my own aggregation, plus I don't have to "log in" another time.

Maybe it's quaint, but I'm beginning to think that more and more web technology has moved away from my preferences as a consumer of both information and goods and services. Maybe it's because I don't fit the right profile.

One on my long-standing subscriptions is - https://www.schneier.com/blog/atom.xml

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https://github.com/nathan-osman/stack2rss

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Naw, bruh. Wrong solution.

A 21st century solution is to unlock this content from a "site." We continue to be shackled to this metaphor of a place to go. This is not helpful. We need to make a different investment for the future.

So the solution here is to make information available so it can be served in multiple formats--so that Google results can pick up your hours of operation and display them in a card, so that an aggregator can pick up related content and pull it together in an app, so that Alexa answers the question, so that it surfaces easily in a social search, so you can even post it on a website with it's dwindling visits, so you can feed your contact centers, and, most importantly, so you update it in one spot and it promulgates itself.

Practically speaking, there has been some terrific work from people in this community on structured content models as well as syndication beyond a site (I wish all gov content was available via API).

Time to break out of old, webpage-centric thinking. ::ducks::

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Ditto! And how did I miss this originally?

Gwen, that “solution” you’re responding to reminds me of the old poster that reads, “The beatings will continue until morale improves.”

I’ll stop now before I start a rant. Have a great day!

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So there’s this (my emphasis):

For example, many cities struggle to build citizen-centric sites where information
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Naw, bruh. Wrong solution.

A 21st century solution is to unlock this content from a "site." We continue to be shackled to this metaphor of a place to go. This is not helpful. We need to make a different investment for the future.

So the solution here is to make information available so it can be served in multiple formats--so that Google results can pick up your hours of operation and display them in a card, so that an aggregator can pick up related content and pull it together in an app, so that Alexa answers the question, so that it surfaces easily in a social search, so you can even post it on a website with it's dwindling visits, so you can feed your contact centers, and, most importantly, so you update it in one spot and it promulgates itself.

Practically speaking, there has been some terrific work from people in this community on structured content models as well as syndication beyond a site (I wish all gov content was available via API).

Time to break out of old, webpage-centric thinking. ::ducks::

https://i.giphy.com/S39bz599O0W9G.gif

cheers,

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Much thanks,

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Howdy Tim –

Our IT organization will gladly share. Brad Smith or Raj Lal, who are on this list, will reach out to you. And, you’re right, we built this in D7.

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Me as well.

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Seeking ideas and guidance – how is your agency is addressing the requirement in OMB M-17-06 re: providing the public (a) two-way feedback mechanism available via www.[agency].gov/data. Any materials would be greatly appreciated!

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From: <Francine.Krasowska@CENSUS.GOV>
Reply To: Francine Krasowska (CENSUS/ADCOM FED)
Date: Thu, 4 May 2017 16:27:14 +0000
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Does anyone on this list have a contact at Google who either deals with federal websites, or might be able to answer a question about how their search results quick charts are presented? Just in case someone here might also already know the answer to my question, here is the issue:

If you type into Google search "population of [a specific US geography such as 'madison, wi' or 'montgomery county md']" or, alternatively, "[geography] population", you will most of the time get a graph of that place's population over time, with the following footnote: "Sources include: United States Census Bureau." The footnote links to a reference page that has moved. I believe that these graphs are created using a template, or code that builds a template, and that source note is hard-coded in. Some of my colleagues believe that the source note is derived from wherever Google is getting the data. In either case, we need to get Google to fix it, because it is generating 404s.

If you can share a Google contact likely to help, or a definitive solution because you've had a similar issue, I would hugely appreciate it.

Thanks in advance,

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Hi Beth,

NLM migrated to Parature last year which is our customer service portal. We released our knowledge base of FAQs in December and are in the process deleting the duplicates from our website. My colleague Wanda Whitney manages the project and would be happy to tell you more about it.

Regards,
Brooke

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I was curious how our site’s device split (desktop vs. mobile vs. tablet) compared to the gov’t-wide average, so I pulled down the federal data. Attached is the resulting spreadsheet covering the last three months. It’s updated every day, so today’s file covers Feb. 4 – May 4.

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Happy Friday!

Quick question – I’m wondering if there are any agencies out there that are using a public website (.gov website available to the general public) for internal employee communications. In short, does anyone have any experience with providing “intranet”-type content as a section of their public .gov website (or separate website).

We’re trying to address an issue here at DHS where a significant portion of our workforce can’t access our intranet site for employee communications because the site is available only when logged into the DHS network (and they don’t have regular access – think TSA and CBP officers in the field)... wondering if anyone has any experience that they can share.

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Whoops!

I flipped our Spanish percentages, which is significant because our Spanish site flips the norms: 2/3 of people come on mobile devices.

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Interesting insights regarding your Spanish language users vs. your English users, Jeffrey!

I wanted to point out that the agency pages on analytics.usa.gov (accessed by the dropdown at the top) also present the mobile/desktop/tablet breakdown for sites belonging to that agency. Site-specific device breakdowns are accessible via the actual Google Analytics interface, but often the agency summaries can provide some interesting insight, as well. For example, HHS sites have more mobile visits (49%) than desktop (46%) in the last 90 days, whereas agencies like DOD still see sites dominated by desktop traffic (71%).

You can also use those agency-wide breakdowns to compare against your specific site. In Jeffrey's USCIS case, the data he found in Google Analytics for the English site is along the lines of the greater DHS averages (56% desktop, 40% mobile), but the Spanish version skews more desktop.

In any case, this kind of data can definitely help understand your users and their needs, as well as potentially alert us to issues accessing content on certain devices.

Thanks for the note, Jeffrey.

Best,

Tim

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Program Manager
Digital Analytics Program (DAP)
Technology Transformation Service
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Greetings Web Content Managers,

I hope all is well and productive where you are. I'm pleased to make an update on our inter-agency communities' Federal AI Personal Assistant Pilot and identify next steps and where needs still exist.

As many of you know, the pilot was launched to test and evaluate public service information integration into consumer-available AI Personal Assistants (IPAs) -- and in the process lay a strong foundation for opening our programs to self-service programs in the home, mobile devices, automobiles and further developed by U.S. businesses.

We hoped to attract a pilot cohort of six agencies with diverse missions and resources, demonstrate practical use cases, and recommend next steps for tackling this emerging field of citizen services. We received more than 6X the declared interest from agencies, who as of this morning continue to reach out to participate (not counting our state, local and international colleagues who have also reached out), and industry partners continue to join the effort, from MITRE to Oracle's Adaptive Intelligent Applications department (in addition to Amazon Alexa, Google Assistant, Microsoft Cortana, and Facebook Messenger's chatbot service.)

It has been nothing short of exciting and overwhelming to discover how many of our missions are primed and ready to move into this space with clear purpose and resources -- enough so that this effort will most certainly not only become a permanent presence, but will look forward and outward to expanding in complexity and scope thanks to the determined contributions of innovators and stewards like yourself.

But first thing is first -- we need to get this initial pilot phase done and in the books. I've seen things this week, pretty incredible new program management services built based on ideas from the pilot, that I didn't think we'd see created until much later phases. As of today we are freezing new entries into the pilot, streamlining the number of concepts down to those ready to advance, and moving on so we can begin the work of institutionalizing this experience for all our colleagues and partners who want to take advantage. There will be plenty more where this came from.

Here's what you can do:

- **Visit the Federal AI Personal Assistant Pilot wiki on Github**
- **Review participating concepts and agencies**
- Please email me your Github user name and " #PilotUsername " in the subject if:
  - your agency has a participating concept
  - has a placeholder page but hasn't expanded their concept yet (if not, they may be paused from the pilot til a later time)
  - your agency is not listed but you can help suggest improvements in concepts or resources
- **Register for our hackathon for the AI Personal Assistant Pilot**, Wednesday May 17
  - Participating concepts will be expected to prepare their projects as much as they can in advance of the hackathon along with the cohort community
  - Specialists from both federal agencies and the innovative platforms opened in the pilot will be present to help tie lose ends and answer questions
  - Attendees do not need to be present the entire day -- they need to be present as little or long as they need to complete their pilot concepts.
  - I'm told a robot will be there. So there's also that.
Next week we are analyzing compliance considerations for this emerging field, and finalizing the combination of business cases and available data.

Thanks again to all of you who stepped forward and proved that the federal government is not only open to emerging citizen technologies, not only ready to test -- we are ready and determined to work together across agencies and with innovative U.S. businesses and startups to make the benefits of tomorrow a real and responsive service for citizens today.

Best regards,
Justin

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Awesome! This is what I was looking for.

Thank you for the quick response-

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Hi Folks,

I'm Phil Ashlock with Data.gov and I've been involved with the M-13-13 open data policy for the past few years. I'm sorry not to respond sooner, but I've provided an overview of options and what other agencies are doing below as well as some additional context on this policy.

The short answer is that if you don't already have a two-way feedback mechanism, Data.gov can get you set up with our Help Desk tool. More details below.

With regard to the policy, note that this isn't really a new requirement. As M-17-06 says, this is "Consistent with OMB Memorandum M-13-13" - the open data policy that agencies have been implementing since 2013. However, this particular aspect of providing a public two-way feedback mechanism has seen somewhat spotty implementation across agencies. Also note that while M-13-13 technically only applies to the CFO-Act agencies, we encourage everyone to follow it as a best practice. And while M-17-06 is generally defined as being applicable across all executive branch agencies, my understanding is that the "Provide Open Data Public Engagement" portion that draws from M-13-13 is actually still only a requirement for CFO-Act agencies. I believe this has been conveyed by OMB thru conversations at the web council, but if you need more clarification I can put you in touch with Justin Grimes at OFCIO or you can email infopolicy-oir@omb.eop.gov. I don't know what the timeline looks like for evaluating agency implementation of M-17-06, but agencies have been reviewed for M-13-13 quarterly since 2013 and those evaluations, including the scoring on Public Engagement, are posted publicly at https://labs.data.gov/dashboard/offices. The last evaluation was based on the state of implementation on February 28th and the next quarterly evaluation will be based on implementation as of May 31st.

As far as your options for providing a two-way feedback mechanism, again the short answer is that if you don't already have a customer service tool and workflow that's well integrated across your agency, then I recommend you use the Help Desk tool provided by Data.gov. You might be asking why each agency is asked to provide this mechanism if Data.gov is providing something already and my interpretation is that this is because 1) Even with our tool each agency is still responsible for the actual public engagement behind it and providing the final response and 2) If agencies have a customer service or public engagement tool/process for this which is (or could be) better integrated and institutionalized then they should be encouraged to use that. One point of clarification to note is that with M-13-13 the concept of a "two-way" feedback mechanism is one which acts more like a public forum where, to the extent practicable, the responses to feedback are also posted publicly.

Data.gov does still typically act as the initial point of entry for public inquiries so we do take responsibility for being as responsive as we can, but usually that means doing our best to delegate to the proper point of contact at the agency who can provide the answer. The main options for feedback with our Help Desk tool are to report a problem with an existing dataset and to request a new dataset. These options are both available from our contact page, but the page for each dataset in the catalog also includes the option to report a problem as well as a use case or success story that can be directly associated with the specific dataset. These options are built into Data.gov, so they're present regardless of the feedback mechanism (or lack thereof) in place by the agency. We currently connect these public inquiries to the appropriate agency via email in a somewhat manual process, but we are in the early stages of onboarding agencies so they can login to the administrative interface for the Help Desk tool better manage and respond to their inquires directly. For agencies that have their own
separate preferred tool, the goal is to be able to integrate directly with those via our API in the future.

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The Help Desk tool is still a work in progress and we've yet to publish good documentation for how agencies can implement it, but for now I'll just share that here via email. Before I go into detail, let me first stress that you not simply link to data.gov/contact as many agencies are currently doing. Not only will this likely confuse your users, but it also puts more work on the Data.gov staff to determine which agency the user was coming from. Instead you should only use the Help Desk URL specifically associated with your agency or with a specific dataset.

The Help Desk tool is powered by an API and if you'd like richer integration on your website we can work with you to do that, but otherwise the easiest way to incorporate it on your [agency.gov]/data page is to simply provide links to the different Help Desk pages associate with your agency or dataset. We're currently using a set of numerical agency IDs from the Federal Agency Directory API to associate these requests with your agency, but we'll be moving to a more human readable ID in the future. A list of agency IDs is copied at the bottom of this email.

To preselect your agency for a dataset being requested, you can add the parameter "agency_name" to the URL for the dataset request form and then just add your agency ID. Here's an example with the ID for GSA (49048)

https://www.data.gov/data-request/?agency_name=49048

To preselect the URL for a dataset that has a problem, you can add the parameter "media_url" to the URL for the issue reporting form and then just append the dataset URL. Here's an example:

https://www.data.gov/issue/?
media_url=https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/national-stock-number-extract

To preselect the URL for a dataset that has a success story or notable use case, you can add the parameter "media_url" to the URL for the issue reporting form and then just append the dataset URL. Here's an example:

https://www.data.gov/story/?
media_url=https://catalog.data.gov/dataset/national-stock-number-extract

For requests that have been received and moderated, you can also provide links to URLs that show the current status of these requests. Here you can actually use a human readable agency abbreviation for the ID. Here are example URLs for GSA:

Issues: https://www.data.gov/issues/?agency_responsible=GSA
Requests: https://www.data.gov/requests/?agency_responsible=GSA

This concludes the overview of how to provide links to the Data.gov Help Desk.

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To highlight a few agencies that are using other tools and doing a great job:

- For HHS, their hhs.gov/data page redirects to healthdata.gov which has a prominent "Feedback" link in the navigation as well as feedback buttons on each dataset in the catalog. The website is powered by the DKAN Drupal distribution. There's also a more robust methodology driven by MediaWiki and GitHub documented at d dod.healthdata.gov, but this seems to have been largely inactive for the past year.
- For SSA, there are a few links on ssa.gov/data to their active IdeaScale account and a page with a synthesis of results from their ongoing Customer Feedback Process.
I'd also like to note a few places where I've seen what appears to be a well structured process and ticketing system for responding to public requests about data. This may not be visible from their respective /data pages nor available in the public "two-way" type of forum I described earlier, but from personal experience I've seen very responsive customer centric mechanisms in place at the Department of Education and the Census Bureau.

Other tools that agencies are using include GitHub Issues, the Open Data StackExchange tagged for your agency, and features available as part of the Socrata SaaS.

I spent some time doing an updated evaluation for each agency which I'll make available for reference as part of OMB's May 31st quarterly review, but if you'd like me to directly share my current feedback for your agency's reference to a feedback mechanism on your /data page just let me know.

I know that's a lot, so congrats if you made it this far and please let me know if you have any questions.

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We also do a similar thing (up arrow “promote”/down arrow “demote”) for our “Sounding Board” regarding the possible implementation of new ideas at State, with an option for comments below each idea.
Hello,

The USPTO website has a "Thumbs up/Thumbs down" option on nearly all pages. Once you pick helpful/not helpful, you also get the option to give more substantive written comments. This feedback is collected at the page level, which allows us to know how customers feel about a specific page, rather than the whole site. This gives us good granular feedback such as the ability to look across our most positive/negatively reviewed content to see if there are patterns, such as the use a particular layout template that people find confusing.

However, in addition to this we also deploy a traditional website survey run by Foresee, which is a multi-question survey about the whole website experience (site speed, content, design, task completion etc.).

Hope this additional information is helpful,

~Laura

Senior Digital Strategist
United States Patent and Trademark Office
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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To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] two-way feedback mechanisms (per OMB M-17-06)  

I’d also be interested in how others are approaching this

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From: Lakroune, Amy [mailto:Amy.Lakroune@FHFA.GOV]  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:22 AM  
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] two-way feedback mechanisms (per OMB M-17-06)  

Seeking ideas and guidance – how is your agency is addressing the requirement in OMB M-17-06 re: providing the public (a) two-way feedback mechanism available via www.[agency].gov/data.  

Any materials would be greatly appreciated!
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Thanks for the useful information. Now if my office would only attempt to understand the importance of this type of data. Baby steps 😊

Do you know if there is a similar tool for social media accounts? A free tool other than the analytics sections of those platforms. On another note, I was able to find demographic information on the PEW webpage for the Instagram platform. However, I wanted a deeper analytic dive (not just female traffic prevails over their male counterparts for this platform but what were they looking for or how were they using Insta?) and couldn’t find a free resources for that.

Lastly, do you know if there are reoccurring meet-ups within the government whereby data is the topic?

Thanks and happy cinco!

Whoops!

I flipped our Spanish percentages, which is significant because our Spanish site flips the norms: 2/3 of people come on mobile devices.

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Is the city of Los Angeles one of the state, local and international colleagues you mentioned?

“…despite freeing up staff to handle more involved issues, Chip is a harbinger of what’s next for artificial intelligence (AI), not a mere chatbot, said Michael Donlan, Microsoft’s vice president of U.S. state and local government.”


teri :)
• your agency has a participating concept
• has a placeholder page but hasn't expanded their concept yet (if not, they may be paused from the pilot til a later time)
• your agency is not listed but you can help suggest improvements in concepts or resources

• Register for our hackathon for the AI Personal Assistant Pilot, Wednesday May 17

• Participating concepts will be expected to prepare their projects as much as they can in advance of the hackathon along with the cohort community
• Specialists from both federal agencies and the innovative platforms opened in the pilot will be present to help tie lose ends and answer questions
• Attendees do not need to be present the entire day -- they need to be present as little or long as they need to complete their pilot concepts.
• I'm told a robot will be there. So there's also that.

Next week we are analyzing compliance considerations for this emerging field, and finalizing the combination of business cases and available data.

Thanks again to all of you who stepped forward and proved that the federal government is not only open to emerging citizen technologies, not only ready to test -- we are ready and determined to work together across agencies and with innovative U.S. businesses and startups to make the benefits of tomorrow a real and responsive service for citizens today.

Best regards,
Justin

Justin "Doc" Herman
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From: SARMY HQDA ASA MRA (US) MAIL.MIL>

Reply To: Welther, Michael S CIV USARMY HQDA ASA MRA (US)

Date: Mon, 8 May 2017 13:06:24 +0000

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http://blog.globalwebindex.net/chart-of-the-day/tablet-usage-declines/

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Can you elaborate on this Bill? Tablet traffic across the board is quite low.

Tim

On Mon, May 8, 2017 at 9:25 AM, Brantley, William <William.Brantley@uspto.gov> wrote:

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From: "Brantley, William" <William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV>
Reply To: Brantley, William
Date: Mon, 8 May 2017 13:44:10 +0000
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Cc: Williams, David A. <david.williams@USPTO.GOV>
Subject: RE: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [Non-DoD Source] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] How people access our websites by device

William,
I'm a lurker on the list. I think mobile use is highly dependent on the audience, nature of the information the website provides and the mobile friendliness of the website. For www.uspto.gov: we run just under 80% desktop. It's been coming down over the years, but not a quickly as industry average.
-David

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2016 (after the switch to the new Drupal responsive site):
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Always interesting to see how the numbers compare.
Hope it's helpful!

From: Walker, Stephen <Stephen.Walker4@VA.GOV>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 12:11:16 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [Non-DoD Source] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] How people access our websites by device

I so not think there was ever a time that VA websites and public facing applications were above 10% tablet usage with the past year being just under 8%. As others have seen, mobile usage has grown and is now close 30%. These numbers exclude internal traffic which pushes the desktop numbers higher.
Steve

// SIGNED //

Stephen M. Walker

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From: Brantley, William [mailto:William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV]
Sent: Monday, 08 May, 2017 9:40 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [Non-DoD Source] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] How people access our websites by device

It is true that tablet traffic is declining from a high peak usage a couple of years ago. However, tablet usage should still be in the high-to-mid 30s rather than dropping so low (<5%) if GlobalWebIndex is correct.

[http://blog.globalwebindex.net/chart-of-the-day/tablet-usage-declines/](http://blog.globalwebindex.net/chart-of-the-day/tablet-usage-declines/)
Can you elaborate on this Bill? Tablet traffic across the board is quite low.

Tim

On Mon, May 8, 2017 at 9:25 AM, Brantley, William <William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV> wrote:

I'm interested by your tablet statistic. It would seem that tablets would be at a greater percentage than desktops based on my observations of other user stats.

That is interesting data.

I work on the US Army recruiting website and our main audience is ages 18-24 -- although we get some "influencers" that are older -- but according to our data, the younger people understandably prefer the phones....Our breakdown is

Mobile: 53.7%
Desktop: 42%
Tablet: 4.3%
Hi everyone.

I was just poking around Caution-https://analytics.usa.gov/ and discovered the data page: Caution-https://analytics.usa.gov/data/.

I was curious how our site's device split (desktop vs. mobile vs. tablet) compared to the gov't-wide average, so I pulled down the federal data. Attached is the resulting spreadsheet covering the last three months. It's updated every day, so today's file covers Feb. 4 - May 4.

Then I looked at our own Google Analytics.

Here's what I found:

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Greetings, Public Service Community!

I was wondering if anyone has had any experience with Compliance Sheriff as a Section 508 Compliance/Accessibility tool. I realize that DHS offers a free tool.

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I’ve seen this topic before, but not seen much on it. Govdelivery is a bit pricey for us given how small we are and that we don’t take full advantage of all of its features.

Does anyone else use JangoMail? Or have you done any research on it?

Thanks,

Jacob White, PMP | Director, Digital Engagement, Communications

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Hi Matt –

Donavan

Donavan W. Albert
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From: [Caution-Caution-mailto: @HQ.DHS.GOV] [Caution-Caution-mailto: @HQ.DHS.GOV] [Caution-Caution-mailto: @HQ.DHS.GOV] [Caution-Caution-mailto: @HQ.DHS.GOV]
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Following up on Gwynne Kostin's comments about distributed content -

Todd Ross Nienkerk gave this talk at the recent DrupalCon but there was an issue with the YouTube video.

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I don’t agree with the overgeneralizations about the generations – really stretching the point to fit the clickbait “Marcia, Marcia, Marcia” title.

However, I do like the concepts of the personal learning ecosystem and the enterprise learning ecosystem. Those should have been the focus of the paper.


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From: (b) (6) "<b>"@NSA.GOV>
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Hi all,

Does anyone have an example of a Drupal (preferably for Drupal 7) / Microsoft Dynamics 2016 integration in the Federal space?

Thanks!

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James,

You’re welcome to use Gliffy on MAX.gov for this.

First create a test page here: [https://community.max.gov/x/6BQ](https://community.max.gov/x/6BQ) (or in any more appropriate space that you have access to).

Then edit the page and choose insert/gliffy diagram/floorplan (bottom left).

Here’s the help page: [https://community.max.gov/x/pgA7Bw](https://community.max.gov/x/pgA7Bw)

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**From:** James Jones [mailto:jjones@FEC.GOV]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2017 12:13 PM  
**To:** CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
**Subject:** [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Online Graphic Collaborative Workspace?

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https://chatbotsmagazine.com/turn-every-google-form-into-a-chatbot-29887667cc07

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Following up to send you info off thread, Lee.

Gray

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Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 12:59 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Anyone using a public website for employee communications?

Happy Friday!

Quick question – I’m wondering if there are any agencies out there that are using a public website (.gov website available to the general public) for internal employee communications. In short, does anyone have any experience with providing “intranet”-type content as a section of their public .gov website (or separate website).

We’re trying to address an issue here at DHS where a significant portion of our workforce can’t access our intranet site for employee communications because the site is available only when logged into the DHS network (and they don’t have regular access – think TSA and CBP officers in the field)… wondering if anyone has any experience that they can share.
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Subject: Anyone running distance learning programs?
From: "Andrea Sigritz (XCI)" <andrea.sigritz@GSA.GOV>
Reply To: Andrea Sigritz (XCI)
Date: Tue, 23 May 2017 10:48:23 -0400
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1963 bytes), text/html (2730 bytes)

Good morning!

As a result of a recent DigitalGov user interview, we're compiling a resource about agencies' distance learning programs and want to hear from anyone running such programs. We'd like to know any lessons learned, tips, etc., to prevent others from starting from scratch.

Please email me off list, thanks!

And if you'd like to participate in a user interview for DigitalGov, let me know. We want to find out more about your pain points and hurdles so we can update our offerings.

Thanks,
Andrea

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Hi Albert,

We have a page on DigitalGov with that information: [https://www.digitalgov.gov/resources/content-management-systems-used-by-government-agencies/](https://www.digitalgov.gov/resources/content-management-systems-used-by-government-agencies/)

We update as agencies let us know what they are using. So if anyone needs to update their entry please let us know: digitalgov@gsa.gov

Thanks,
Andrea

On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 10:39 AM, Albert, Donavan -FS <dalbert@fs.fed.us> wrote:

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Subject: Re: HTML training?
From: @OMB.EOP.GOV>
Reply To: (b) (6)
Date: Wed, 24 May 2017 14:56:59 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2770 bytes) , text/html (7 kB)
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From: Strothers, Letha E [mailto:Letha.E.Strothers@HUD.GOV]
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Hi Donavan,
Here is a list maintained on DigitalGov, but it seems a little outdated. (Looks like Andrea beat me to this bit.)
https://www.digitalgov.gov/resources/content-management-systems-used-by-government-agencies/

Ben Balter also wrote some software and did an analysis back in 2011, but the site with the data is no longer available online. His blog post is still available and the software still published, plus it was used as the basis for https://github.com/dhs-ncats/pshtt which is what powers https://pulse.cio.gov.

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From: Albert, Donavan -FS <dalbert@FS.FED.US>
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 10:39:13 AM
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Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] WCMS Technologies

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From: <Neville@WAPA.GOV>
Reply To: 
Date: Wed, 24 May 2017 15:20:35 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
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From: EOP/OMB [mailto:@OMB.EOP.GOV]
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2017 8:57 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] HTML training?

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Subject: Re: HTML training?
From: "Minton, Vern T." <Vern.Minton@VA.GOV>
Reply To: Minton, Vern T.
Date: Wed, 24 May 2017 15:21:47 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2476 bytes) , text/html (6 kB)

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Subject: Why federal agencies should adopt enterprise bots
From: "Brantley, William" <William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV>
Reply To: Brantley, William
Date: Wed, 24 May 2017 15:26:42 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1714 bytes) , text/html (4 kB)


I had written earlier about why federal agencies need to increase adoption of enterprise apps to improve internal agency processes, so enterprise bots are a natural progression - https://www.digitalgov.gov/2016/01/27/the-data-briefing-improving-the-federal-government-through-mobile-apps/

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You can also try https://www.w3schools.com/ for free tutorial content.

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I use Code Academy, too. I will also google the code I am looking for.

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Greetings Letha Strothers,

Many good replies before mine. I'm happy to seem someone interested in the basics and not a application. There's hope yet ....

Years ago, I struggled to learn about web pages. I tried many avenues, and I suspect, I have a developed an uncommon philosophy about learning about a web page.

Question 1: Does "good FREE or inexpensive resource for really basic HTML" exclude CSS?
I believe in Eric Meyer's earlier books for beginners. Try and find -
* [http://www.ericmeyeroncss.com/](http://www.ericmeyeroncss.com/) - Eric Meyer on CSS, and

I'm not really up with a lot of new stuff nowadays, some I can't even spell correctly, but I believe 'learning HTML primarily without CSS selectors' or 'learning CSS primarily without learning HTML block|inline', is not worth it. In that case, just use a ready-made content management system exclusively in the GUI and raise your tolerance coefficient.

If you are learning HTML, I suggest an early introduction to a page with no CSS. Do it in Notepad, or some plain text editor, and save it as UTF8. Then, open it in different web browsers. Then interweave the introduction of HTML elements and CSS selectors, allowing one to see the relationship of the developing formats. Ask them to make changes, and watch it break. Take a look at the options to UTF8. Why are there options?

Question 2: Where will "recognize codes and do minor edits within code" happen?

This is a Who question.

If your students are typists and not the subject-matter-expert/authoring-environment-user, it may not be worth the time. In my experience, over the last 20 years, less and less of the upstream people have learned enough of the digital writing process to guide the boots-on-the-ground. The upstream people make all the difference, especially if they are not the students.

Question 3: Are students to be page-based or site-based?

In my experience, "learning HTML" had always presented every browser as the same on every web page, or every change in the web page made a difference in the page on the web.

Page-based is user-friendly. Site-based is technical, or less just say more wordy. Don't be afraid to expose your students and their mentors to the real world. Some apparently really simple stuff is hard or inconsistent across the internet's interface. Maybe it's changed, but one fine example would be hanging-indents.

Enough said. A worthy effort.

Good luck,
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Hi Letha,

My local public library website offers its members free access to courses at Lynda.com. I've not taken this course, but Lynda has a nearly 6 hour HTML Essential Training course ([https://www.lynda.com/Web-Development-tutorials/HTML-Essential-Training/170427-2.html](https://www.lynda.com/Web-Development-tutorials/HTML-Essential-Training/170427-2.html)).

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Hope this helps,

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Good luck.

NRO, Public Affairs Officer

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Hi Albert,


We update as agencies let us know what they are using. So if anyone needs to update their entry please let us know: digitalgov@gsa.gov < Caution-Caution-mailto:digitalgov@gsa.gov Caution-Caution >
Thanks,
Andrea

On Wed, May 24, 2017 at 10:39 AM, Albert, Donavan -FS <dalbert@fs.fed.us < Caution-Caution-mailto:dalbert@fs.fed.us > > wrote:

Howdy -

I apologize if this has already been asked or exists somewhere…but, has research been conducted and aggregated within the federal space on what web content management systems technologies are currently in-use and at which agency (government-wide)? Seems like this sort of market research would be pretty handy for folks to have or know about.

This information exist within MAX?

Donavan

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We all know gov travel dollars are minimal at best from local to state to fed and even our international government orgs, it's just not a budget priority, making come out to DC to attend Drupal GovCon nearly impossible. Trust us, we understand.

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DC folks – you should register! It’s free!! [https://www.drupalgovcon.org/ticket-info](https://www.drupalgovcon.org/ticket-info)

Just a reminder, we’re a volunteer lead organization, funding for scholarships comes from previous hold over funds from previous events. We earmark money left over from past years to make travel awards possible. We also work hard all year round to create programing that can help all of us succeed in our day to day jobs. It’s a labor of love for the entire 34 member volunteer planning committee. And you’re welcome to volunteer for the event or even for next year’s committee!

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You can email me directly at christine.stevenson@hhs.gov.

Thanks,
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The title element of a web page is part of the metadata of the page and entails no formatting. Inline styles are irrelevant. The specification says that the content model for the title is “text.” (The content model gives us insight into the kind of information the element can contain.)

I was hoping to find a definitive statement that only Unicode characters are allowed when the content model is text. Instead I found this:

“Text, in the context of content models, means either nothing, or Text nodes. Text is sometimes used as a content model on its own, but is also phrasing content, and can be inter-element whitespace (if the Text nodes are empty or contain just space characters).

“Text nodes and attribute values must consist of Unicode characters, must not contain U+0000 characters, must not contain permanently undefined Unicode characters (noncharacters), and must not contain control characters other than space characters. This specification includes extra constraints on the exact value of Text nodes and attribute values depending on their precise context.”

That first sentence troubles me—“text” can mean nothing in this context? That is not helpful at all. Although “text node” is not defined, I suspect that the title element is one. If so, then only Unicode characters, not HTML elements or codes or other entries, are allowed as content.

In other words, you may use Quick<sup>3</sup> as the title, but the <, sup, >, and / will be read as text characters, not as components of an HTML tag. In other words, you won’t see Quick³ in the browser tab. You’ll see the keystrokes you entered—Quick<sup>3</sup>.

The other potential approach, which is to use the Unicode character for a superscript 3 instead of <sup>3</sup>, won’t work, either, because that is actually a U+0000 character. (It’s U+00B3.)

To get something that looks like Quick³ to appear in the browser tab, they could make an image of that text and add that image as their site’s favicon. Then the tab would look something like this, where the text with an orange background represents the favicon:

![Quick³](image001.png)
In doing this research, I came to realize something else that is kind of interesting:

- `<title>` is an element of HTML.
- All elements of HTML may have global attributes associated with them.
- One of the global attributes is also called title.
- So `<title title="Wrong">Right</title>` is actually valid, under the HTML specification.

If you put that in the metadata of your page, what should a screen reader that complies with the specification announce?

The actual answer probably is not as interesting as the question. (Sorry that I couldn’t wait until Friday to ask.)

EIR Accessibility Coordinator  
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Making electronic information and services accessible to people with disabilities is everyone's job. I am here to help.

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Thanks!
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Hi, Everyone.

If you haven’t already seen it, The Federal Agency Customer Experience Act of 2017 (S. 1088) is a Senate Bill that would mandate all agencies to use a standardized set of customer satisfaction survey questions that would be developed by OMB/GSA.

I don’t know how everyone else feels, but I take great issue with this effort as it would derail all the strategy and work that has gone into developing survey questions specific to our content and users, and negatively impact our current KPI measurement process. Questions specific to top-tasks, audience identification, as well as content-specific questions, would take a back seat to a set of one-size-fits-all questions developed by OMB and GSA.

The bill allows for agencies to add their own questions after the required set, but that’s a good way to increase abandonment rates and limit the number of short, effective surveys we can use. Not to mention the sunk costs from the efforts of digital analytics programs and content staff who rely on quality VoC data.

Anyhow, I just stumbled on this and, thankfully, will be getting comments to our legal POCs in time.

I encourage everyone to get a hold of this bill and provide your comments through the appropriate channels at your respective agencies.

This is not like DAP, where you can run your own analytics code side-by-side with the DAP code without any issues; this WILL impact you and your users if it gets mandated!

Thanks.

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To: Bronson, Samuel (OS/ASPA); CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@listserv.gsa.gov

Sam,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on this. I read the proposal differently, assuming that this new mandate could be implemented in addition to any existing customer experience analytics techniques we already use to improve the user experience of--and customer satisfaction with--our online offerings.

I see a benefit to this proposal in that parts of the organization that do not systematically collect this type of information (read: non-digital service and information departments) will also be measured.

Please help me understand where this document says we can't do this in addition to existing measurement tools?

Thanks!

Dana

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On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 3:10 PM, Bronson, Samuel (OS/ASPA) <Samuel.Bronson@hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi, Everyone.

If you haven’t already seen it, The Federal Agency Customer Experience Act of 2017 (S. 1088) is a Senate Bill that would mandate all agencies to use a standardized set of customer satisfaction survey questions that would be developed by OMB/GSA.

I don’t know how everyone else feels, but I take great issue with this effort as it would derail all the strategy and work that has gone into developing survey questions specific to our content and users, and negatively impact our current KPI measurement process. Questions specific to top-tasks, audience identification, as well as content-specific questions, would take a back seat to a set of one-size-fits-all questions developed by OMB and GSA.

The bill allows for agencies to add their own questions after the required set, but that’s a good way to increase abandonment rates and limit the number of short, effective surveys we can use. Not to mention the sunk costs from the efforts of digital analytics programs and content staff who rely on quality VoC data.

Anyhow, I just stumbled on this and, thankfully, will be getting comments to our legal POCs in time.

I encourage everyone to get a hold of this bill and provide your comments through the appropriate channels at your respective agencies.

This is not like DAP, where you can run your own analytics code side-by-side with the DAP code without any issues; this WILL impact you and your users if it gets mandated!

Thanks.

Sam Bronson

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Thanks much. Makes sense to me. Then again, I like maths, eg. the Platonic solids. And there are only five. Known since antiquity. So why? Why only five? And there's never more than six in four dimensions. No "dark" regular polytopes. Somehow somewhere somestuff can be simple.
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Platonic_solid

Neat the attention to what a student did. My only concern is that "thinking out of the box" seems to only get press around graduate school types ... and beyond. So what about middle school? Too young to be creative? No media value?

'Nuff philosophy.

Happy Friday.

From: "Brantley, William" <William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV>
To: <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>,
Date: 06/02/2017 04:06 AM
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Origami Building Blocks

Not really related to content management but, I thought this was cool and appropriate for a Friday quick read.
https://www.fastcodesign.com/90126134/this-mit-students-origami-building-blocks-could-make-you-more-creative

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

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Hi all,

I'm co-leading the Better Government Program's Content Team with Michelle Ramsden and we need your help! Do you like creating personas and customer journey maps? Then, we've got the micro-detail for you! Complete details at https://openopps.digitalgov.gov/tasks/641.

Description:
The Better Government Program is looking for 1-2 UX-savvy innovators this summer! You would support the content team by refining five personas and creating journey maps, which will be used to develop content for the Better Government's Innovation Toolkit. The target deadline is August 15, 2017. The work will involve about 2-4 hours per week and can be done remotely.

The five personas include innovators across all levels of government from senior government executive to new federal employees. The journey maps will represent each persona's experiences with innovation in their government organization.

The Better Government Program helps create a better relationship between government and the public. Learn more about the program at the Better Government Program's GitHub site at https://github.com/18F/better-government/.

If you have questions about this opportunity, please contact me at brooke.dine@nih.gov.

Regards,
Brooke

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I am also looking for a Google contact to address an issue with a location listing for the National Cancer Institute. Is there a federal government contact at Google for search listings?

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From: Francine Krasowska (CENSUS/ADCOM FED) [mailto:Francine.Krasowska@CENSUS.GOV]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:27 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Looking for a Google contact

Does anyone on this list have a contact at Google who either deals with federal websites, or might be able to answer a question about how their search results quick charts are presented? Just in case someone here might also already know the answer to my question, here is the issue:

If you type into Google search "population of [a specific US geography such as 'madison, wi' or 'montgomery county md']" or, alternatively, "[geography] population", you will most of the time get a graph of that place’s population over time, with the following footnote: "Sources include: United States Census Bureau." The footnote links to a reference page that has moved. I believe that these graphs are created using a template, or code that builds a template, and that source note is hard-coded in. Some of my colleagues believe that the source note is derived from wherever Google is getting the data. In either case, we need to get Google to fix it, because it is generating 404s.

If you can share a Google contact likely to help, or a definitive solution because you've had a similar issue, I would hugely appreciate it.

Thanks in advance,

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Hello!

Thank you for sending; I’ve looked that what HHS does and it is a great idea, but I have two questions:

1.) How does one go about actually implementing this across an entire Agency? Who did you work with? Did it cut costs? How did you advocate for it?

2.) Has anyone tried this in a classified environment on an internal network – the goal being to push authoritative content to internal customers automatically?

Best,

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Where does the content model initiative need to root and grow? Is it in operations?

I wonder if anyone has tried convincing a content creator to polish their content into a plain text outline, eg. in Notepad. To me, that kind of cooperation requires a breed of the old-fashioned writer. I suspect it grows harder and harder to find those in our networks.

I guess for me, in an information technology services office, it's easy to understand the value of content models. I guess it's like reusable glass jars, or (pause) structured programming or (pause) modular development. Or, content management systems. Or, a brown roux in the kitchen.

But isn't this kind of like trying to get everybody's to write 'good' english? As compared to more pretty-er print?

Seems to me whether its a help-ticket how-to, long-form journalism, a screenplay, a play, or even a silent movie, ground-up enthusiasm can really help. Compared to top-down creativity. Even if it's modern, cool, and cloudy.

I wonder what "out of context" means in content models. Could that be satire? Or is it a hack?

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Hi everyone -

If you know anyone that might be interested, we’re looking for a paid graphic design intern for this fall (full details below).

Forward along as you will, and let me know if you have any questions.

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**Graphic Design Intern (OIG)-20326**

**Primary Location**
: DC-Washington

**Employee Status**
: Temporary

**Overtime Status**
: Non-exempt

**Job Type**
: Internship

**Travel**
: No

**Shift**
: Day Job

Years of Experience Required: 0

Education Required: Some College

Relocation Provided: No

Salary Grade Low: 20

**Posting Date**
: Jun 6, 2017

**Position Description**

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the Federal Reserve Board (Board) and Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) conducts audits and evaluations of the Board and CFPB’s programs and operations to assess and promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in these programs and operations, while helping to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse. The Graphic Design Intern will help audit and evaluation teams translate their data and information into powerful visuals and drive communication in both reports and other division messaging channels (website landing pages, social media platforms, etc.). The Graphic Design Intern will also help design and publish content for a variety of other external products (special publications, outreach materials, etc.) and internal communications (digital signage, intranet products, etc.). In all work, the Graphic Design Intern will help ensure that designs follow and extend our branding guidelines.

**Position Requirements**

- Fall 2017 Intern
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Excellent visual stylistic sense (balance, tone, placement). Infographics and data visualization skills, including the ability to translate complex data and technical text into informative, easy-to-understand visuals (graphics, charts, etc.) and infographics.
- Graphic design experience, in both digital and print media, and excellent software skills with InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, etc.
- Animation, and web design skills a plus
3/22/2021

- Ability to work independently in a deadline-sensitive environment
- Preferred major in graphic design, art, branding, or related fields, as either a graduate or undergraduate student.
- Portfolio and two letters of recommendation required.

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Howdy, folks.

In working with the Digital Analytics Program (DAP), we assembled a number of open source datasets to assemble a list of federal website subdomains to help better visualize the federal web presence. We've had a list of .gov websites for a number of years now, but that just included www.agencyx.gov not blog.agencyx.gov, calendar.agencyx.gov, etc.

You can read more in Tim's email to the DAP points of contact a few weeks ago (below), checkout the methodology here, or go straight to the main results here.

Whether for your agency or any wider .gov analysis you want to do, I hope it's useful.

Gray B.

------- Forwarded message -------
From: Timothy Lowden - TAA <timothy.lowden@gsa.gov>
Date: Mon, May 22, 2017 at 11:01 AM
Subject: Tracking DAP on Subdomains

Hi DAP POCs:

In working with you all over the last few months, we've gotten quite a few inquiries about methods to track DAP adoption across subdomains. While pulse.cio.gov is currently only offering tracking on second-level domains for DAP implementation, my GSA colleague Gray Brooks has generously spent some time putting together a resource that we hope will be helpful to you.

As you'll see in the documentation in the README, subdomains were gathered from various publicly accessible sources, combined, de-duped, cleared of redirects, and cleaned with a far-from-perfect "ignore" list (that was created by human eyes scanning the list) designed to remove some staging/test environments. Then we ran that list against a report from DAP itself.

The resulting file is our best approximation at DAP tracking on subdomains across government. It's a snapshot in time and is not a perfect resource, but we thought it might assist you all as a guide. It might also help you identify subdomains you were previously unaware of.
Please note the following:

1. We’re sure this is not an exhaustive list of subdomains, but it’s what we could gather from public sources.

2. The ignore list was created by human eye, and is just a way to remove some known culprits for non-public sites (e.g. staging.agency.gov, uat.agency.gov, etc). There are still plenty of hostnames in the list that may not resolve or are behind firewalls.

Many thanks to Gray Brooks for his effort in making this happen and meticulously documenting the steps he took to arrive at the final list. We hope that you all find it useful for your own recordkeeping. In the coming days, we plan on sharing this project on some of the other listserves so that folks can self-identify domains and reach out to us, as well.

Please let us know if you feel this is a helpful resource. We’d love to hear your comments!

Best,

Tim

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Tim Lowden
Program Manager
Digital Analytics Program (DAP)
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Best,
Meagan Taylor

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
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Subject: Adobe Creative Cloud Procurement Vehicles
From: James Jones <jjones@FEC.GOV>
Reply To: James Jones <jjones@FEC.GOV>
Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2017 14:50:29 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
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I'm researching federal licensing of Adobe Creative Cloud and am looking for procurement vehicles through which we might obtain licenses at rates lower than those quoted at retail. If you're using CC, could you please help by sharing 1) how many people in your agency use it, 2) do you have individual accounts or do you have multiple licenses, and 3) did you obtain it through a larger contract and, if so, which one? I'm a creative, not procurement, so my grasp of this stuff is tenuous at best but I seem to remember that there were contracts out there for this sort of thing. Any advice would be appreciated!

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Subject: Good program for increasing diversity in government speaking events
From: "Brantley, William" <William.Brantley@USPTO.GOV>
Reply To: Brantley, William
Date: Wed, 21 Jun 2017 16:20:29 +0000
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @USDOJ.GOV>

Reply To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Date: Thu, 22 Jun 2017 12:54:16 +0000

Content-Type: multipart/alternative

Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1424 bytes), text/html (41 kB)

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From: "Shirey, John" <Shirey.John@EPA.GOV>
Reply To: Shirey, John
Date: Thu, 22 Jun 2017 13:10:56 +0000
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From: "Larrimore, Laura" <Laura.Larrimore@USPTO.GOV>
Reply To: Larrimore, Laura
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I used to work for American University, and we had a system in place that showed the busses on a map. It used a GPS tracker inside the bus to relay that info. It was several years ago, so I dug up their recent page: http://bus.streeteagleweb.com/BusViewer.aspx. It appears to be using something called Smart Traxx – here’s their app: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.insight.smarttraxx&hl=en

Given that universities are running small bus systems similar to yours on small-ish budgets, it might be worth investigating what universities are using.

~Laura

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Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 9:45 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] App for real time shuttle bus schedules


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Cathy, you might want to check with NIH Office of Research Services
https://www.ors.od.nih.gov/pes/dats/NIHShuttleServices/Pages/shuttle.aspx. Midpage, there’s information on
its “GPS-based arrival time Information”
The National Cancer Institute seems to use a separate service for its Shady Grove Shuttle and for its NCI-
Frederick location. Contact information is on that same page.

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The security implications? can they be mitigated?
Is there another free solution?
Is this just a really bad idea?

Does an enterprise version of google analytics allow for mitigation?

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Very respectfully,

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-Will

Will Slack
18F Products and Platforms, TTS
(c) - william.slack@gsa.gov

On Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 9:45 AM, Williams, David A. <david.williams@uspto.gov> wrote:


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We've been using Google Analytics for some of our public-facing sites, but for security reasons we set up an internally hosted version of Piwik (https://piwik.org/) for our non-public applications.

Thanks,

[redacted], OMB
Chief, Budget Systems Branch
Policy Lead, BFELoB/MAX.gov

https://go.max.gov/presentations
https://go.max.gov/authentication
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Good afternoon,
DON is considering using Google Analytics (free version) for collecting site information for some of our "private" systems - that is to say our systems that run on non-classified web but are behind controlled access. I'm looking for some help in understanding:
The security implications? can they be mitigated?
Is there another free solution?
Is this just a really bad idea?

Does an enterprise version of google analytics allow for mitigation?

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Very respectfully,

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Does anyone use these hosted libraries for their websites? If so, how do you navigate the terms of agreement (they seem pretty tame, but who knows:

~Mike
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Regards,
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Good morning,

We are implementing the Saba online learning management system in our county to offering trainings to residents, volunteers, and business partners, etc. I am interested in feedback from other government agencies who've deployed Saba to external customers.

I'd like to know:

- how you structured your domains in relation to your lines of business, e.g., a single landing page for your entire agency or unique pages for each line of business
- the user experience from the department’s perspective on uploading and configuring courses and the catalog(s)
- the user experience from the trainee’s perspective in accessing and completing courses
- whether you created a governance structure to manage delivery of online learning.

Thanks!

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We've used Treejack on several projects for the web. It is really useful and the data collected is presented back in a really smart way.

From: Dine, Brooke (NIH/NLM) [E] [mailto:dine@MAIL.NIH.GOV]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 9:30 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Has anyone used Optimal Workshop?

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From: ADMIN.NV.GOV>
Reply To: ADMIN.NV.GOV>
Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2017 18:42:20 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1726 bytes), text/html (6 kB)

Does anyone have any Web Content Manager and Webmaster related certifications they recommend for career recruitment and advancements?

Thanks,

Chief, Research, Planning and Grant Management
Enterprise IT Services Team
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A few folks pointed out that the survey had some strange permissions going on. I think I've corrected that now, so I apologize for that!

Thanks for those of you who let me know!

On Fri, Jun 23, 2017 at 9:37 AM, Jessica Milcetich - TABA <jessica.milcetich@gsa.gov> wrote:
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Is someone using Tableau on Drupal? If so, could you please recommend any modules you’re using or should stay away from.

Also, please share any suggestions or lessons learned.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Coqui
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At EPA, if you *publish* a page, that forces a cache refresh for that path. That little bit of functionality right there allows us to set a long TTL:

- 24 hours at Akamai (with some exceptions)
- 48 hours for Boost (a Drupal “static page builder” module)

Both caches are cleared for the specific path when a page is republished. We would set the TTLs even higher if our site was less dynamic—there are elements of our site that incorporate views (like Larry’s site does) that don’t “know” they’ve been updated, so they sit there, cached.

We have the ability to adjust the TTLs higher if we’re hit with a significant surge of traffic.

(Boost allows us to generate and then save the requested page on our server. We give that page to the 1,000s of Akamai servers that don’t yet have the page in their caches, should they request a copy. Delivering already generated pages is much easier than regenerating from scratch.)

Akamai now offers “Fast Purge” (v3 of their Cache Clearing Utility API), and we’ve incorporated that into our application. Fast Purge is supposed to take seconds to refresh (it’s hard to measure). V2 of their purging API took up to 7 minutes. This API is what we use when a page is republished.

~Mike

From: Larry Gillick [mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:05 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] How long does it take for web changes to show up?

Hi,

For "news" content, I've found it helpful to have my CMS trigger a CDN cache refresh for the edited page, immediately after publication. That usually means <1 or 2 minutes to public-visible. Home pages, list pages and other pages that wouldn't naturally "know" that they'd been edited require a bit of extra effort, but it's worth the trouble to do so.

Larry

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 5:33 PM, [b] (6), [b] (7)(C) uscis.dhs.gov> wrote:

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WHEN: Friday, July 28, 2017
WHERE: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405
TIME: 8:30 - 3:00
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The afternoon panel will be a group of industry experts who will discuss how industry is preparing to respond to the Revised Section 508 Standards.

Helen Chamberlain
Governmentwide Section 508 Training & Outreach Director
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In the depth of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer

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Some of the sessions on the agenda:


Decentralized Content Strategy for the National Park Service Speakers: Tori Peterson, Rebecca Wyatt

Accessibility is More than an Add-On: The Responsibility of the Open Source Community Speaker: Marissa Goldsmith

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Subject: Re: How long does it take for web changes to show up?
From: "Dunbar, Brian (HQ-NJ000)" <brian.dunbar@NASA.GOV>
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Date: Tue, 27 Jun 2017 21:16:43 +0000
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Austin,

Asking for friend. What’s our version of this? I think – when we publish, old pages are simply overwritten, so every request gets the latest version. There’s no automated check-and-update, correct? At least, I’ve never seen an old version of a page more than the 7 minutes that publishing can take.

Brian

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Thank you again William Brantley.

I noted the discipline in the page titles which I presume carried over into breadcrumbs and filenames. I approve.

\{\{Taxonomy\}\} + \{Navigation\} + \{User journey\}\} \leq\ very good.

The implied dynamic "User journey" is a more utilitarian description than the static "user interface". I approve.

I think many times a content provider focuses only on the current page in play, and disregards that's page's place in the internet of things. (Sorry. I couldn't resist.)

I see that gov.uk employs "<aside>". But I did see use of "<section>". I wonder why not?

I think having both <div> and <section> in HTML 5 was a real good thing.

The pages render fast. Maybe it's not DHTML.

My two cents.

aka tax.webmaster@hawaii.gov
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Hope to see you there!

Thanks,
Laura

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Tuesday, August 1st 1pm-4pm offered by WeKnow, Inc
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**Featured Speakers:**
Yael Bar-Tur, *Director of Social Media and Digital Strategy*, New York City Police Dept.
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Tuesday, July 11th at 2:00pm ET

Governments around the world are making considerable efforts to enhance citizens’ experiences when dealing with all levels of government through the use of social media.
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Hi everyone!

I'm actually the 'build a building' type of Architect/Project Manager (currently a new Courthouse) and somehow joined this group. Your world and learning things are of great interest - especially as books and ink blotters are transitioning into mice and monitors and the facilities to support them rapidly evolve. So, with regard to these posts, I am mostly listening on the sidelines...

However, now I'm trying to help my friend Doug, an Operations Manager at GSA, with his Customer Service Announcements. He/they can't seem to control the typeface and point size. Below my contact info is a recently received announcement. The important part is the tiny 7pt type.

I request your help! How can they fix their set-up to make these Announcements work better graphically?

I've copied [ ] - please feel free to communicate with him directly.

Many thanks,
Stuart

Stuart A. Lacy, RA, LEED AP
Architect/Project Manager
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania
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Mobile: (6)
Stuart_Lacy@PAMD.USCourts.gov

Hello,

Please disseminate this message.

GSA's Fire Safety contractor will be on site to test our Fire Protection System on 7/10 and 7/11.

The testing hopefully will not impact anyone as we've scheduled the testing of horns and strobes for 6:00 am on 7/11; however, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience this causes.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Customer Service Desk.

THE NEALON BUILDING RECYCLES:

Trash removal and recycling is a basic service GSA provides to customer agencies. We encourage agencies to reduce, reuse, and recycle, whenever possible.

Recycling Bin Locations: Paper recycling bins are located in all office space, some hallways, most break rooms, and public lobby areas.

Types of Materials that are Recyclable in Hallway Bins: Paper, Plastics, Glass Bottles/Aluminum Cans
Types of Materials that are Recyclable in the GSA office: Batteries, Toner/laser/Ink-jet cartridges, small electronics (old cell phones, PDA's, cameras).

Sincerely,
Your GSA Customer Service Team
1-844-963-7155

[END]
R03.3pk.customer.service.desk@gsa.gov
Hey folks,

I'm boosting the signal here – I announced this on a smaller list just before the 4th of July holidays, and I don't want this opportunity to get lost in the post-vacation email-o-lanches we all end up with! The detail is to get a Drupal / PHP person in to help me finish off a Drupal 8 website redesign.

ME & NTSB & THE PROJECT

For those not in the know, "the National Transportation Safety Board is an independent Federal agency charged by Congress with investigating every civil aviation accident the United States and significant accidents in other modes of transportation – railroad, highway, marine and pipeline. The NTSB determines the probable cause of the accidents and issues safety recommendations aimed at preventing future accidents."

We are a small agency, HQ in DC (conveniently right above the L'Enfant Plaza Metro), with a big mission. I run the Digital Services shop within our office of Safety Recommendations & Communications, and my staff (of 3) are responsible for web, graphics/publications, audio/visual, and general social media oversight. As for my background, I've done most everything IT and web related along the way (programming site functionality and CMSs included), but I'm not by any stretch very savvy with php / Drupal. (https://www.linkedin.com/in/jmathieson/ for anyone interested)

And I want to do this right.

The project is a shiny new D8 ntsb.gov, which has been completely redesigned and redeveloped to focus on the accident investigation as a core of the site (things are scattered on the current site, which is also dated in look). The funding I had went a long way to gathering requirements, delving into the what and how and why of things, but unfortunately ran out before the complete functional site was built (so there's a punch list of features / functions to build out).

It's a great opportunity to help build a customer-focused Drupal site, using D8 to boot.

YOU

Drupal guru with experience on the backend of the system, know how to mod all the code bits, set up the views, build the functionality on the page, and basically make it all work properly / stop me from suggesting the impossible.

Sense of humor and thirst for adventure a bonus.

Willing / able to come over for a detail for [TBD] time - I'm hoping our agencies could agree to an 120 day detail, so there's time to really do this and not be rushed. But that's TBD between our agencies.

THE PROCESS

If you are interested (and feel free to send out to other fed drupal folks who are not on the list), please send me a message at james.mathieson@ntsb.gov expressing interest. Please do include a description of your drupal experience and projects you have worked on.

I'll contact people to set up a time to talk in person, and hopefully be able to show what we've already built. Once I'm lucky enough to get one of you to agree, I'll work through the process of the MOU between our agencies for the detail.

One caveat up front, due to budget constraints, NTSB couldn't pick up the tab, so this would very probably be a non-reimbursable detail for your agency. (I imagine that won't be a shock to most agencies, though.)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have.

Cheers,
James

James Mathieson
Chief, Digital Services (SDF 60)
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Good afternoon, web communicators.

The U.S. Courts' Office of Public Affairs is looking for someone to help with web content management, which includes writing, editing, and coordinating new web initiatives and content strategies. Our communications efforts reach a wide range of audiences through uscourts.gov, social media channels, and an intranet site used by more than 30,000 court employees nationwide.

**Position:** Public Affairs Specialist – Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts  
**Announcement:** [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/470948200](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/470948200)  
**Open through:** July 14, 2017

Please apply or share with anyone who might be interested.

Thanks,

James Davison  
Manager of Digital Strategy  
Web Communications and New Media  
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We’re filling a key position on our team at the U.S. Currency Education Program at the Federal Reserve Board. We’re looking for a top-notch writer and digital outreach strategist.

The incumbent’s portfolio includes two social media channels, digital content writing, and email outreach. The incumbent is a dynamic self-starter who thinks with an open and creative mind. The incumbent crafts digital content with an authoritative voice for a global public audience.

Interested? To apply for this position, go to https://www.federalreserve.gov/careers.htm and search using job number 20448. The official job family is “Financial Services Analyst.” You can also find this posting on LinkedIn at https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/349384490/.

Visit www.uscurrency.gov to learn more about our team’s mission.

Thank you,

Jillian Buttecali
U.S. Currency Education Program
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
Office: 202-973-7375
uscurrency.gov
Dear colleagues,

**Only one week left to register for the Language Map App Webinar!!**

Any government employee knows first hand the importance of communicating with the audience they need to serve. But when they encounter limited English proficient individuals, communication can be difficult or non-existent. Learn how the Language Map App, developed by the Department of Justice, can help you determine in minutes if there are LEP individuals in your area and which language(s) they speak.

Join our DOJ colleagues on 7/20 at 1 PM as they demonstrate the Language Map App. The App will help you assess the language needs of your LEP population to more effectively reach them.

Hope to see you there!

*My apologies if you're receiving this message more than once - sharing with a couple of listservs.*

Thanks,

Laura

Laura Godfrey
Product Manager, [USAGov](http://www.usagov.com)
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I think innovation programs are better when you have a diverse mix: age, race, gender, and so on.


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

Dr. Bill Brantley  
(Certified Professional in Training Management, Project Management, Human Resources, and Data Science)  
HR Specialist (Development)  
Enterprise Training Division

Office of Human Resources  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
571.270.5447  
William.Brantley@USPTO.gov
Hello!

Please see the training opportunity below about the Revised Section 508 Standards that might be of interest to you or a team member. Follow the link below to register!

Jacqueline

-------- Forwarded message --------

From: Helen Chamberlain - M1EB <helen.chamberlain@gsa.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 11:15 AM
Subject: [UX-COP] CORRECTION: REGISTER now for the August 10 WCAG 2.0 event : In Person and Virtual
To: UX-COP@listserv.gsa.gov

Now that the Revised Section 508 Standards are final there are a lot of changes in the way that the Federal government ‘develops, procures, maintains, and uses’ ICT. One of the biggest changes is that it is now mandatory to develop and test against the *W3C’s **WCAG 2.0 standards.

This session will be presented by Bruce Bailey, Access Board and Katie Haritos Shea, WCAG and 508 Subject matter expert. They will be going into detail about how the WCAG 2.0 standards affect the way your organization procures, develops, and tests ICT with regard to the Revised Section 508 Standards. They will also be sharing resources to help you get started. This will be an interactive forum so bring your questions for the experts.

Please share this within your agency with anyone who will have to use WCAG 2.0 guidelines.

REGISTER at: https://registration.section508.gov/
(IN PERSON and VIRTUAL attendance available)
WHEN: Thursday, August 10, 2017
WHERE: National Science Foundation
TIME: 8:30 - 3:00 (Agenda and session materials to follow)
WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Programmers, Developers, Testers, Requirements developers, and Section 508 Coordinators and PMs.

*Worldwide Web Consortium
**Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)**

This free event will be held at the National Science Foundation at 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Stafford 1 Building in conference room 375.

NSF is located in the Ballston area of North Arlington, Virginia, between Wilson Boulevard and Fairfax Drive, one block south of the Ballston-Marymount University Metro stop on the Orange Line. Parking is available in the Ballston Common mall, in the NSF building, and at other area parking lots and garages. Metered parking is also available on the surrounding streets.

Visitors are asked to check in at the Visitor and Reception Center in the Stafford 1 building, on the first floor to receive a visitor pass, before going on to meetings, appointments, or other business at the NSF. Visitors bringing computers into NSF should consult the NSF Computer Security Policy before arriving.

For directions go to [http://www.nsf.gov/about/visit/](http://www.nsf.gov/about/visit/)

Helen Chamberlain  
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In the depth of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer

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Subject: looking for usability testers
From: Jillian Buttecali <jillian.g.buttecali@FRB.GOV>
Reply To: Jillian Buttecali <jillian.g.buttecali@FRB.GOV>
Date: Mon, 17 Jul 2017 22:13:52 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1522 bytes), text/html (4006 bytes)

Content Managers Community,

In an effort to consistently improve www.uscurrency.gov, we will soon publically release a card sorting usability test. The test will help us analyze our IA and taxonomy.

Interested? Reply back to me individually letting me know you’d like to participate. No previous experience using our website is necessary. We’re looking for a broad range of testers.

Thank you in advance for your feedback!

Regards,

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HHS Teams with Healthline.com to Serve Consumers

A new collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services and Healthline.com will greatly expand the delivery of HHS syndicated content. “As the fastest-growing consumer health information website, we are trusted by millions of people each day and are so pleased to be partnering with HHS to make their timely and authoritative information available on Healthline.com,” said David Kopp, CEO of Healthline®.

The HHS-Healthline alliance is described in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organizations that is based on “mutual recognition of the need to empower consumers with health information they can apply in daily life.” The goal is to “provide and promote HHS website content to consumers” and offer to them “high quality and timely content concerning health and public research.” The MOU makes clear that the alliance involves no financial obligation for either party.

The HHS storefront content ranges in content type, including infographics, social media-tailored posts, widgets, and the API-driven dynamically updated content.

This dynamic content can be extremely powerful, essentially allowing another organization to post a small amount of JavaScript in order to provide a full microsite developed around a particular theme. The content will update as the associated agency updates their own site, helping reduce maintenance overhead and ensuring potentially critical content remains updated.

The goal of the collaboration is to further the development of research, education, and outreach partnerships which in turn supports HHS’s mission. HHS hopes to continue to further disseminate its content by aligning with more partners, public and private.

For more information about this collaboration please contact mailto:Christen.Geiler@HHS.gov?subject=Healthline MOU

For more information about syndication at HHS https://www.hhs.gov/web/building-and-managing-websites/syndication/index.html

Christen Geiler
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ASPA-Digital
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GS runs the social media registry for the whole federal gov't. Oh, Justin, here's your queue. ;)

For the same reasons, the DoD (and possibly other agencies) have a social media registry that citizens can consult to confirm that social media accounts claiming to be owned/operated by DoD entities actually are.


teri :)
From: Harms, Linda D -FS
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I am including Lee Ellis here (the DotGov Program Manager) on this chain, who can chime in as well as set up an offline discussion to provide more information, if needed.

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Marina

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Acquia Labs and GeorgiaGov Interactive have been collaborating on a project called "Ask GeorgiaGov." This integrates the Georgia.gov Drupal website and Amazon Echo voice assistant. Launched this summer, this effort builds on momentum from both the trends surrounding innovative conversational interfaces and the pressing need for citizens to feel connection to their government.
In this upcoming webcast, learn about the what, why, and how of the Alexa, Ask GeorgiaGov project, with an eye toward its technical and civic implications.

**Find answers to questions, such as:**

- How can conversational interfaces reinvent the way governments inform citizens?
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Subject: Re: Language Access and Online Comms

From: (@STATE.GOV>

Reply To: 

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There are a few other considerations:

1. Localization. Translatable content as opposed to an entire site in one language then another in another language. An example of this is https://www.finnair.com/ where they ASK you what language OR locality detected like with British Airways, (where they look at where you are before giving you a language).

2. SEO. You can’t provide mixed language content on sites without suffering an SEO issue. Search engines look for these anomalies and consider them to be SPAM or malicious content in general.

Doing multi-lingual sites requires some thought about what you’re targeting and why. Building it is a completely different issue but there are some excellent Drupal modules to help with it like

https://www.drupal.org/project/entity_translation
https://www.drupal.org/project/tmgmt_global sights
https://www.drupal.org/project/tmgmt
https://www.drupal.org/project/i18n

If you’re coming to Drupal GovCon next week I’d suggest talking to the folks from Hook42 if you are looking at translation and internationalization. They literally write the code for a lot of this and are committers on several of the modules I noted above. You can also look at Lingotek for this type of expertise. https://www.lingotek.com/

Lingotek also created some documentation for multi-lingual sites here https://www.drupal.org/docs/7/multilingual/translating-content

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From: Schneider-Levinson, Wendy (NIH/NCI) [E] [mailto:schneiderleviw@mail.nih.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Levy, Jeffrey M; CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: RE: Language Access and Online Comms

Good point!

I was trying to think of anything related to right-to-left languages, but didn’t come up with anything. I’m glad you did. :)

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Thanks very much for sharing your thoughts on this. Another item came to mind: will you have to make changes to the page structure/CSS in order to accommodate a language that reads right-to-left instead of left-to-right, etc.? And if the language has a different alphabet, will you offer the possibility of printing a page, and if so, will your system work with the correct fonts?
Happy Friday!

I was recently asked for my thoughts on:

- Challenges in web content, design, and management from a language access perspective
- Challenges in social media efforts from a language access perspective

I thought this might be useful to others, too, so here you go. This list isn’t comprehensive, just what came to me within a few minutes.

I don’t mean to suggest that maintaining websites and social media in other languages can’t be done. In fact, we run a Spanish website and several Spanish social media channels – see my signature block below for links.

But if someone comes to you and says “let’s build a website in X language,” they need to understand it’s not as simple as hiring a contractor with someone who speaks the language.

One overarching challenge for all of it, of course, is: how do you staff your effort?

Web challenges:

- What content will you translate? All of it? All of it going forward from some launch date? If not, what’s the decision mechanism? Will you ever go back to the stuff you didn’t translate? And how will you assess those decisions, and the entire decision process, over time to change things as appropriate?
- Deciding which languages to translate into: includes determining who your audiences are, where they are, how much English they might speak, and whether they would even come to our website. Going beyond the initial effort, how do you assess this regularly to decide when to start translating into a new language or stop translating into an existing language?
- Finding a reliable translation mechanism with QA controls (how do you know the first translator got it right?); no one I know in this field believes that machine translation works well enough to trust for a gov’t agency
- Maintenance: once you start translating, you have to continue your translation investment indefinitely or have a trigger point beyond which you’ll no longer use a particular language (for example, if web traffic falls below a certain level).
- Design: are there cultural sensitivities or even just differences to pay attention to? For example, do the color schemes normally used in the US work as well for people from other cultures? If your target audience isn’t as web-savvy, do they know how to use various techniques (for example, how to manage multiple tabs) or design elements (for example, do they know how to open accordions?)? Those points will determine how to lay out the website (color schemes, page elements, etc.) and how to create the reader’s experience (open new items in tabs, new windows, or in the same window? Can you use icons – will they understand them? Etc.).
- Normal web page maintenance planning: this is the same as for any web page, but you also have to build translation into the workflow. Keep in mind that any last-minute changes also need to be translated, so it’s often best to not even start until the English is finally approved.
- Promotion: how do you get the word out to your target audience, who, by definition, doesn’t speak English. So your promotion needs to be translated, too. But you also have to identify English-speaking intermediaries: advocates, libraries, similar agencies in other countries to work with as partners, foreign-language media, etc. Multiply all of that times the number of languages you choose to work with.

Social media challenges:

- All of the translation issues above apply here as well, but add in a time pressure if you want to respond to anyone in-language.
- How to reach the audience that speaks the language? Random posts in a language on an account that’s normally...
How to reach the audience that speaks the language? Random posts in a language on an account that’s normally in English aren’t effective – they won’t reach your target audience. On the other hand, directly addressing intermediaries in a language might reach them (you can direct posts in many social media platforms to get the attention of someone).

How to determine whether your outreach is worth the effort?

If you decide to run an account entirely within a language, you must learn how to do that in whichever channel you choose. For example: can you change the navigation and site tools to the desired language, or will they be an English wrapper around in-language content?

Social media isn’t a panacea – what specific features of a specific channel make it more or less useful for that particular language. For example, there are Chinese-language social media sites that are barely known in the US.

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

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Strikes me as very similar to what the US Web Design Standard team is doing, just more mature.

Steve

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Stephen M. Walker

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**From:** [mailto:[b] (6)](mailto:[b] (6)@STATE.GOV)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 July, 2017 1:10 PM  
**To:** CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Web Experience Toolkit

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Good morning,

Our agency’s office is exploring information on the why’s and how’s of transitioning from SharePoint to Drupal 7 (or 8). I know that there are many moving parts to a government site. Does anyone have links or documentation they could share about the transition process to Drupal?

The preference is SharePoint → Drupal 7 or 8, but going from any content management system would suffice.

Thanks!

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Don't forget: The Ask Me Anything (AMA) with the U.S. Web Design Standards Team is today at 3:30pm ET in their public Slack channel: https://chat.18f.gov/.

If you can't make it, there's still time to send questions ahead of time to uswebdesignstandards@gsa.gov.

Happy Friday,
Andrea

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 2:49 PM, Andrea Sigritz (XCI) <andrea.sigritz@gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone,

Do you have questions about the **U.S. Web Design Standards** that you haven’t asked? Now’s your chance! The USWDS team will be hosting an Ask Me Anything (AMA) on **Friday, July 28, from 3:30pm-4pm ET** in their public Slack channel: https://chat.18f.gov/.

Can’t make it during that time? Send us your questions and we’ll add them to the mix: uswebdesignstandards@gsa.gov.

Thanks,
Andrea

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Probably nothing surprising to folks on this list but, nice to have updated statistics on the new generational cohort - [https://www.eremedia.com/tlnt/if-youre-not-using-social-media-to-build-your-gen-z-brand-youre-missing-out/](https://www.eremedia.com/tlnt/if-youre-not-using-social-media-to-build-your-gen-z-brand-youre-missing-out/)


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Mark your calendars for the September FREE Adobe training.

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When: September 18, Introduction to Accessible PDFs
      September 22, Advanced PDF Accessibility
What: IN PERSON only Adobe training presented by Rob Haverty, Adobe
Where: GSA
Time: 8:00 to 4:00
Registration information coming soon.
Training descriptions below.


Introduction to Accessible PDFs – September 18, 2017
Making PDF documents and forms accessible can be a daunting task when you don’t know what tools are available and which is the best one to use for each specific issue.

In this session, participants will be introduced to the various tools available in Acrobat Pro DC. We will walk through the workflow to take a document, convert it to a PDF, and remediate some of the basic tagging issues.
This class is for novices in PDF accessibility and will cover elements such as:

- Why it is important to have an accessible source document.
- The various tools in Acrobat Pro DC and how to remediate basic issues in an inaccessible PDF.
- How to convert a scanned document to an accessible PDF.

The goal for this training is to give participants the basic skills necessary to create an accessible PDF. It is a hands-on, lab style course so come prepared to do some work. There will be little to no lecture, just demos and practice. Participants will receive a USB drive at the beginning of the session with the practice materials as well as a guide for creating accessible PDFs that can be used after the session.

To participate in the class attendees MUST come with the following:

1. A laptop computer
   2. Acrobat Pro DC installed on the laptop (the trial version is fine)
   3. Microsoft Office (Word) installed on the laptop

As seating is limited, please do not sign up for the course unless you can meet the requirements.

Advanced PDF Accessibility – September 22, 2017
So, you’ve gotten pretty comfortable working with PDF documents but you run into unique issues that you just don’t know how to resolve to make the PDF accessible and conform with the PDF/UA standard. This session will address some of the more complex issues that people frequently run into. This is NOT an
introduction class and we will not spend time on the basics of using Acrobat Pro DC.

Prior to the class, those registered will be invited to provide issues that they would like to see addressed. In addition to those, some of the issues we will cover include:

- Recent updates to Acrobat Pro DC to make it easier to create accessible PDFs.
- The workflow for creating accessible PDF forms.
- Addressing structural elements such as complex tables, headers & footers, and annotations.

The goal for this training is to build on your skills in creating accessible PDFs and improve your expertise. It is a hands-on, lab style course so come prepared to do some work. There will be little time spent on lecturing, the focus will be on demos and practicing new skills. Participants will receive a USB drive at the beginning of the session with the practice materials, tips and tricks for easily creating accessible PDFs, and a guide for creating accessible PDFs that can be used after the session.

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The Forum is focused on the Revised Section 508 standards that were published in the Federal Register in January 2017. The plenary sessions and workshops will cover the many aspects of the Revised Section 508 Standards and will allow attendees to learn more about tools and resources that have been developed to assist with the transition. Presentations will cover:

- The Revised Section 508 Standards and WCAG 2.0 guidelines and how they apply to Federal acquisitions, IT development contracts, and the IT lifecycle, as well as revisions to Federal agency Section 508 policies, testing methods and how to ensure document accessibility.

The Forum will include exhibits of accessible products and assistive technology, as well as companies that provide ICT products and services.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 13, 2017  
**WHERE:** General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405  
**TIME:** 8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
**WHO:** Federal Government Employees, contractors and Federal industry representatives  
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From: "Wilcox, Lisa- ERS" <LGWILCOX@ERS.USDA.GOV>
Reply To: Wilcox, Lisa- ERS
Date: Tue, 1 Aug 2017 11:46:24 +0000
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Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2348 bytes) , text/html (8 kB)

I have been doing some work to further refine our site since we launched with an upgrade last fall. I have been doing some reading and studying of SVG versus PNG or JPG files. I wanted input please.

If you have an image that a user wishes to download at a higher resolution version, to me it would go to reason that perhaps we should be using SVG file types. But I hear that there are limitations as to which browsers or mobile devices are supporting SVG. I just want to give my users the best image quality possible without chewing up bandwidth or taking forever to download.

Thanks in advance

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Most organizations have a developers group where coders have well-managed permissions so they can do this type of work. My teams, both intranet and Internet developers, don't have special computers or VPN unless they are working off site.

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Director of Web Management  
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On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 8:41 AM, Morgan, Steven <steven.morgan@ncpc.gov> wrote:

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I don't know what "jump computer" means.

Our whole agency now works solely on laptops to make it easier to telework. We can log in via a VPN (a secure way to access our shared network drives and a personal network drive, along with our intranet and various things like our time reporting system).

We can also use Workplace as a Service, which allows us to log in from any computer on the Internet, with the same privileges.

Note that we're a DHS component agency, so I'm absolutely certain this is FISMA-compliant.

BTW, we had the same options when I was at EPA 2 1/2 years go.

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You will see across the Federal landscape everyone does it differently, even within DHS components.

At USCIS, we do enforce the use of “jumpboxes” to access privileged user ports for our server assets, like port 22 (SSH) and port 3389 (Microsoft RDP). This is used to control privileged access – in turn, makes our SOC monitoring much easier to know that *trusted* connections should ingress and egress from the dedicated jumpboxes to our server assets by privileged users from our Developer user network IP ranges.

As Jeffrey stated below, devs can access our jumpboxes only after they have remotely accessed + authenticated to our network via VPN or WpaaS – both with PIV auth. You cannot hit these jumpboxes from public internet. Developers log into these jumpboxes via their PIVs via SSH, and then configure a port redirection on their local workstations through the jumpbox to then log into the target server via SSH or RDP depending on the target server’s OS.

Frankly, developers should not be doing this often – this is why they should be using automated CI/CD pipelines to deploy directly via git commits to manage their code deployments into test and production environments to be completely “hands off” and avoid the “well, my code worked on *my* computer” issue.

Be aware more restricted environments, like most of DoD, *do not* allow this remote access activity. You must be physically be in the building to commit code against a version control system and the server assets.

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Security Engineer, Cyber Defense Branch  
Information Security Division (ISD)  
USCIS/Office of Information Technology (OIT)

I don't know what "jump computer" means.

Our whole agency now works solely on laptops to make it easier to telework. We can log in via a VPN (a secure way to access our shared network drives and a personal network drive, along with our intranet and various things like our time reporting system).

We can also use Workplace as a Service, which allows us to log in from any computer on the Internet, with the same privileges.

Note that we're a DHS component agency, so I'm absolutely certain this is FISMA-compliant.

BTW, we had the same options when I was at EPA 2 1/2 years go.
Greetings,

My agency is planning a network overhaul to be more FISMA compliant. I was recently told that I would soon have to log in to a “jump” computer via VPN to edit and write code. My question is, how common is this for federal agencies?

Thanks,
Steve

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There are still spaces available to attend this event in person!

Now that the Revised Section 508 Standards are final there are a lot of changes in the way that the Federal government ‘develops, procures, maintains, and uses’ ICT. One of the biggest changes is that it is now mandatory to develop and test against the W3C’s WCAG 2.0 standards.

This session will presented by Bruce Bailey, Access Board and Katie Haritos-Shea, WCAG and 508 Subject matter expert. They will be going into detail about how the WCAG 2.0 standards affect the way your organization procures, develops, and tests ICT with regard to the Revised Section 508 Standards. They will also be sharing resources to help you get started. This will be an interactive forum so bring your questions for the experts.

Please share this within your agency with anyone who will have to use WCAG 2.0 guidelines.

REGISTER at: https://registration.section508.gov/ 
(In Person and Virtual attendance) 
WHEN: Thursday, August 10, 2017  
WHERE: National Science Foundation 
TIME: 8:30 - 3:00 (Agenda and session materials to follow) 
WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Programmers, Developers, Testers, Requirements developers, and Section 508 Coordinators and PMs.

*Worldwide Web Consortium  
**Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)

This free event will be held at the National Science Foundation at 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Stafford 1 Building in conference room 375.

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In the depth of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer
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Yes, I've used it and found it extremely useful. The company has one specifically for government agencies on their webpage: https://www.optimalworkshop.com/terms-government

Best,
Shannon
Good article with some great general tips on UX along with specific UX ideas for developing training - https://lightbulbmoment.info/2017/08/07/what-sux-about-lr-design/

Love this image!

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Hi Latasha,
I know lots of agencies are using Optimal Sort but GSA did not negotiate a fed-friendly TOS since there isn't a "free" version.
I think CPFB did negotiate a TOS for Optimal Sort and Jon Rubin may be able to share this with you but ice/dhs would still have to ask OS to agree to the same or similar terms if you decide to do a procurement.
Hope this helps,
Betsy

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On Tue, Aug 8, 2017 at 1:31 PM, [b] (6), (b) (7)(C) @ice.dhs.gov> wrote:

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Here is an attempt to apply data science tools to web site repair problems to speed up web site repairs and lower their various costs to the organization. The types of repairs covered might include broken links, images that are too large for smartphones, "dark matter" - unreviewed content that may be damaging search effectiveness, alt text issues for images, etc. - whatever heretofore-unseen, site-code-related problem emerges or has been passed down as a 'must fix ASAP.'

https://github.com/wendlingd/AccelerateWebSiteRepairs

I am mashing up data from SEO Spider (Screaming Frog is the vendor), which is a COTS site-spidering tool for the desktop; I am using an R script for processing (free tool), and I am adding in Google Analytics traffic data and site architecture/governance pointers, then summarizing in a variety of ways.

Comments/improvements welcome.

Dan Wendling
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Steve Denning, Author, Forbes.com Columnist, and former Program Director, Knowledge Management, World Bank

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Reconciling Knowledge Management with Project Management and Agile

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We've put related OMB memos, circulars, executive orders, etc., on one DigitalGov page for quick reference.


Note: Some of these documents live on the current White House site, while others are on the archived site. We'll do our best to keep this page updated.

Let us know what you think—and if we've missed anything.

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Separately, we are looking for people to participate in user-research sessions about DigitalGov. They last about 45 minutes. We get to learn more about you and you get to give us feedback on DigitalGov. Email me if you're interested.

Thanks!
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Thanks Joseph Gilvary. Thanks everyone.

I'm beginning to see the HTML tags like pieces of a mathematical sentence, ie. international equations, with operators like the integration "S" and the summation sigma, plus the Hindu-Arabic numbers and some lower-case Greek angle measures. And, let us not forget irrationals and transcendentals.

Like a language of science. Wow!

Happy Friday Eve,

I’m not an expert, but I have used non-English computer interfaces as well as read and composed non-English web content. On this list I hope we can get a response from someone with considerable experience.

So there are lots of variables (OS language version of the Windows machine, browser language version, etc.), but in essence, if the page source HTML was written “in English,” then you should be able to see it in English like that.

The lang attribute is a hint, but it doesn’t control the language. Maybe it can help the browser decide whether to render left-to-right if that attribute is missing, or help an assistive technology to choose a particular lexicon in reading the page aloud. It could potentially help a scraper, web crawler, or even the web server software itself recognize the declared language of the content in the page. But you can put “lang=en-US” and then write the page in any language and character set your authoring tools will support. I wouldn’t be surprised to see some English language version of HTML authoring tools produce pages tagged like that for content in other languages, if the stories of software piracy outside the U.S. of A. have any merit.

Maybe in a while we can specify a target language in a request and have some part of the machinery attempt a translation to that target language for pages, API responses, etc. There’s some interesting work in automated translation of human language, but the details are beyond my expertise. The pop-science accounts sound like this could be real as a consumer level technology within a few years. Even today Chrome sometimes asks me if I want it to translate pages, but I think that’s a Chrome/Google feature. I don’t believe there’s any standard for such requests and the appropriate responses, but as the technology progresses, there will be a need for a formal or de-facto standardization.

If others know more about how this might be working in the real world or about any efforts for standardizing such requests and services, I’d love to learn about them.

The Notepad (or any other authoring tool) would need to support the character set you want to use, unless you’re comfortable writing Unicode in hex. :) I don’t know enough about the Mandarin language or about MS support for it in tools like Notepad. Writing HTML content in languages besides English that use the Roman alphabet only requires specifying the correct Unicode code points for accented
characters, ligatures, etc. I’ve never created HTML in languages that use other scripts, unless I copied and pasted some Klingon into a tweet somewhere along the line, so I can’t say what Notepad would support. Whether it’s Notepad or something local to the Chinese market, if the editor can encode the Mandarin glyphs correctly (i.e., specify the correct hexadecimal codes for the glyphs you intend), then you as the human author can create the page.

The HTML markup (tags, attributes) needs to be in “English,” as far as I know. You can’t use the Mandarin equivalents of “head” and “lang” in place of the tag as you wrote in your question. But the stuff of the page can use any character set recognized in Unicode to create text in any language. You can write Tlingit with the Greek alphabet, if you know enough about each to choose the characters that make the correct sounds. That’s really no different that when we see Mandarin written with the Roman alphabet.

And please, any experts out there, or even folks with real web experience, please correct where I’m wrong and supplement with important points I missed.

Thanks,

Joe

From: [mailto: @HAWAII.GOV]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:01 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] two questions

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Hello,

We have a GS-13 User Experience Lead position open at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It's open until August 29.

Here is the link for all job applicants.

DE: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/477120700](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/477120700)

And here is the link for current federal employees and people who can be hired under a special hiring authority, such as veterans and people with disabilities who have "Schedule A" hiring preference. As with all federal jobs, if you are qualified to apply using this "MP" announcement link, then also apply using the "DE" announcement link.

MP: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/477121100](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/477121100)

You'll find general information about the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the Office of the CIO in the announcement. The USPTO has unique flexible schedule options and telework. We have solid training opportunities, too. The User Experience Branch is a close-knit group of people who regularly collaborate and share ideas.

Good luck, if you decide to apply.

Thanks,

Arva
The Lab is happy to announce a few new courses that you can take with us: Visual Eloquence and Mapping Systems and Processes!

**Title:** Visual Eloquence (Sketching, Diagramming, and more)

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**Title:** Mapping Systems and Processes

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Hi everyone,

I'm Will with GSA. I've only posted a few times but was asked to share information with y'all about Federalist, a system we built to provide compliant web hosting support within GSA and for federal partners. One of my main goals is to empower content owners to be able to edit their own sites (or approve others' edits) without requiring a change order.

Federalist [left beta in June](https://seedfund.nsf.gov) and we're looking to scale up our customer base beyond our six current customer agencies. I'm SUPER excited about it and would love to get y'all's feedback and questions as we work to raise awareness.

Features:

- Federalist is great for brochure sites announcing a new program or campaign, or for a specific office. Thanks to how we host, you can spin up a new Federalist site, fully compliantly, in two days if needed.
- Federalist allows you to easily preview every edit to your site before it goes live. ([example preview link](https://seedfund.nsf.gov))
- You can use Federalist with an API server to display data like with the College Scorecard.
- Federalist sites are deployed using [cloud.gov](https://cloud.gov), which is FedRAMP moderate (though our ATO is for low sites only)
- We provide default templates you can customize (deep customization requires some technical skill). Our templates are 508-friendly and responsive for mobile.

Here are some other example Federalist sites of the 77 currently live.

- [https://seedfund.nsf.gov](https://seedfund.nsf.gov) (announced 8/10/17)
- [https://useiti.doi.gov/](https://useiti.doi.gov/)
- [https://vote.gov/](https://vote.gov/)

Technical background:

- Federalist works by taking your site's data on GitHub, building it all of your HTML pages in [cloud.gov](https://cloud.gov), and then deploying those on Amazon S3 behind HTTPS, again via [cloud.gov](https://cloud.gov).
- It's a static hosting service, meaning that your sites can't accept comments on articles like with a CMS, but providing much easier compliance since your site doesn't have a server that can be hacked - just files sitting in Amazon S3.
- I wouldn't suggest Federalist for sites with many thousands of pages or to host more than 1GB of data directly.
- More detailed information on [our documentation site](https://www.digitalgov.gov/communities/web-managers-forum/web-content-managers-listserv/).

You can read more about Federalist on the blog, on the attached slicksheet. I'd also be happy to answer questions or get y'all's feedback on how Federalist can support you! Federalist costs $24,949/year by default to host at as many sites as your office needs, along with use of the GSA ATO that covers the 77 current sites. This is mostly due to compliance costs on our end, and we don't charge anything for usage. I've actively exploring other services to pair with Federalist, like accessibility audits, and would be interested in what else folks would want.

If you're interested, or if you have comments/questions, just reply to me and cc federalist-inquiries@gsa.gov. Thank you!

-Will Slack, GSA

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https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/60791-bethere-to-support-veterans

Make a Difference in the Life of a Veteran or service member

Share a tweet or Facebook post to show your support during Suicide Prevention Month.

During Suicide Prevention Month this September, join our Thunderclap campaign to let people know that preventing suicide starts with this simple act of support: **Be There.** Reach out to a Veteran or service member in your life. Your actions could make a big difference to someone who is going through a difficult time or who may be at risk for suicide.

Here’s how you can make an impact:

1. **Sign up.** Join our Thunderclap to share one tweet or Facebook post on Sept. 1 to kick off Suicide Prevention Month. Your message of support for Veterans and service members will be shared along with those of thousands of people across the country, whose identical messages will be posted at the same time.

2. **Spread the word.** Encourage your family members and friends to sign up by sharing this page on your social media accounts.

Learn more about preventing suicide at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere).

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Subject: Calling All UX Professionals
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Calling All UX Professionals

A call-out to all UX professionals working in or with the federal government. GoodGovUX, a working group of commercial and Federal partners dedicated to the adoption of UX best practices within the government agency and contracting communities, is looking for volunteers to help. GoodGovUX has been hard at work creating tools to help non-UX’ers within the government better understand the value of UX, and how to incorporate it into the procurement process. GoodGovUX needs help doing this work, and getting the word out about it. If you are interested, please email info@goodgovux.com for more info.

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Thank you to all who have reached back out to us regarding VA’s Suicide Prevention Month awareness efforts. I wanted to share an additional resource – our social media outreach package – for September.

http://spc.veteranscrisisline.net/suicide-prevention-month/

If you can, please spread the word to your followers on social media and engage your community with the interactive tools on this site. You can also join the Thunderclap today to automatically share a message of support on your organization’s Twitter account on Sept. 1.

Thank you,

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Learn more about preventing suicide at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net/BeThere).

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This WP plug in is what kind of came to mind as a visual example of what I am thinking of: https://www.wp-timelineexpress.com/examples/basic-timeline/

Hope that helps some as you try to figure out a solution.
-kathy

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From: Gregory Your <gyour@USAID.GOV>
Reply To: Gregory Your <gyour@USAID.GOV>
Date: Thu, 24 Aug 2017 12:23:06 -0400
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4013 bytes) , text/html (6 kB)

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From: "Hessling, Michael" <Hessling.Michael@EPA.GOV>
Reply To: Hessling, Michael
Date: Thu, 24 Aug 2017 16:38:31 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (5 kB), text/html (16 kB)

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From: "Flaherty, Jason -FS" <jflaherty@FS.FED.US>
Reply To: Flaherty, Jason -FS
Date: Thu, 24 Aug 2017 16:46:18 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (6 kB), text/html (15 kB)

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Thanks
Jason

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Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:39 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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From: "Morgan, Steven" <steven.morgan@NCPC.GOV>
Reply To: Morgan, Steven
Date: Thu, 24 Aug 2017 18:36:15 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2515 bytes), text/html (6 kB)

Take a look at what we did:

https://beta.ncpc.gov/about/history/

Steve

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http://www.internethalloffame.org/internet-history/timeline
http://www.evolutionoftheweb.com/

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Cheers!

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WHERE: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405
TIME: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (Registration starts at 7:45)
Program begins promptly at 8:30 in the GSA Auditorium
WHO: Federal Government Employees, contractors and Federal industry representatives
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Directions are at the attachment. All other information will be provided in your registration packet.

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Helen Chamberlain
In the depth of winter I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer
Directions

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1800 F Street, NW
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- Take the first left onto F Street NW (495 feet) GSA building is on the right (449 ft)

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From Northern Virginia

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We are doing a hands-on Drupal training on September 8th for Global Training Days and this requires a computer. Don't forget the computer!

Special Thanks to Agency Chief for hosting Drupal Global Training Days at their offices in Dupont Circle.

Arrival starts at 9am and coffee will be provided.

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10am Becca Goodman will start the site building training.

12:30pm Time permitting, we will play a fun game of stump the Dev where you can ask us questions on D7 and D8 to Jess, Becca, Kirsten and Kat

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**Description:** Drawing in its multiple variations - sketching, diagramming, doodling, tracing, collaging, rendering, etc. is at the core of the human-centered design process in government. We put pen to paper, and marker to whiteboard, to quickly visualize and explain complex problems; to understand the depth of the insights and ideas we generate to address them; and to present our design process to an audience. In design, visual eloquence is a requisite to express, explain, communicate, and clarify to others - and to ourselves - what would be much harder and slower to explain with written or spoken words. This hands-on module introduces the principles of visual eloquence for thinking and acting in human-centered design.

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**Title:** Mapping Systems and Processes

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For more information and/or any questions: email [Enrique.Martinez@opm.gov](mailto:Enrique.Martinez@opm.gov)
Just seeing now that you got my response but the list didn’t because I didn’t respond to the “are you really trying to post to the list” email. I literally posted just before I shut down the machine and headed out west to see the eclipse.

So if there are any folks on the list with real world experience that bears on Brian’s questions or can correct/supplement my response (quoted with all my original typos below), please share.

Thanks,

Joe

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From: [b] (6) [mailto:@hawaii.gov] [b] (6) @hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Gilvary, Joseph <Joseph.Gilvary@USPTO.GOV>
Cc: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: RE: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] two questions

Thanks Joseph Gilvary. Thanks everyone.

I’m beginning to see the HTML tags like pieces of a mathematical sentence, ie. international equations, with operators like the integration "S" and the summation sigma, plus the Hindu-Arabic numbers and some lower-case Greek angle measures. And, let us not forget irrationals and transcendentalss.

Like a language of science. Wow!

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Happy Friday Eve,

I’m not an expert, but I have used non-English computer interfaces as well as read and composed non-English web content. On this list I hope we can get a response from someone with considerable experience.

So there are lots of variables (OS language version of the Windows machine, browser language version, etc.), but in essence, if the page source HTML was written “in English,” then you should be able to see it in English like that.

The lang attribute is a hint, but it doesn’t control the language. Maybe it can help the browser decide whether to render left-to-right if that attribute is missing, or help an assistive technology to choose a particular lexicon in reading the page aloud. It could potentially help a scraper, web crawler, or even the web server software itself recognize the declared language of the content in the page. But you can put “lang=en-US” and then write the page in any language and character set your authoring tools will support. I wouldn’t be surprised to see some English language version of HTML authoring tools and resources tagged like that for content in...
wouldn’t be surprised to see some English language version of HTML authoring tools produce pages tagged like that for content in other languages, if the stories of software piracy outside the U.S. of A. have any merit.

Maybe in a while we can specify a target language in a request and have some part of the machinery attempt a translation to that target language for pages, API responses, etc. There’s some interesting work in automated translation of human language, but the details are beyond my expertise. The pop-science accounts sound like this could be real as a consumer level technology within a few years. Even today Chrome sometimes asks me if I want it to translate pages, but I think that’s a Chrome/Google feature. I don’t believe there’s any standard for such requests and the appropriate responses, but as the technology progresses, there will be a need for a formal or de-facto standardization.

If others know more about how this might be working in the real world or about any efforts for standardizing such requests and services, I’d love to learn about them.

The Notepad (or any other authoring tool) would need to support the character set you want to use, unless you’re comfortable writing Unicode in hex. :D I don’t know enough about the Mandarin language or about MS support for it in tools like Notepad. Writing HTML content in languages besides English that use the Roman alphabet only requires specifying the correct Unicode code points for accented characters, ligatures, etc. I’ve never created HTML in languages that use other scripts, unless I copied and pasted some Klingon into a tweet somewhere along the line, so I can’t say what Notepad would support. Whether it’s Notepad or something local to the Chinese market, if the editor can encode the Mandarin glyphs correctly (i.e., specify the correct hexadecimal codes for the glyphs you intend), then you as the human author can create the page.

The HTML markup (tags, attributes) needs to be in “English,” as far as I know. You can’t use the Mandarin equivalents of “head” and “lang” in place of the tag as you wrote in your question. But the stuff of the page can use any character set recognized in Unicode to create text in any language. You can write Tlingit with the Greek alphabet, if you know enough about each to choose the characters that make the correct sounds. That’s really no different that when we see Mandarin written with the Roman alphabet.

And please, any experts out there, or even folks with real web experience, please correct where I’m wrong and supplement with important points I missed.

Thanks,

Joe

From: [mailto: tax.webmaster@hawaii.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:01 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] two questions

Greetings,

If I was in China, where the official language is not English, and on the web in a Windows OS -
* If I tried to read the source code behind a web page with <head lang="en-US">, would the displayed web page and "display source" be in English?
* In Notepad, and doing a plain HTML page, would I have to do English even if the content was intended for a Mandarin audience?

Just curious. Actually, I'm feeling kind of naive.

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See also [edit]

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Hi Folks,

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I'm not sure how current all the links are (ironic? while on a mission to fix links? possibly), but I think the guidance itself has held up pretty well.

Good luck & happy editing.

Larry

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Again – thank you all so much for what you do – the overall federal web response to this has been amazing.

Thanks and please keep up the good work!

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We are in the process of revamping our customer service hiring, training and testing practices for prospective bilingual Customer Service Representatives. In an effort to improve on our current processes, would like to visit a call center within the Washington metropolitan area for benchmarking purposes.

I am writing to ask if any of your affiliated agency call centers are located within the DMV area and if so; is there a possibility of visiting an agency’s Customer Contact Center for a site visit? We would like to learn how their best practices for hiring, training and testing prospective new hires might help to us to improve our bilingual program.

Your help would be truly appreciated it. Feel free to call me at (202) 304-8264 or email me at Salvetti.eva@pbgc.gov

Best regards and thank you!

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Hi!

Was anyone on this list involved in the new IRS.gov redesign or can you possibly put me in contact with someone from that team?

I have a quick question about redirects.

Thanks!
Jess

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Laura,

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Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Looking for a few good Wikipedia edit[or]s...

Hello Content Managers,
Hopefully some of you have deeper ties to the Wikipedia community of editors that I, since my usual channels have failed me…

There are Wikipedia pages (not created by my agency) that discuss programs of the USPTO. Unfortunately, because of various website updates, several of the references/links on these pages no longer work. The Global Dossier program has also changed, and that isn’t reflected in Wikipedia. I know there are various concerns within the Wikipedia community about neutrality and having people too close to the subject matter edit entries, so I asked our staff not to touch entries related to our work.

I am looking for some kind souls from the Wikipedia community to clean up these Wikipedia pages so that the links and references again work and the info is accurate.

These errors are really bothering the USPTO staff responsible for these services – they even tracked down the dead links and compiled the new URLs and text changes they think would improve the entries, as outlined below!

Thanks,
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United States Patent and Trademark Office
Wikipedia – Patent Prosecution Highway:
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I'd like to associate myself with the comments of the gentleman from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

That said, you can go too cheap. Depending on your video platform, your laptop may be obliged to do a bit of the work of processing that video; so skip the dirt-cheapest models. Quick aside: my wife and son have $799 laptops from Costco that are overpowered for just about anything we'd try to do with a laptop. They actually make fairly brilliant desktop replacements.

Then again, you can't shop at Costco for government stuff (probably -- I don't think Uncle Sam has a membership card), so that's an odd standard. A successful purchase is likely to depend on what you plan to do with the machine and how much leeway you want to give yourself for doing other things. For example, if you're likely to be using your device on battery power for long stretches (traveling with the boss, perhaps?), a Core i7 with discrete graphics and 17" display will fail you in short order. A 13-incher with an i5 and Intel graphics will save on battery, but won't be as helpful for video file editing or conversion. It'll still work, but a box with an i5+Intel gx isn't a screamer. Anything with "atom" in its name, just skip -- too much risk of it running like the Tin Man (slowly -- and with a rusty squeal).

Here's a good hint (fortunate, as I've just complicated matters): Check the specs page of your streaming site. For example, here's a specs page for Livestream Studio: https://help.livestream.com/hc/en-us/articles/212058248-Recommended-Hardware-Specifications-for-Livestream-Studio-?flash_digest=0effc7f5b09c390ddc208049edf9047bca735e5 The i5 is fine, but they recommend discrete graphics.

One might goof and wind-up with a laptop that drops frames. Who wants that?

Cool?

Larry

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