Good Afternoon,

The Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council Accessibility Community of Practice (ACOP) solicits your recommendation for a break-out session that you and/or a panel would speak on at the upcoming Interagency Accessibility Forum (IAAF) on September 30 - October 1, 2020. We have preliminarily identified potential tracks but welcome all ideas.

Each session will be a 45-minute discussion on the speaker’s area of expertise within accessibility and Section 508. We expect up to 400 attendees from both the federal government and the private sector (including the press) to learn, share, demonstrate, and encourage accessibility of information and communication technology (ICT).

If you’re interested and able to participate as an individual or panelist in this year’s IAAF, please fill out the attached form and respond via email by 5/22/2020 to iaaf@gsa.gov.

This year’s IAAF theme is “Enabling Missions through Accessible Technology - Leaving No One Behind”. The forum will include a wide range of topics and expertise and we hope that all attendees will bring their passion for accessibility to this event. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the specifics of your proposed speaking engagement please contact the organizing team at iaaf@gsa.gov.

We hope that you will be able to participate as a speaker in September and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Respectfully,

Yvette Gibson
Lead, IAAF Planning Committee

Event Details
WHEN: September 30 - October 1, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
WHERE: U.S. Census Bureau Headquarters: located at 4600 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, MD 20746
WHO: Federal government employees and contractors; industry technology and accessibility service providers
QUESTIONS: Contact us at iaaf@gsa.gov

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~Yvette
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BREAKOUT SPEAKER OPPORTUNITY FORM  
Submission Deadline: May 22, 2020

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Please note that all speaking opportunities at the IAAF are voluntary. You will not be paid or reimbursed for any travel/lodging. All presentations (both individual and panels) are 45 minutes long, including the closing Q&A session.

Primary Speaker Info

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FOCUS AREA
(Please check the focus area that best describes the topic of your presentation)

- Customer Experience
- Workforce Enablement
- Innovation
- Content Creation
- Acquisition
- Program Management
- Other____________________________

TOPIC TITLE
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PRESENTATION
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Thanks!
-Darren

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Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:29 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Subject: Re: Print transition to digital
From: (b) (6) CIV US NDU/NDU-P) @NDU.EDU>
Reply To: (CIV US NDU/NDU-P)
Date: Thu, 7 May 2020 16:44:36 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4 kB) , text/html (9 kB)

We have two printed quarterly journals—Joint Force Quarterly and PRISM—that we also now publish digitally (https://ndupress.ndu.edu) The journal content is now broken up by article and designed to be easily sharable. We're on the AFPIMS platform (DOD Public Web, hosted by Defense Media Activity). The platform wasn't designed for journals, so we had to customize a lot of the modules to make it work. I also put out an e-newsletter that announces the journal release each quarter and highlights a few of the articles. I tried an EPUB/MOBI format for a while, but didn't find a lot of interest, so we discontinued that effort. If we had a mechanism to allow people to subscribe to the journal via Amazon Kindle, I think that effort might have been more successful.

We're finding that people coming to us online tend to be more interested in searching the journal to find articles on certain topics, so I've been working to get to a point where the journal content is more searchable by topic vs. issue. Much of our audience has embraced the digital version. We get about 50k visitors to the site each month. Our physical subscriber list is 12k, so many prefer the digital version. That being said, I don't see us eliminating the print version any time soon, as much of our older audience decidedly still prefers print. Also, print costs have come down substantially the last few years and when we looked into the cost savings associated with dropping the print version, it really wasn't a whole lot.

To promote the digital version of the journal, we periodically have 3x4 postcard-like flyers printed. They have the journal cover on one side and a QR code linking to the journal on the other. We leave the cards around campus and distribute them at events and meetings, that's worked well to drive traffic. Social media has also been a large factor in the success of the journals, about 10% of our traffic comes from social media shares.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Internet Publications Editor
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http://ndupress.ndu.edu

On 5/7/20, 11:51 AM, "CIV (US) DeCA HQ OC" <000008d9504c81d2-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> wrote:

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I built a custom system to create the code and use constant contact to with my code to send the email.

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From: Minton, Vern T. <Vern.Minton@va.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Morgan, Steven <steven.morgan@ncpc.gov>; CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: RE: Print transition to digital

Steve, which platform (programs) are you using to create your online newsletter?

-----Original Message-----
From: Morgan, Steven <000005472e0d99ee-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 12:10 PM
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By June 10: Request 2020-21 virtual interns w/ Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS)!

From: "Twose, Sarah" <twosesa@FAN.GOV>

Date: Fri, 8 May 2020 08:15:17 -0400

Content-Type: multipart/related

Parts/Attachments: text/plain (91 kB) , text/html (91 kB) , VSFS 10 year anniversary graphic.png (91 kB)
Hi All,

We hope you will join colleagues from 50+ federal agencies for the 2020-21 Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) program! VSFS is the world's largest digital internship that connects U.S. university students to the work of the federal government. Federal folks (yes, you) submit projects by June 10 on vsfs.state.gov to request one or more U.S. university student virtual interns. You will be inspired by this year's 600+ projects for data analysis and visualization, graphic and web design, SM management, media production, GIS, writing/research, and more. Projects must be unclassified since VSFS interns do not have security clearances. Students volunteer ten hours per week, September through May.

If you have an account, you can use it again this year. If you don't have an account, register here with your .gov or .mil email. VSFS is proud of a decade of extraordinary service, free to all government offices.

May 1 - June 10: project requests due  
#ApplyinJuly for university students  
August: mentors make selections  
Labor Day - May: eInternships start and continue for the school year

We'll also hold webinars May 14 and June 1, 2:00pm ET. Please reply (to me) for a calendar invitation.

Let us know how we can help!

Best,

Sarah and Team VSFS

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To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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(o:) 202-504-3786  (m:)

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https://www.zoomgov.com/

Website says "Granted an Authority to Operate by the Department of Homeland Security and the FedRAMP PMO." Our IT team looked into the security question.

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We’re using Webex (which we already were using), and some of our partners are using Go To Meeting. I will note, that we had to Webex with members of the public not long ago, and there is a smart-phone based app for Webex which works pretty well and even has some Zoom-like features such as fake backdrops, in case you are concerned not everyone has a laptop at home.

Hope that helps!

~Laura

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Good morning!

Can anyone share what your agency is using for internal analytics (and if you're happy with it)? Any info on ease/difficulty in deploying would be great also!

Unrelated - also wondering if any agencies are using Zoom, and if so any security concerns?

Thanks in advance!

Helen
Hey all,

Happy Monday. Anyone have an email marketing SOW they'd be willing to share?

Looking for inspiration. Thanks!

Best,
Joe

Joseph Galbo
Social Media Specialist
US Consumer Product Safety Commission
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Sorry. I don't share your dislike.

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Or how about super-duper digital cameras that are only automatic with some lens?

What I believe is good about fillable PDFs with Adobe Reader is the low-cost entry point for the little guy publisher. All one needs to create a fillable PDF is Acrobat, a computer, and a text editor. One doesn't even need the internet.

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Forms as a Service

A shared service to power digital form experiences across federal government

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Technology Transformation Services
Centers of Excellence
General Services Administration

Last updated: March 11, 2020
Introduction

● Forms represent a significant interaction channel between citizens and businesses and Government

● 21st Century IDEA: Agencies must ensure that “any paper based form that is related to serving the public is made available in a digital format” and “accelerate the use of electronic signatures.”

● GSA shared service will enable agencies to provide digital services, reduce manual processes and achieve operational savings.
Costs imposed on American people

11.4 billion hours

$141 billion annual cost

23,000 forms

Source: OMB/OIRA. Retrieved from reginfo.gov
Digitizing and deploying online forms

- siloed
- expensive
- slow
We won't modernize the government one form at a time, that pace is too slow**

*Front-end only without API or data management

**US Forms System Retrospective
Identity and Authentication

Seamless and secure experience

Integrate agency IAM solution or use login.gov

Prefill form fields from user profile

Digital Form

Mobile-first and USWDS compliant

Online wizard experience

Data validation and dynamic data lookups

eSign integration for legally binding signature

Conditional logic, workflows and advanced features
Concept

Customer Channels

Employees

Data/API Management

Forms as a Service

Business Applications
Shared Solution

Common forms will be shared across Government

Once a Common Form has been digitized, all agencies using the platform will be able to leverage it

Digitize Once, Use Many Times
Prototype
Responsive
US Web Design System
eSignatures

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-smS3AwoThs
Benefits

Achieve Operational Savings
- Robust cost savings
- Reduced paperwork burden
- Increased employee productivity

Comply with Legislative and OMB Mandates
- 21st Century IDEA
- CASES Act
- Evidence-Based Policymaking Act
- CAP Goals for Customer Experience and Grants Management
- NARA/OMB Electronic Records Mandate

Easy and Streamlined Form Building
- Business users and developers can design and deploy forms
- 80% reduction in form development costs

Streamlined Security and Accessibility
- NIST/FedRAMP
- ESIGN Act
- Section 508
- US Web Design System
Forms Plan

- Based on volume of annual form responses
  (Form API / eSign API requests)

Includes:
- eSignatures at no extra cost
- Unlimited users (internal and external)
- Unlimited number of forms
- Access to Common Forms developed by GSA and other agencies
- Basic and Premium support options
Support Services

1. **Discovery sprint** is required to identify high value use cases, analyze customer data and collaborate with Program and IT stakeholders.

2. **Implementation sprints** may include any combination of:
   a. Form digitization service
   b. Form workflow and integration with agency applications
   c. Service design and Customer Experience strategy support
   d. Full form redesign based on best practices
Next Steps

1. Further engage agency IT and program stakeholders
2. Identify and define form use cases and required services
Backup Slides
New way to build form-based applications
New Approach = Scalable + Sustainable

❌ Expensive and slow custom form development

❌ Developers only

❌ A single form takes weeks, sometimes months

✅ Maximize use of COTS and open source software

✅ Non-techies and developers build together

✅ Build and deploy a digital form within a day
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Form Data Analytics

Rich Data Sources to Identify Agency Use Cases

Tableau Dashboard built using ROCIS Data

Custom Reports built in GSA Digital Analytics Program (DAP)
Shared Forms Repository

Leverage most commonly used Government-wide forms

Initially 50 digital forms will be provided out of the box. Over time this library will grow as more agencies on-board.
Hi Syed,

DOI has faced similar concerns with the use of PDFs. Please include me in any future discussion you have. I'm looking forward to learning more about your trailblazing expedition.

Cheers,

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There were other advantages with the FDF files. Don't know if Acrobat Pro users still use them.

To me PDFs are about the end user of any PDF and the purchaser of Acrobat Pro, not the costs of the data collector.

Happy Thursday,

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I'm settling into my new web lead job at State. Day 6 is going by fast ...

The social media office (one of my sister offices) is one of the largest, most active social media teams in the federal gov't.

They need a GS-14 supervisor to lead the account management team.

The job announcement closes May 29.

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/568379100

Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist

The position is located in the Office of Social Media, Bureau of Global Public Affairs. Leads the efforts to coordinate and execute the development and dissemination of global digital social media strategy for the Department to achieve foreign policy objectives.

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Webinar: Getting Started with Machine Learning

What software engineer Cecili Reid started as a passion project can be used to create an application to suggest items to be composted, recycled, or reused.

In this talk, attendees will learn high level concepts of machine learning looking at this project’s use of Google’s Tensorflow for JavaScript. By the end of this talk, attendees will

- understand how to identify images of food items and
- train a model.
- No previous understanding of machine learning necessary!

A little about our speaker

Cecili Reid is a Senior Software Engineer in Atlanta working with PHP, React, and Golang. Outside of work, Cecili uses her engineering skills to learn new languages and technologies to work on side projects and share what she has learned with others.
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Hi everyone. Didn't take me long to need help from the group in my new role!

We want to get crazy (well, not too crazy; let's say "engaging") with how we present priority policies and supporting info on websites. Basically, take advantage of technology to get away from straight text, or even text with a few graphics.

What's out there? What have you done? What have you seen?

Hoping this will be a fun exchange where we can celebrate some of our innovative colleagues.

And then steal everything. :)

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Hi

I'd be interested if anyone out there is using minimal text/image motion on scroll to make pages of text more engaging, or minimal amounts of parallax scrolling.

Though this is a totally different context, we did some minor fly-in graphics and text appearance effects for this timeline of patent history: [https://10millionpatents.uspto.gov/](https://10millionpatents.uspto.gov/)

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I recently was looking at USWDS “landing page template” and sites like SBA how to start a business, which basically uses a modified landing page hero, alternating and stacked on top of each other. It has a nice large layout of big sections with heroes, and I think that, plus some parallax scrolling of the images in the heroes, would probably give it that “jazzy” look our non-digital colleagues are often asking for.

Anyone else using parallax, or text fly-ins?

~Laura
Senior Digital Strategist
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How does all this interactivity affect page size and load times? Personally, I find it horrible that we have let web pages grow to the average size large enough to fit the entire DOOM video game for each page. Again, in my opinion, if I am on a very limited bandwidth connection (rural cell phone) I should still have a fast load time which almost never happens.

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I appreciate suggestions for what and how to build, always. I agree completely (and have argued it myself here and elsewhere) that "snazzy" often gets in the way of good communications. But dumping a wall of text onto the page also can fail to communicate. Even when that text is plain language.

I'm also, especially, looking for examples that you've built or seen (and I look forward to looking at the ones you've provided!).

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Best,
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Thanks

Scott Horvath
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The article I was referencing when talking about DOOM size...

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I just had to do a little virtual wrist slapping for a scrolling marquee. Oh, that bright red background with flickering white text... that brings nothing to the table.

*sigh* I'm so tired of looking at the same battles day after day. Should I be happy it wasn't a star-field simulation?

Ditto on not wanting to add everything on the planet to our web pages.

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How does all this interactivity affect page size and load times? Personally, I find it horrible that we have let web pages grow to the average size large enough to fit the entire DOOM video game for each page. Again, in my opinion, if I am on a very limited bandwidth connection (rural cell phone) I should still have a fast load time which almost never happens.

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I’d be interested if anyone out there is using minimal text/image motion on scroll to make pages of text more engaging, or minimal amounts of parallax scrolling.

Though this is a totally different context, we did some minor fly-in graphics and text appearance effects for this timeline of patent history: Caution-Caution- https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F10millionpatents.uspto.gov%2F&data=02%7C01%40state.gov毓4osta

The images are all gifs, but show what is possible. The site was a one off, with straight HTML5 from scratch, so I don’t know how hard these effects would be to add to an inflight CMS. (Full disclosure, we have a great web designer who knows much more than I and who coded these effects.)

I recently was looking at USWDS “landing page template” < Caution-Caution- https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdesignsystem.digital.gov%2Fpage-templates%2F&data=02%7C01%40state.gov%7C14c52e818fba40d912d808d7f > and sites like SBA how to start a business < Caution-Caution- https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sba.gov%2Fbusiness-guide%2F10-steps-start-your-business%2F&data=02%7C01%40state.gov%7C14c52e818fba40d912d808d7fc >, which basically uses a modified landing page hero, alternating and stacked on top of each other. It has a nice large layout of big sections with heroes, and I think that, plus some parallax scrolling of the images in the heroes, would probably give it that “jazzy” look our non-digital colleagues are often asking for.

Anyone else using parallax, or text fly-ins?

~Laura

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Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?
Hi everyone. Didn't take me long to need help from the group in my new role!

We want to get crazy (well, not too crazy; let's say "engaging") with how we present priority policies and supporting info on websites. Basically, take advantage of technology to get away from straight text, or even text with a few graphics.

What's out there? What have you done? What have you seen?

Hoping this will be a fun exchange where we can celebrate some of our innovative colleagues.

And then steal everything. :)

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Not flashy, clear language, mostly text with a few pictures. All in about 500K of space (half a megabyte).

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Thanks once again, everyone!

I've been swamped all week, so I look forward to digging into the conversation tomorrow.

Those of you who have known me for years know that I live and breathe plain language - I've been teaching it for, oh, 15 years or more. ;)

I appreciate suggestions for what and how to build, always. I agree completely (and have argued it myself here and elsewhere) that "snazzy" often gets in the way of good communications. But
dumping a wall of text onto the page also can fail to communicate. Even when that text is plain language.

I'm also, especially, looking for examples that you've built or seen (and I look forward to looking at the ones you've provided!).

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The article I was referencing when talking about DOOM size...

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I just had to do a little virtual wrist slapping for a scrolling marquee. Oh, that bright red background with flickering white text... that brings nothing to the table.

*sigh* I'm so tired of looking at the same battles day after day. Should I be happy it wasn't a star-field simulation?

Ditto on not wanting to everything on the planet to our web pages.

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How does all this interactivity affect page size and load times? Personally, I find it horrible that we have let web pages grow to the average size large enough to fit the entire DOOM video game for each page. Again, in my opinion, if I am on a very limited bandwidth connection (rural cell phone) I should still have a fast load time which almost never happens.

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Hi

I'd be interested if anyone out there is using minimal text/image motion on scroll to make pages of text more engaging, or minimal amounts of parallax scrolling.
Though this is a totally different context, we did some minor fly-in graphics and text appearance effects for this timeline of patent history:

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The images are all gifs, but show what is possible. The site was a one off, with straight HTML5 from scratch, so I don’t know how hard these effects would be to add to an insight CMS. (Full disclosure, we have a great web designer who knows much more than I and who coded these effects.)

I recently was looking at USWDS“landing page template” < Caution-

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Anyone else using parallax, or text fly-ins?

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Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?

Hi everyone. Didn't take me long to need help from the group in my new role!

We want to get crazy (well, not too crazy; let's say "engaging") with how we present priority policies and supporting info on websites. Basically, take advantage of technology to get away from straight text, or even text with a few graphics.

What's out there? What have you done? What have you seen?

Hoping this will be a fun exchange where we can celebrate some of our innovative colleagues.

And then steal everything. :)

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Great point Dawn -- it's really interesting to hear that GSA is having these discussions already! I agree with your concerns about motion sickness, especially when things are moving around behind text. On the site we built (10millionpatents) we avoided motion behind text, and placed a toggle at the start to turn the animations off completely for images and text fly-ins.

I really like the examples people are sharing as food for thought. We aren't at the point that some of these sites are in terms of implementing more commonly seen commercial design options, but I'm glad to see lots of discussion and opinions on this thread.

I would consider exploring subtle parallax for large images, but probably would rule it out for situation where there is text overlaid due to the issue you mentioned. We’ve also discussed simple animations of drawings, or even cinemagraphs. For those interested in this, there was a really good SXSW talk in 2018 by Katie Swindler, who manages UX at AllState, that made me start to consider animation/motion in the mix for future. (We don’t do any right now on our flagship site). It looks like SXSW made available the recorded audio, though you may want to try to track down the slides, since there were nice video/visual examples in the presentation itself. It looks like she’s given video versions of this talk elsewhere.

~Laura

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On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 5:26 PM <000008fddb6ba44d-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Thanks once again, everyone!

I've been swamped all week, so I look forward to digging into the conversation tomorrow.

Those of you who have known me for years know that I live and breathe plain language - I've been teaching it for, oh, 15 years or more. ;)

I appreciate suggestions for what and how to build, always. I agree completely (and have argued it myself here and elsewhere) that "snazzy" often gets in the way of good communications. But dumping a wall of text onto the page also can fail to communicate. Even when that text is plain language.

I'm also, especially, looking for examples that you've built or seen (and I look forward to looking at the ones you've provided!).

We faced this sort of challenge when releasing the most recent National Intelligence Strategy.

This is THE fully unclassified document that charts the course of the 17 member intelligence community over the next several years. It's the connective tissue between our annual worldwide threat assessment report and the national security strategy.

Kind of a big deal, from our perspective but something most people aren't aware exists. And if they do, they are pretty unlikely to read at length. So, for our transparency website, Intel.gov, we created an "At a Glance" digital explainer that hits the high points of the strategy, while also explaining the bigger picture that it sits within.

Appreciate your thoughts: https://www.intel.gov/publics-daily-brief/the-nis-at-a-glance

I think it came out well, and we'll continue to use it as a model for providing concise, engaging explanations of our key documents, geared towards a lay audience.
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+1 on commentary thus far, esp. the PRA explainer and recommendations. This past spring was a judge for an STC product competition and this policy/strategic plan was on another team’s panel as an award winner. It does provide “the snack,” but certainly leaves me hungry for more than just a few photos and a link to the whole plan. Is Smithsonian’s strategic plan more of what you might be looking for?  

-Beth

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Plain language is always a great idea! DigitalGov did a Paperwork Reduction Act explainer that feels more engaging than static content--maybe that could provide some inspiration?

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On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 8:57 AM Horvath, Scott R <000001c92094bb98-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

I guess I would take a different perspective on this.

The policy might be a highlighted policy for State but does your audience, who reads policies and needs to understand them, care that it’s snazzy/interactive? Do you expect the general public to randomly think about those snazzy new policy pages on State’s site and head on over to look at them?
When it comes to policies and the people who need to know them wouldn’t they be better served by giving them a plain language version of that policy since they’re the ones that have to take action on implementing the requirements?

If you want to jazz things up to highlight an important policy, I would consider an approach like this:

1. **Create a snackable video** that highlights, visually, the main goals behind why this policy is important/necessary (share it via social, add a link to the policy in your post, add a short URL to the video with campaign codes to track how many people actually type in that short URL that they saw in the video vs how many people clicked the link in the post that contained the video).

2. Both links in #1 would **point to a plain-language (dress downed) version** of your highlighted policy pulling in those same main goals mentioned in the video, then further expanding on them (and others) in a way that makes sense to “most” of the public (so they can understand the policy, see if it even matters to them, etc).

3. **Provide the full (long-form government jargon) version** either at the bottom of #2, or as a separate page. Back in #2, add links for someone to jump from each particular section to the full version of that section on this #3 version.

Give people the opportunity to choose their own adventure, basically. They can simply retweet/reshare the snackable video and those that peripherally care will have something cool to watch and pass around. Those that want to know a little more will be taken to the plain language version. Those that really want to dig into the weeds of the policy will have the opportunity from that point as well. People are still only 1-click away from getting to the policy in an understandable fashion on your site, or from social, and you’ll have lots of data on social engagement, site visitors, referrers, time on page, etc.

Thanks

**Scott Horvath**
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Plain language is always a great idea! DigitalGov did a Paperwork Reduction Act explainer that feels more engaging than static content--maybe that could provide some inspiration?

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I guess I would take a different perspective on this.

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When it comes to policies and the people who need to know them wouldn’t they be better served by giving them a plain language version of that policy since they’re the ones that have to take action on implementing the requirements?

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See you there!
Laura

Laura Godfrey
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TTS, U.S. General Services Administration
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[https://twitter.com/votegov](https://twitter.com/votegov)
Apologies for sending another email, but I was alerted that the link to the first webinar didn't work, not sure what happened. Here it is again:

How USAgov en Español Used Quantitative and Qualitative Data to Meet the Needs of Its Audience

Thank you,
Laura

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Hi all,

The concept of content syndication for our news stories periodically comes up during discussions about how to repurpose our content.

I'm curious if any federal government agencies currently do anything around content syndication and if so, what and how?

Thanks,

Robin

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Robin Materese  
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Join the Federal Communicators Network, the Partnership for Public Service and Microsoft for an exclusive presentation on Thursday, June 4. We'll hear from Microsoft's Frank X. Shaw on 19 lessons he's learned for how to be an effective communicator during the age of coronavirus. At Microsoft, Frank is responsible for defining and managing communications strategies worldwide, company-wide storytelling, product PR, consumer marketing, media and analyst relations, executive communications, employee communications, global agency management and military affairs.

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From: "Chamberlain, Tait" <Tait.Chamberlain@ED.GOV>
Reply To: Chamberlain, Tait
Date: Mon, 1 Jun 2020 15:10:50 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (34 kB) , text/html (59 kB)

One thing to look into if you’ve got the licenses for it is Esri’s ArcGIS StoryMaps to present interactive information in a narrative format:


Best,
Tait

From: (Bureau of Administration) <COOKCOUNTYIL.GOV>
Reply-To: (Bureau of Administration) <COOKCOUNTYIL.GOV>
Date: Friday, May 22, 2020 at 10:19 AM
To: "CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV" <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?

Not sure if this applies to your idea of policy presentation, but this is the performance side of the Cook County Policy Roadmap.

There is a link to the actual plan document on the page as well, but this is the main page of the performance side and clicking each policy area takes you to the performance story for that area with data from our open data platform.

This is all Socrata platform with story pages, not super fancy but solid and dynamic with the data measures. It also allows you to view as a single page or as a presentation in sections.

Hope it helps.

From: (b) (6) Information Technology Communications Manager
Cook County I Bureau of Administration| Communications Program
p: 312.603.0086 e: cookcountyil.gov

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Is a policy presentation like instructions?

By the way, when instructions reach a certain length, I always print them first – I’ve never been an exemplary student, and so I prefer not only a printed copy of the instructions, but also a copy of my submittal before I submit. I do use either Acrobat 2017, or if I think it’s serious enough, I’ll copy the web page, and edit the source code down to the content.

Along another line, I’m not sure snazzy and plain language are related. To me, different applications require one but not always the other. Even math people sometimes include text with their equation. I’m assuming the equation is the snazzy part.

Thanks,

From: Martin, Beth (FAA) <000002c6038dc47d-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2020 4:38 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [Non-DoD Source] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?

+1 on commentary thus far, esp. the PRA explainer and Scott’s recommendations. This past spring was a judge for an STC product competition and this policy/strategic plan was on another team’s panel as an award winner. It does provide “the snack,” but certainly leaves me hungry for more than just a few photos and a link to the whole plan. Is Smithsonian’s strategic plan more of what you might be looking for?

- Beth

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From: Amanda Dean - ZCT <amanda.dean@GSA.GOV>
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Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [Non-DoD Source] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?

Plain language is always a great idea! DigitalGov did a Paperwork Reduction Act explainer that feels more engaging than static content--maybe that could provide some inspiration?

Amanda Dean
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Technology Client Team
Office of Strategic Communication

On Thu, May 21, 2020 at 8:57 AM Horvath, Scott R <000001c92094bb98-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

I guess I would take a different perspective on this.
The policy might be a highlighted policy for State but does your audience, who reads policies and needs to understand them, care that it’s snazzy/interactive? Do you expect the general public to randomly think about those snazzy new policy pages on State’s site and head on over to look at them?

When it comes to policies and the people who need to know them wouldn’t they be better served by giving them a plain language version of that policy since they’re the ones that have to take action on implementing the requirements?

If you want to jazz things up to highlight an important policy, I would consider an approach like this:

1. **Create a snackable video** that highlights, visually, the main goals behind why this policy is important/necessary (share it via social, add a link to the policy in your post, add a short URL to the video with campaign codes to track how many people actually type in that short URL that they saw in the video vs how many people clicked the link in the post that contained the video).

2. Both links in #1 would **point to a plain-language (dress downed) version** of your highlighted policy pulling in those same main goals mentioned in the video, then further expanding on them (and others) in a way that makes sense to “most” of the public (so they can understand the policy, see if it even matters to them, etc).

3. **Provide the full (long-form government jargon) version** either at the bottom of #2, or as a separate page. Back in #2, add links for someone to jump from each particular section to the full version of that section on this #3 version.

Give people the opportunity to choose their own adventure, basically. They can simply retweet/reshare the snackable video and those that peripherally care will have something cool to watch and pass around. Those that want to know a little more will be taken to the plain language version. Those that really want to dig into the weeds of the policy will have the opportunity from that point as well. People are still only 1-click away from getting to the policy in an understandable fashion on your site, or from social, and you’ll have lots of data on social engagement, site visitors, referrers, time on page, etc.

Thanks

Scott Horvath  
Bureau Social Media Lead / OCAP Digital Services Product Manager  
Always blue, never green.

Connect with USGS on Twitter, Instagram, and more.
Thanks to everyone who's rung in so far.

To be clear, I don't mean dump every possible element on a page just to make it "look snazzy." The marquee tag will never appear on a website I'm in charge of. 😊

I do mean use modern techniques to get beyond the wall of text.

I also mean responsive design, so that slow rural connection still works, and although I can't believe I have to say this 21 years into 508 requirements, I absolutely mean to do it accessibly.

The article I was referencing when talking about DOOM size...

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Thanks,

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From: Harms, Linda - FS [mailto:linda.harms@usda.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 11:28 AM
To: CIV DODHRA DMDC (US) <(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)mail.mil>; CONTENT-
MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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I just had to do a little virtual wrist slapping for a scrolling marquee. Oh, that bright red background 
with flickering white text... that brings nothing to the table.

*sigh* I'm so tired of looking at the same battles day after day. Should I be happy it wasn't a star-
field simulation?

Ditto on not wanting to add everything on the planet to our web pages.

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How does all this interactivity affect page size and load times? Personally, I find it horrible that we 
have let web pages grow to the average size large enough to fit the entire DOOM video game for 
each page. Again, in my opinion, if I am on a very limited bandwidth connection (rural cell phone) I 
should still have a fast load time which almost never happens.
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Thanks,

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Hi

I’d be interested if anyone out there is using minimal text/image motion on scroll to make pages of text more engaging, or minimal amounts of parallax scrolling.

Though this is a totally different context, we did some minor fly-in graphics and text appearance effects for this timeline of patent history:


The images are all gifs, but show what is possible. The site was a one off, with straight HTML5 from scratch, so I don’t know how hard these effects would be to add to an inflight CMS. (Full disclosure, we have a great web designer who knows much more than I and who coded these effects.)
I recently was looking at USWDS “landing page template” < Caution-Caution-
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>, which basically uses a modified landing page hero, alternating and stacked on top of each other. It has a nice large layout of big sections with heroes, and I think that, plus some parallax scrolling of the images in the heroes, would probably give it that “jazzy” look our non-digital colleagues are often asking for.

Anyone else using parallax, or text fly-ins?

~Laura
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United States Patent and Trademark Office

From: 000008fdbd6ba44d-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 5:59 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Creative, interactive policy presentations on a website?

Hi everyone. Didn't take me long to need help from the group in my new role!

We want to get crazy (well, not too crazy; let's say "engaging") with how we present priority policies and supporting info on websites. Basically, take advantage of technology to get away from straight text, or even text with a few graphics.

What's out there? What have you done? What have you seen?

Hoping this will be a fun exchange where we can celebrate some of our innovative colleagues.

And then steal everything. :(
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Have a Wonderful Day,

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Reply To: Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Date: Tue, 2 Jun 2020 14:02:30 -0400
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To: <SM-COP@listserv.gsa.gov>

Hi Everyone,

I wanted to share the latest USAGov blog post on "How USA.gov is Making Its COVID-19 Content Easier to Find". USA.Gov discusses how they are working to make their COVID-19-related content easier for people to find in search engine results.

We would love for you to sign up to receive updates when we publish a new blog post about the work USAGov does, what we learn about our efforts, etc. Feel free to subscribe to receive those email updates (we send around 2 messages per month). You can subscribe directly from the blog or by visiting https://connect.usa.gov/blog-email-sign-up-page.

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The USAGov outreach team

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That's awesome, thanks for sharing! Does anyone know if DVIDS or another service has a similar audiobook capability? We've been looking for ways to better distribute our audiobooks.

Best,

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Has anyone used Open Broadcaster Software (OBS)? Being away from my media control room is forcing me to find alternative solutions to some unique broadcast problems and OBS looks promising for a number of them. If you’ve used OBS, I’d like to hear about your experiences and lessons learned.

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Hi Web Managers,

My name is Ammie Farraj Feijoo. I work in GSA’s Technology Transformation Services (TTS), and I am the new lead for the Digital.gov Web Managers community.

If you can believe it, this community has existed since 2000. Check out the community’s page on the Wayback Machine to take a stroll down memory lane and see how far we’ve come in the last 20 years!

I’m writing to invite you to join me for the first Web Managers Community Huddle on Friday, June 19, 3:00-3:30 p.m. ET. This will be an informational meeting for open and organic information exchange. What do you want to get out of this community? Where should we focus our energies? If you have an idea for a topic, please contact me at ammie.farrajfeijoo@gsa.gov. Mark your calendar and join the huddle. I’ll send a calendar invite soon.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to subscribe to the Digital.gov newsletter. Each week, the newsletter provides practical resources and tips, including information from other digital communities.

Now, more than ever, we need this community—to collaborate and share ideas, challenges, lessons learned, and best practices in managing government websites and digital services.

I look forward to connecting with you all virtually!

Ammie

Ammie Farraj Feijoo (she/her)
Technology Transformation Services
U.S. General Services Administration
202-394-3670 | ammie.farrajfeijoo@gsa.gov

Contact the U.S. Web Design System: uswds@support.digitalgov.gov

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Where ZoomGov (below) (map)
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Session will be recorded, so be sure to register to get the link to the video when it's ready!

Register here: https://ourpublicservice.org/events/microsoft-federal-communicators-network/?utm_source=Partnership+for+Public+Service+emails&utm_campaign=10ee096ee2-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_07_24_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3aed0f55fc-10ee096ee2--
Hello, everyone.

For our web managers in the public healthcare sector, I'd like to ask which tools you find most helpful to connect the public with your programs and services, especially now.

Examples:

- Do you use a HIPAA-compliant webform solution?
- Have you virtualized your education programs?
- Have you found ways to integrate this or similar functionality with your web content management solution?

Thank you. I appreciate any feedback you might have to share.
Subject: Just a few days left to register!
From: Laura Godfrey - QQBB <laura.godfrey@GSA.GOV>
Reply To: Laura Godfrey - QQBB <laura.godfrey@GSA.GOV>
Date: Mon, 8 Jun 2020 10:28:45 -0400
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Two upcoming webinars hosted by the multilingual COP!

**June 11th at 2:00 pm: How USA.gov en Español uses quantitative and quantitative data to meet the needs of its audience**
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Hope you can make it!

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Hi friends!

When building a new digital product, two key principles to follow are ‘start small’ and ‘validate your ideas.’ These two concepts are at the heart of 10x — a technology investment program housed in the Technology Transformation Services (TTS) office at the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) — that funds new ideas to help the federal government deliver better products and services.

10x is modeled after modern venture capital practices that use small, gated investments to bring ideas to life.

If you're curious about the projects that have been funded by the 10x program, please consider joining the 10x Lightning Talks on June 30. Learn more and register here.

Stay safe, and hope to see you (virtually) later this month!

Sarah Crane
10x Transformation Service, GSA

What problem are you trying to solve? Submit an idea to 10x!

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Register today and be prepared with questions you can ask during the live Q&A portion of the event. Register today at http://go.usa.gov/xwNbq to confirm your participation.

We post a video of each call at digital.gov/events shortly after the event. Watch the video from last month’s call to learn more about cards, forms and data visualization.

We look forward to seeing you!

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You can quickly find justice.gov and under https find there status.

Mike

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In order to obtain a certificate issued by a CA trusted by your browser (so that the lock works), the entity requesting the certificate has to provide proof that they actually control the site or the domain of the site.

Extended validation just means that someone paid the CA way, way too much for a certificate and also provided some additional information to the CA when they requested the certificate.

All certificates provide the same level of encryption which is really determined in a negotiation between your browser and the server and has nothing to do with the certificate.

Best regards,
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Good morning Web Managers!

OMB M-20-23 - Aligning Federal Agency Operations with the National Guidelines for Opening Up America Again (section II, page 9) requires federal agencies to publish the operating status of their public facilities on their website.

As your agency begins to reopen public-facing facilities, please publish this information on your agency.gov/coronavirus page to help people easily determine which federal facilities are currently open to the public.

GSA, in collaboration with OPM, will maintain a comprehensive list of the operational status of federal public facilities on USA.gov.

A few more recommendations:

- Also include up-to-date facility status information on your site where customers would usually think to look for such information (e.g., Contact Us or About Us pages)
- Make the facility status information easy to get to, so when someone follows the link, they'll see the info right away
- Include markup so search engines can more easily find and disseminate the information
  - Bing tips on how to mark-up organizations and special announcements
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  - Learn how USA.gov applies SpecialAnnouncement markup to make COVID-19 information easier to find in search results

Please contact your Federal Web Council representative if you have questions.

Thanks and stay safe out there!
Hello there everyone and greetings from my new home at Peace Corps!

A quick question for folks – does anyone here have any experience with developing (or researching the development) of a smartphone app that supports hiring/recruitment? If so, please reach out.

Thanks!

AW

Andrew Wilson
Director of the Office of the Third Goal and Returned Volunteer Services
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Webinar: How to Set Up the US Web Design System in D8

Dustin Boeger and Brian Seek of CivicActions will take you through a demo of the proper setup for the US Web Design System sub theme in D8.

By the end of this talk, attendees will:

- see how to set up a USWDS sub theme in D8,
- configuration of USWDS,
- and, time permitting, they'll dive into how to customize layouts.

Meet our speakers:

**Dustin Boeger** has a B.A. in English from University of California Davis and is a self-taught Drupal pro. A front end developer who loves helping organizations connect with audiences using Drupal-powered personalization.

**Brian Seek** has designed hydroponic systems, drafted maps and technical drawings, fixed myriad mechanical objects, and tried his hand with all things digital — including content writing, marketing, and site building. There’s not much Brian doesn’t enjoy doing within the development stack, and he applies his talents to projects that help others.

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DrupalCon is online this year. As is Drupal Camp Asheville and Decoupled Days (Decoupled Drupal and other CMS projects) this summer. So you do not have to travel to far flung places to get your drupal on, you can sit in the privacy of your own home and attend them, VIRTUALLY! We know it’s not the same, but Camps are going online this year and it’s gonna be filled with the same great information and learning that you get in person!

Not sure about your area? You can find local Drupal events that are currently looking at in person events, too!

Register for DrupalCon
Hi All,

I searched the archive going back a few years and didn't find an answer and a colleague posted to the DevOps COP without much response so I'm posting here.

Our design/build team builds custom SharePoint (2016 Enterprise, SP2) applications for internal agency use, like a recent application for sensitive structured collaboration on a frequently produced, legislatively-mandated report.

While we have built a dozen highly customized SharePoint applications, we struggle to find a good FRONT-END development framework. Just to be clear, back-end SharePoint development using modern DevOps methods is not our issue.

We would love to hear generally how teams approach front end SharePoint development. We are especially interested in:
- source/version control like TFS or Git for managing code (CSR, REST, vanilla javascript, CSS, jquery, node.js, HTML - whatever).
- Dev tools that integrate with SharePoint like SharePoint Designer does by caching and suggesting parameters (like IntelliSense), a Visual Studio Code extension, for example.
- Is anyone using SharePoint Framework (SPFx) yet? (Requires SharePoint 2016 SP2 or Online).
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Thanks for your tips!

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We made a compromise. We posted the Section 508 compliant PDF as a download inside of an accessible text page that provided an overview of what was in the file. This increased the SEO of those pages.

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Reply To: Harman, Richard (Chip)
Date: Thu, 18 Jun 2020 15:46:29 +0000
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- Maintaining an alternate conforming version in accordance with the legal standard results in duplicative work and maintenance
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Thank you, and have an accessible day!

~Michael

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At our web site, long before I arrived, these practices evolved.

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On 6/18/20, 9:08 AM, [b] [6], [b] [7]@mail.mil wrote:

I'm curious as well. Please copy me on any feedback. Thanks!
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I'm posting this message on behalf of Cheryl Thompson, who was unable to post it directly.

-Ammie

On 6/18/20, 2:07 PM, "Thompson, Cheryl (NIH/NIEHS) [E]" <thompsonc2@niehs.nih.gov> wrote:

   We DO have this guidance, specifically. When developing these a couple of things were on my mind:
   1. PDF is not great on the phone. Pinch and zoom all you want, you still have to pinch and zoom, instead of scrolling.
   2. PDF drops your site navigation --- so you drop the context of the item AND the ability to go to similar pages
   3. You can and should make PDFs searchable --- many of the same techniques in structuring a document, in making sure there is text, are also accessibility requirements. This doesn't fix 1 and 2.
   4. PDFs can be saved on someone's computer forever and ever. Sometimes that is good, but sometimes the information changes, and with PDFs floating in the world, you can't fix them. PDF of a scientific journal article, PDF of a fiction book -- excellent. I will read them in Kindle. PDF of scientific conclusions based on recent research due to change --- maybe a webpage is a better fit.
   5. PDFs take more time to edit, make 508 compliant (for us) than webpages. Is there an ROI on that time?

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-Cheryl Thompson
Web Manager
HHS/NIH/NIEHS/OD/OCPL

There's a couple of bits, here they are: (Note: this list is plain text, so all my links dropped)

******File Type Guidelines
Use the HTML format whenever possible. Use the following guide to assist you in determining whether your information should be a web page (HTML) or a PDF file (or even a Word or Excel file).

Your default should be to create all content as web pages. However, there will be times that is not possible.

For web forms that can be accepted as an email, a web form should be used. (example web form)

Use a PDF only if the following are true:

   Content contains a form
   Where form needs an e-signature (example e-signature PDF form) OR
   Where one form needs to look exactly like the next form (will be printed, filed, etc.) ( example identical forms )
   If the file is likely to be printed (i.e. brochure, marketing materials, map, organizational charts) (example brochure)
   Curriculum Vitae (example CV)
   Content already exist as a multi-page (more than 10 pages) document (example long document)
   Document is formatted by NIH, HHS, etc. and contains logos (example with logos)
   Document is a presentation or paper from non-NIEHS source (example non-NIEHS source document)
   Congressional testimony and statements (example congressional testimony and statement)
Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement (example memoranda of agreement)
See the PDF Use for making 508-compliant PDF files.

Use Word if any of the following are true:

Form requires fields which can be made longer, which can be difficult for a PDF. (example Word form with expanding fields)
HHS recommends only using a Word format when the task required is only available within Word. For example, if a document needs to be edited with “Track Changes”, it may be posted as a Word file.

Use Excel when:

Functions that can only exist in are needed. (example Excel file)

*****PDF Use
A PDF may be used when the particular formatting, information quantity, or file source prevents conversion to an HTML page.

HHS has stated that the use of PDF should be reserved for occasions when an HTML page cannot be used. Small and medium sized reports should be created as HTML pages.

PDF files are often large, are more difficult to make 508 compliant, cannot be translated by automatic tools, and present challenges for downloading for a global audience. Providing HTML formatted content avoids this complexity. See the File Type Guidelines for occasions PDF formatted content should be used instead of an HTML page.

Please see HHS Section 508 Compliance for extensive information on creating Section 508 compliant PDF files. You can also see How to Make PDF Files Section 508 Compliant and Accessible Using Adobe Acrobat Pro DC (4MB) for specific instructions on clearing accessibility errors.

A PDF must pass the Adobe Acrobat Professional DC "Accessibility Check" with no errors to be considered 508-compatible for online posting. Table summaries are optional.

When adding a 508-compliant PDF file to the site, append _508 to the system title or file name to mark the file as compliant.

You may post a non-508 compliant PDF as a "print version" of a document only if that document is posted online in 508-compliant HTML or as plain text.

Alternate versions should have .alt appended to the system title and file name to mark the file as an alternate.

Example: niehs.nih.gov/assets/files/file.alt.pdf

PDFs which have been given an Accommodation from 508 accessibility rules should have .acco appended to the system title and file name.

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PDFs that pre-date the December 21, 2000 issuance of the Section 508 standards are exempt from being 508 compliant, however, every attempt should be made to convert these documents to be accessible for those with disabilities. PDFs which pre-date the 508 standards should have predates_508 appended to the system title and file name.

Example: niehs.nih.gov/assets/files/file.predates_508.pdf
PDF files over 9 pages must have bookmarks.

Microsoft Office products have a File > Print > Adobe PDF function. This function does not create 508-compliant PDF files. Using the Adobe Accessibility tools in the application will create a more compliant file. CutePDF or other PDF printers do not create 508-compliant PDF files.

****PDF Submittals

All PDFs submitted for online use should include the original source file or non-PDF document used to create the PDF (Word, Powerpoint etc.). PDFs must be 508 compliant and some PDFs with numerous errors can be created again using the original source file to fix 508 issues.

PDFs created in LiveCycle cause other 508 concerns and cannot be published to the internal or public website without approval from the Web Manager. If you have further questions, please contact the Web Manager.

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On Thu, Jun 18, 2020 at 2:55 PM <00000686e5dd9170-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

The following is my opinion and not a policy.

I believe the content creator should consider, PDF or HTML, during the design - the intended use of the content, any context applicable to said content, and voice.

Then, assuming the web site segmentation is conducive, select PDF or HTML.

At our web site, long before I arrived, these practices evolved.

Example 1 - https://tax.hawaii.gov/legal/tir Tax Information Releases
These PDFs are static and meaningful in a particular time frame.

Example 2 - https://tax.hawaii.gov/legal/a4_1brochures/ Tax Brochures
These PDFs are designed to be printed.

Example 3 - https://tax.hawaii.gov/geninfo/a2_b2_4empl_whhold/ Withholding Tax - For Employers
The information here is somewhat dynamic.
The page includes links to two PDFs - a Tax Announcement and a Booklet A.

To me, PDF and HTML have different uses. It's not a matter of one or the other.

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ITS III, Dept. of Taxation, State of Hawaii

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Reply To: Darlington, Lin
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2020 17:15:55 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (1791 bytes) , text/html (5 kB)

Greetings Federal Web Content Managers,

The Environmental Protection Agency’s Web Council is in the process of updated [EPA's Web Governance and Management Policy (pdf)](https://www.epa.gov/) and we would like to understand how other agencies have implemented web governance. Please let me know if you are willing to share your Web Governance and Management policies with us for reference.

Thanks,

**Lin**

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#10 Build Sites to Address the Entire User Journey
Make remote work work for journey mapping

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Get the right skills in place to build winning digital tools and services

#8 Promote Continuity to Better Support Customer Journeys
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#7 Listen to Customers by Asking the Right Questions
Four questions to help discover what customers want and need

#6 Spring Cleaning Tips for Web Content
Three tips to tidy up the content on federal websites

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How to use the U.S. Web Design System, and adapt it as you adopt it

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Reframe the approach to accessibility, and why it matters

#3 Building the Elements That Earn Trust
Build trust with the people who use our services

#2 Meet Your Federal Web Council
Our partners in delivering a great digital experience

#1 Let’s Talk 21st Century IDEA
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Hello web managers,

Thanks to those of you who attended the community huddle last Friday. I enjoyed meeting you all virtually! A quick recap follows.

**Community Trivia** - [HUD hosted the first community meeting](#) on October 31, 2000.

**No More Redesigns** - In 2019, the web managers community provided feedback on [21st Century IDEA](#). Your feedback influenced the attached report. At the huddle, we discussed “no more redesigns,” one of the website modernization recommendations. Specifically, the report recommends moving away from a redesign model to adopt a continuous innovation model.

Let’s continue the conversation. Reply and share your thoughts.

- How do we move away from a redesign model?
- How do we adopt a continuous innovation model?
- What practical things have you done to make incremental improvements?
- What are the challenges?

**We Want You** - Do you enjoy organizing communities and working with colleagues to solve digital problems? I’m looking for one or more federal volunteers to co-lead this community. If you’re interested, please email me at [ammie.farrajfeijoo@gsa.gov](mailto:ammie.farrajfeijoo@gsa.gov).

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Web Manager Feedback on 21st Century IDEA
Findings and Recommendations, August 2019

To better understand how to help federal agencies comply with the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act (21st Century IDEA), the Federal Web Council gathered questions and crowdsourced feedback from the government web manager community. The goal was to identify areas where agencies require clarification on their responsibilities under the Act. This document outlines our findings, and offers recommendations on how to address the top issues.

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Definitions
Clearly define key terms to create a shared understanding. Following are recommendations on proposed definitions for key terms in the law.

- **Digital format** (Sec. 4(b))
  - A form or service in digital format enables the customer to complete the entire process of filling out and submitting the form or request for service through an internet-enabled device. Nothing is required to be printed, physically signed, mailed, or delivered in person.

- **Digital services**
  - Currently defined in M-17-06 as including the delivery of digital information (e.g., data or content) and transactional services (e.g., online forms, benefits applications) across a variety of platforms, devices, and delivery mechanisms.
  - Recommend updating the M-17-06 definition to exclude third party web applications of any type because the government is not the platform owner.

- **Federal government customer experience**
  - Customer experience (CX) refers to a combination of factors that result from touchpoints between an individual, business, or organization and the Federal Government over the duration of an interaction and relationship. These
factors include ease/simplicity, efficiency/speed, and equity/transparency of the process, effectiveness/quality of the service itself, and the helpfulness of service delivery employees. Similar to their application in the private sector, these factors can drive the overall satisfaction and confidence/trust with the program, agency, and the government at large. (Source: OMB Circular A-11 Section 280)

- **Form**
  - For the purposes of this Act, a form is a standard information collection document approved by OMB with a control number and expiration date.
  - The Act does not refer to any other forms that might be used by an agency, like customer feedback or event registration forms.

- **Intranet**
  - Internal digital services designed to inform government employees and government contractors.

- **Non-digital format** (Sec. 4(a))
  - A form or service in non-digital format requires the customer to either 1) come to a location in-person, 2) fill out and sign paper forms, and/or 3) mail in forms, documents or checks. This includes online PDF versions of forms, if the customer is required to print out the form, sign it, and mail it in.

The following terms need further discussion to determine a recommended definition.

- **Commonality**
  - Clarify exactly what “commonality with other agencies” means, particularly around design and implementation.

- **Compliance**
  - Clarify what compliance means (see, for example, the US Access Board’s Q&A on Section 508)
  - Recommend further discussion with the Federal Web Council on what to measure and how to measure it
    - Do not provide individual “grade” assignments
    - Some things shouldn’t be required, but should be measured to inform where/how we should shift the direction of federal implementation
  - See flag below in Section 3 under scope

- **Customized digital experience**
  - Proposed definition:
    - The interaction a customer has on the internet with an organization.
    - This would benefit from a review by a Privacy Officer.

- **Digital conversion rates**
  - Clarify whether this mean the rate of customers moving from in-person/paper-based to digital services, or something else.

- **Most viewed**
  - Clarify what this means for the Congressional report required by 3(b)(2)(A).

- **Service**
  - This is so broad, how should it apply to 21st Century IDEA? How can we define what kinds of government services are covered, or not?

- **Shared service**
Potential definitions include:
- Promote standardization, reduce duplication, reduce operating costs, and increase customer satisfaction in the long-term.
- Leverage common technology or services offered by other agencies to improve service quality and performance, standardize processes, reduce the technology footprint, and reduce governmentwide operating costs.

**Standardization**
- Clarify whether the intent of the Act is to:
  - Standardize the look and feel of all federal government websites.
  - Incorporate similar elements (such as footer links) in a similar fashion.
  - Ensure consistency in look and feel amongst websites of a single agency (or some other interpretation).
- Recommend the Federal Web Council hold further discussions to determine a clear definition.

**Website**
- Currently defined in [M-17-06](#) as "online information resources or services maintained in whole or in part by the departments and agencies in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Federal Government that are operated by an agency, contractor, or other organization on behalf of the agency."
- Recommend updating M-17-06 definition to:
  - Clarify whether the law applies to sites with credentialed/login access
  - Clarify that the law only applies to government-managed websites (for all hosting environments, including on-premise, remote, and cloud), and does not apply to websites managed by recipients of grants or cooperative agreements
  - Exclude:
    - Third-party web applications maintained by departments and agencies
    - Collaboration sites
    - Data-sharing (e.g., peer-to-peer community sites) and data-extraction sites
    - Training sites
  - Recommend the Federal Web Council crowdsourced the sites that should be excluded.

### Section 3 - Website Modernization

**Top Crowdsourced Ideas**
1. Define what it means to be "in compliance with the website standards of the Technology Transformation Services of the General Services Administration"
2. Clarify the definition of a “digital service”
3. Clarify the scope of sites covered under the Act
4. Define the threshold for a “redesign”
5. Develop an inventory of all web properties at each agency that are covered under the Act
Recommendations

- **Explicitly include requirements:** For Sec. 3(e) of this Act (compliance with website standards), we recommend that it include requirements in OMB memo M-17-06 and other federal laws and policies.
  - The U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) may serve as a tool for conformance with Sec. 7 of this Act (standardization), but should not be mandated, nor should it require uniformity amongst federal websites.
  - Recommend that GSA improve and update https://digital.gov/resources/checklist-of-requirements-for-federal-digital-services, and then establish that this page represents the “standards” described in 21st Century IDEA.
  - Recommend that the “standards” distinguish between requirements and recommendations, and that they include the USWDS as a possible solution after an examination of audience, purpose, etc.

- **Specify scope:** Identify exactly what’s covered (and not covered).
  - Consider shifting to the approach that agencies are covered by the Act regardless of the domain on which they’re hosted.
  - For .mil sites, we recommend checking with Council representatives from DOD ( ), DHS ( ) and other experts.
  - Is compliance required only for sites identified in the domain registry, or ALL sites? For example, does this guidance apply to hhs.gov only, or the additional 1,300 smaller sites managed by HHS?

- **Develop common reports and inventories:** We recommend further discussion with Federal Web and CIO Councils on how best to standardize reporting to Congress, as well as inventory report-outs to the public and to OMB.
  - (Normative/non-normative approach)

- **No more redesigns:** Move away from a “redesign” model, to adopt a continuous innovation model.
  - Continuous innovation is defined as regular improvement and modernization of website features and functionality within an existing infrastructure and information architecture.

Section 4 - Digitization of Government Services and Forms

**Top Crowdsourced Ideas**

1. Stand up a forms best practices working group
2. Determine how to address workload considerations for both agencies, and OIRA, related to form redesigns and Paperwork Reduction Act reviews
3. Develop guidance on how to use journey maps and service maps, and develop SOPs to refine services

**Recommendations**

- **Best practices working group for government forms:** Stand up an interagency working group to develop and document best practices for digitizing paper forms, addressing such things as accessibility, design, user experience, and Paperwork
Reduction Act clearance.

- Broaden the idea from 'forms' to providing **digital access to services**. Provide a service to the user with a digital 'form' or process on the front end that then connects to our internal digital systems on the back end.
- Look at how online forms would handle **attachments like documents and photos** uploaded from desktops and smartphones.
- Some forms and services require **payment** (prev. made in-person or mailed in the form of a check). Instead of each agency paying for and coming up with their own online payment system, look into developing a govt-wide payment portal that agencies can utilize through MOUs. This helps users because they can go to one site to see a history of the fees they have paid to different agencies. Can link into existing online systems through a payment API / button that takes you to another site to pay, like with PayPal buttons on ecommerce sites.
- **Cybersecurity** is a huge concern for customers and agencies alike. How can agencies protect the massive increase of PII that will be sent through their online systems? How can we ensure the safety and privacy of customers' data, and (re)gain the public's trust in online services?
- Incorporate best practices from NARA and **records management**. Possibly create new records series.
- Few agencies have a good way for users to check the status of their form or application besides picking up the phone, which is extremely expensive for agencies, and isn’t accessible to all. myUSCIS is a great example of how to do it right. Provide agencies with guidance on both technical issues and workplace processes for how to implement online status checks.
- How can we effectively manage additional **customer support** for online forms and services? Many agencies have only a phone number and/or email address for users with questions or technical issues. In the private sector, live online chats with help desk representatives are standard, but this is likely out of reach financially and logistically for many smaller agencies. Is this a shared service that could be provided government-wide at a lower cost for agencies (like Federalist or Cloud.gov)? Could a help desk support service such as the Federal Service Desk (fsd.gov) be expanded (e.g., through embedded help buttons or live chats on .gov websites) to support this Act?
- Should there be a **common platform to accept form data** and route it to the appropriate destination, such as a central CRM? If so, how will blanket Privacy and Paperwork Reduction Act reviews be handled, and how would it be funded?

**Paperwork Reduction Act / OIRA workload considerations:** Evaluate the number of forms each agency has, and the current Paperwork Reduction Act collections that would be affected, to better understand the workload burden and subsequent staffing or contact labor needs related to revision of every customer-facing form.

- Request OMB/OIRA come up with a **process to meet the overwhelming volume** of new form approvals that are likely to be required for agencies that choose to use the move from analog to digital to improve the original form.

**Use journey maps and SOPs to refine services:** Request or develop guidance on
how to leverage information such as customer journey maps, value chain maps, or standard operating procedures to digitize government services.

- Before creating online forms, consider the customer experience, understand how the data will be used and how it will be accessed and processed by the government on the back-end.
- The entire process should be reviewed to ensure the new form is needed, easily filled out by the customer, and information and the process can be used in an efficient way, and the data is secure.
- Emphasize that the customer experience doesn’t start with opening the form and end with hitting submit. Consider:
  - How is the customer able to find and access the form/service and evaluate whether it’s what they need?
  - How can the customer check the status after they hit submit?
  - How does the agency communicate with customers as their form/application moves through the process?
- Guidance on how to manage privacy concerns throughout the user journey. While many users might love to have their information saved and auto-filled when they submit new forms, others will not want us to save their data, and would prefer to fill out all the information from scratch each time.

Section 6 - Customer Experience and Digital Service Delivery

Top Crowdsourced Ideas

1. Stand up a shared services working group
2. Standardize high level measures & metrics for CX
3. Clarify internal agency authorities and governance for digital experience and customer experience
4. Synchronize 21st Century IDEA CX requirements with the CX CAP Goal and OMB Circular A-11 Section 280
5. Identify best practices for internal agency governance and coordination on 21st Century IDEA implementation

Recommendations

- **Shared Services Working Group**: Document the scope, membership, and other requirements for a technology shared services working group, as it relates to implementation of 21st Century IDEA; ensure coordination with similar working groups already in existence, including the Sharing Quality Services and Customer Experience CAP Goals, and the CX CoP.
  - Define "shared services" in the context of digital service delivery.
    - Possible definition for implementation in this context:
      - Centralized technical capabilities that deliver the benefits of scale and standardization for use by multiple federal agencies.
  - Recruit people on the front lines of this work at any level, including members of the Web or CX Communities of Practice, working at the bureau/agency
level, up through Departmental Web Directors
  ○ Piggyback on CX CAP goal work so we’re not duplicating, and loop in web managers where it makes sense
  ○ Rotate agency membership to maintain a broad perspective, and account for use cases from across government
  ○ Consider joint meetings with Web, CIO, and other Councils, sub-councils, or groups doing related work, to improve cross-agency coordination and collaboration
  ○ Reward and acknowledge agencies that are doing the right thing (for example, agencies that have appointed a Chief Customer Officer or Chief Digital Experience Officer)

● **Standardized Measurement**: Coordinate with the CX CAP Goal team on cross-agency work to improve the digital government customer experience
  ○ Encourage adoption of a standardized customer satisfaction survey for ALL federal websites, following guidance in [OMB Circular A-11 Section 280](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a/a11/) and the [CX CAP Goal](https://digital.gov/cx-cap-goal/)
    ■ Measure customer satisfaction in seven domains:
      ● Overall: (1) Satisfaction, (2) Confidence/Trust
      ● Service: (3) Effectiveness/Quality
      ● People: (7) Employee Helpfulness
  ○ Develop an approved question bank to measure areas not addressed in the OMB guidance.
    ■ Gather sample questions that already have OIRA approval, to streamline PRA clearance and make it easy to rotate approved questions in & out of individual surveys.
  ○ Develop and promote standardized best practices for survey implementation, data analysis and action planning/follow-up.
    ■ Explore how to use existing tools such as [Feedback.usa.gov](https://feedback.usa.gov/) for common measurement and reporting.
    ■ Reference Forrester and GSA CX Indices, [existing resources](https://digital.gov/cx-cap-toolkit/), the [Customer Experience Toolkit](https://digital.gov/cx-cap-toolkit/) on Digital.gov, etc.
  ○ Develop and share talking points to help agency web and CX managers explain the value of this work.

● **Authorities and Governance**: Identify best practices for internal agency governance and coordination of the digital customer experience.
  ○ Develop a resource similar to the [PRA guide](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/a/a11/) for IDEA implementation
  ○ Develop a sample web/digital governance plan for federal agencies, including specifics on 21st Century IDEA implementation
  ○ Work with OPM to create and classify standard Position Descriptions for positions influencing the digital customer experience.
    ■ Create a new “Digital Communications” job series, including:
      ● Chief Customer Officer
      ● Chief Digital Experience Officer
      ● Digital Communications Strategist
      ● Agency Web Manager
Section 7 - Standardization

Top Crowdsourced Ideas
1. Establish a Cross Agency CX/DX/UI 'Experience' Working Group
2. Develop consistent PDs and contract documents for UX/DX
3. Clarify whether the intent of the Act is to standardize the look and feel for all federal government websites
4. Create a Maturity Model
5. Reference architectures with approved COTs applications

Recommendations

- **Working Groups**: Take advantage of existing Digital.gov Communities of Practice (rather than creating a new group), and target communications to relevant groups on a regular basis about:
  - Available resources, to ensure new members are aware of existing support/tools/resources/training.
    - The PL CoP does this well (model their approach)
  - Collaboration opportunities to work together to improve the experience for customers of digital government services.
    - Recommend GSA work with CoP managers to coordinate and implement.

- **Ease Contracting Burden**: Develop shared templates and sample language for contracts to support digital government work.
  - Potentially expand the Accessibility Requirements Tool (ART) (or develop a new system) to help ensure that all IT contracts contain proper requirements language to ensure contract deliverables comply with federal IT law and policy.
  - Share sample procurement documents on government-only collaboration sites such as MAX or the Acquisition Gateway
  - Align contracting results in ways that allow one agency to conduct security and privacy clearances that can be accepted/used by any department/agency
    - Investigate partnering with CIO and CISO councils to develop a system
  - Expand the Federal Supply Schedule by establishing a government-wide vehicle with a large number of pre-competed vendors of various sized companies to support work covered by 21st Century IDEa, such as user testing or web development.
    - Key here is the requirement of “adherence to best practices,” as it’s a
best practice to consider audience/customer base and purpose when designing a web experience. A federal supply schedule that failed to take this into account would fail to meet the Act’s mandate.

- **Standardization and shared services**: Clarify exactly what “standardized” and “shared services” mean, in the context of 21st Century IDEA.
  - “IT shared services” typically refer to infrastructure items, rather than stylesheets. As an example, DOI’s Drupal Platform-as-a-Service hosts seven websites on this common platform, yet each site maintains a distinct look and feel, designed around the needs of each unique customer base. Would each site on this platform need to move to a common look and feel?
  - Encourage increased use of, and collaboration around, common tools, including content management systems such as Drupal or Federalist.
    - Encourage creation and use of centralized code repositories or tools developed by federal agencies on commonly-used platforms (e.g., GitHub, Drupal, USWDS).
    - Consider creation of federal government “verified” tools that are secure, accessible, 508 compliant, etc. (create once/use many), and have designated “maintainers” such as DHS routinely monitor to ensure code works well and is secure; focus on content management systems that are the most widely used across the federal government.
    - Formalize crowdsourcing and code sharing efforts to increase efficiency and eliminate “reinventing the wheel.”
      - Establish a shared Drupal repo for government shared services, and encourage government developers to help maintain Drupal.org projects for tools developed by agencies (such as Interior’s Drupal video player).
  - Tap into expertise at agencies across the federal government.
    - GSA should not try to create “one size fits all” solutions for everything; instead, establish partnerships to develop tools that could be used widely across both government and the private sector, and tailor them for large, medium, and small agencies.
      - For example, DAP is required, but many large agencies also run their own analytics, in addition to DAP, because they require additional capability that DAP doesn’t provide.
  - Create a Web/Digital Experience Maturity Model (lower priority)
    - Build on the work done for the CX CAP goal to develop a web maturity model, to help agencies improve internal coordination around how they manage and deliver digital services.
    - Beware of the risk in how this could be used; can’t be a “stick,” must be a “carrot.”

Thank you for your attention. Please contact the Federal Web Council co-chairs, Rachel Flagg (rachel.flagg@gsa.gov) and hq.dhs.gov, with questions.
Hi! Was wondering if you take payments via credit card? Do you use a specific service? Did you roll your own to interface with your accounting system? Have you ever used credit cards to transfer money G to G? Either within your agency or to another agency? Like for training or something?

I'm happy to provide a summary if folks just want to let me know directly.

thx,

Gwynne

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We’re always experimenting and learning new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government. Learn along with us, and subscribe to our blog.

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**Dana (StreamYard)**

Jun 26, 2020, 9:30 AM PDT

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Cheers,

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Thank you
I'm not directly involved in purchasing, but this sounds all too familiar and seems especially common among smaller companies. I can offer my perspective after hitting that wall a few times. I'm sorry I can't suggest a better strategy. I hope someone else can.

For us it's not exactly like your example, in that we ask them to sign a state-mandated agreement that adds some protections for us as buyer. It's very simple and reasonable, but refusals aren't unusual at all. It surprised us, too.

My guess is that many of these tech startups don't have an attorney on retainer to review such requests, so they perceive any variance as a burden. As long as they have enough customers who ARE willing to abide by their terms, they're clearly okay with turning away this business.

I think the very worst is in situations like yours with StreamYard, where the specific services you want are available from that one source and nowhere else. For frustration like that, I can only recommend a cold beer.

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Thanks Larry. We would be buying the service. This is something that has come down from my bosses. They might be fine with OBS+NGINX if our IT is cool with that, but SIMPLE is big for our principals and Streamyard is good at selling that.

The indemnification clause in most TOS' is problematic, because regardless of applicable state law, we are agreeing to defend the company and potentially cover large legal fees if they get sued. The good people of Maryland would rightly have an issue with that.

This company probably is a small startup with no retained lawyers – One frustration is that I can’t get past the first line of customer service. Probably someone who sees my email, turns to a coworker and is like “Can we change our terms of service?” and the reply is “What is a terms of service?” and then the reply back to me is “Sorry, we cannot change our terms of service.” That is how I imagine it anyway. LOL, whatever. I suppose we could start the buying process but pend it on acceptance of the re-written TOS from our contracts people. Sales folks are usually more interested in customer service than, well, customer service people.

Thanks for the link – I’ll look at it.

Hi Fritz,

Having negotiated one or two(+) TOS mods, I can tell you that yes, it’s sometimes a giant pain and not worth their time, especially if what we’re talking about is a free (ad supported) service that we’re going to tell them they can’t have ads on. [Where’s my facepalm emoji?] If you’re paying for the service, let contracting handle this part of the job.

I’ve found that a simulation of charm, coupled with genuine persistence, is sometimes helpful. Also, be sure you really need the mod. You know there was no mod for Twitter, when we got into this game (and I’m not looking, now)? Their stock TOS was good enough. Is whatever’s wrong really a big deal? Is it a problem in reality or just in theory?

Also, offering the full-text mod is super-helpful. Less work – maybe less expensive for them, or at least it might seem easier to deal with. Don’t make them work, to do us a favor.

Finally, this list is a great place to find folks who’ve tried alternative solutions to the same problems. I’m guessing that yours is streaming to multiple platforms. If memory serves, Livestream.com can do some of that – or could – and there’s always OBS+NGINX, if you’re willing to let your geek flag fly (https://obsproject.com/forum/resources/stream-to-2-destinations-simultaneously-with-obs-without-nginx.788/).

Personally, I had a great time in the old TOS negotiating days. I hope you have both joy and success with yours.

Larry

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I have a question for you all to kick off this short week ...

Some agencies lack internal communities of practice to:

- Collaborate horizontally;
- Break down existing silos;
- Develop horizontal sharing; and
- Facilitate communication outside of formal workflows.

Has your agency developed internal communities of practice? What model does your agency use for internal communities of practice and horizontal collaboration—at the department, agency, office, or division, or team level?

For example, GSA has improved coordination across the agency around its digital strategy, including establishing an agency-wide GSA Digital Council to coordinate with stakeholders across the agency and Digital Governance Senior Steering Committee to ensure that executives understand, support, and provide consistent direction on agency-wide modernization activities.

We also have TTS guilds and working groups to coordinate practices and solve problems across Technology Transformation Services (TTS) for topics like accessibility, content, and research, among others.

Please share your models and ideas on this topic!

Ammie

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Hi, Bob.

It looks like we have a shared interest. I'm starting an internal web managers group and also want to understand how to take a more holistic approach (less IT centric).

Let's continue looking into this and asking questions.

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Great question Ammie! I run the GSA internal facing community of practice for our social media accounts, of which we have about 100+ accounts run by 130+ employees. I modeled our CoP after NARA. They put out some great guidance on their CoP.

For our internal CoP, we meet once a month for a quick briefing of GSA flagship accounts, ask our attorney questions, and present on successes team members have seen. Some months we have a "Mystery Speaker" from another agency who presents for ten minutes on a topic (stole this genius idea from State Dept ECA!). We also have an active listserv (email group) and shared drive. I write a short, fun newsletter every Friday reminding folks of upcoming observances, sharing news, and giving kudos to content I thought was great.

Our CoP serves a few very important purposes: socializes GSA policy, connects team members across offices who may not know each other, establishes me as POC for all social media needs (my office owns the policy), keeps track of all account holders, brings everyone up to speed quickly on best practices, and shares creative ideas.

IMO, the key to a successful CoP (i.e. engagement, sharing resources, breaking down silos, etc) is having a dedicated person managing the group, who is super excited about it and makes an effort to keep the conversation and activity moving.

Hope that helps!

Gabrielle

On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 10:57 AM Ammie Farraj Feijoo <ammie.farrajfeijoo@gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi Web Managers,

I have a question for you all to kick off this short week ...

Some agencies lack internal communities of practice to:

- Collaborate horizontally;
- Break down existing silos;
- Develop horizontal sharing; and
- Facilitate communication outside of formal workflows.

**Has your agency developed internal communities of practice?** What model does your agency use for internal communities of practice and horizontal collaboration—at the department, agency, office, or division, or team level?

For example, *GSA has improved coordination across the agency around its digital strategy*, including establishing an agency-wide *GSA Digital Council* to coordinate with stakeholders across the agency and *Digital Governance Senior Steering Committee* to ensure that executives understand, support, and provide consistent direction on agency-wide modernization activities.

We also have [TTS guilds and working groups](#) to coordinate practices and solve problems across Technology
Transformation Services (TTS) for topics like accessibility, content, and research, among others.

Please share your models and ideas on this topic!

Ammie

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U.S. General Services Administration

Gabrielle Perret
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Hi Content Managers!

Here’s a new USAGov Blog post and video presentation to get you thinking about making the most of user data-- "Giving Users the Information They Crave: Data and Analytics Tips From USAGov en Español." Learn how we gather and use qualitative and quantitative data to inform our content strategy for USAGov en Español.

I'm grateful for the USAGov colleagues who have helped me grow in understanding and using data to fine-tune our content.

Hope this will help you too,

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Nancy Tyler
Senior Editor
USAGov--Your Guide to Government Information and Services

FAS Technology Transformation Services - TTS Solutions
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Afternoon all -

FEMA's Office of External Affairs is recruiting for a GS 13 Communications Specialist to serve as their web team lead. Please see the attached notice of opportunity for more details regarding position responsibilities and the knowledge, skills and abilities being sought.

The position is being hired under FEMA's Cadre of On-call Response/Recovery Employee (CORE) Program. This is a temporary appointment in the Excepted Service, not to exceed 2 years, with the option to extend based on workload and funding availability. Veterans Preference does not apply to the CORE selection process.

This is a great opportunity for talented individuals seeking to make a difference by helping people before, during and after disasters. If you know of someone who may be interested, or you are interested yourself, please submit a resume summarizing relevant work experience via email with the subject “Communications Specialist – Web Team Lead” to fema.dhs.gov by Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Thanks!

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This position is located in the Office of External Affairs’ Communications Division. The incumbent will lead the team charged with the planning, implementation and execution of activities associated with operating and maintaining FEMA’s websites, text messaging, mobile application, and digital platforms.

**Specific responsibilities include:**

- Serve as an expert on the development and implementation of web and digital operations and content management to communicate agency programs and initiatives.
- Coordinates the planning, drafting, editing, approving and publication of web content to FEMA External Affairs’ managed websites.
- Implements Federal regulations and requirements, web standards and best practices to ensure that web content is accessible, current, accurate, and written in plain language.
- Supports agency requirements related to web communication policy matters, content management protocols and best practices, domain administration, and governance.
- Conducts site audits and reviews, analyzes customer satisfaction tools and analytics, and applies best practices in user-centric web design to continually improve websites usability.
- Identifies new and innovative digital offerings to support FEMA communications priorities and initiatives.
- Perform a range of duties and responsibilities as the team lead, to include establishing priorities, deconflicting work assignments, providing mentoring and training, and ensuring products are technically accurate, adhere to style guidelines and meet intended outcomes.
- Serve as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for a web services contract. Oversee daily work done by a web services contractor and manage regular check-ins with contracted developers, designers, and web content managers to provide direction for ongoing projects and ensure critical deadlines and requirements are met.

**Knowledge, skills and abilities required for this position include:**

- Knowledge of effective web content management and digital communications strategy, practices and policies.
- Demonstrated expertise in planning, developing, editing, and publishing content on web and digital platforms that meets Federal web standards.
- Ability to advise specialists and staff on web strategy, policy and content to achieve program communications objectives.
- Knowledge of and skill in evaluating and reporting on the performance of messaging and campaigns on social media platforms using digital analytics tools.
- Knowledge of user-centric web design and information architecture management.
• Ability to optimize web content based on empirical evidence using web metrics (e.g. Google Analytics).
• Knowledge of content management systems (e.g. Drupal).
• Knowledge of best practices in web policy development and compliance matters.

Certifications Required: No certifications necessary

Education Required: Bachelor’s degree preferred

Location: Washington, DC (500 C Street SW)

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EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENT: Every FEMA employee has regular and recurring emergency management responsibilities, though not every position requires routine deployment to disaster sites. All positions are subject to recall around the clock for emergency management operations, which may require irregular work hours, work at locations other than the official duty station, and may include duties other than those specified in the employee's official position description. Travel requirements in support of emergency operations may be extensive in nature (weeks to months), with little advance notice, and may require employees to relocate to emergency sites with physically austere and operationally challenging conditions.
Hello friends,

I'm noticing a 3-day weekend and a sweet, sweet social media gig open in my shop. A person could craft an excellent application in such a circumstance.

We're looking for someone who
- can pick up the “social” ball and run with it
- doesn't mind not being micro-managed
- knows that the job is more than daily news updates
- gets that there is such a thing as “a vision”
- does their homework
- doesn't mind my absurd level of coffee consumption (OK, that's optional)
- will argue a point, if it's worth arguing about – and knows the difference.

Most importantly, we're looking for someone who will embrace the challenge of this excellent office that serves three USDA agencies (FSA, RMA, NRCS) and runs farmers.gov.

This is a good team with good people, in case you were wondering. :-)

https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/572119700

Larry
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Hello,

There are 3 job openings at USDA for Senior Web Developers. They close 7/17. 
Merit Promotion: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/572500000
Open to US Citizens: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/572503800

Two positions are at NIFA in Washington, DC and are at the GS-12/13 level.
One position is at ARS in Beltsville, MD and is at the GS-13 level.

USDA is moving to consolidate all Agency websites onto a common platform (eWAPS) and a common content management system (Drupal).

Speaking for the ARS opening, where I work, we are seeking a highly qualified technically skilled person with Drupal experience to assist with our future migration to eWAPS and Drupal. We are currently using Umbraco. Please contact me if you have any questions!

Thank you!
Jill Lake

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Hello!

Join us on Thursday, July 16 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. ET, for the next U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) monthly call. We'll take a look at some new features, like tooltip, breadcrumb, file input, and the much-requested date picker, as well as discuss updates to the USWDS gov banner.

Register today at https://go.usa.gov/xfCN3 to confirm your participation!

We post a video of each call at digital.gov/events shortly after the event. Watch the video from last month’s call to learn more about how designers have successfully used the design system as a tool to create insightful digital content.

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Submit your session now

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Not sure how to write a session description? Worried that someone else has proposed your topic already? Never fear: you can read through the session submissions we’ve received already for inspiration. We also have some tips and tricks to help you write a great session proposal.

View all proposed sessions

Now, let's submit that session

Once you’ve logged in or created an account, click on Program > Submit Session in the top menu and fill out the information about your session proposal, including the session track and experience level. You can even add supporting documents like presentation slides, links to GitHub repos, or videos to help us evaluate your proposal (but this is not required!).

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Last month, I put out a call for one or more federal volunteers to co-lead this community. I’m excited to announce that three community members volunteered.

- Genn, Chief of the New Media and Web Policy Branch, NIAID/NIH/HHS
- Beth Martin, Digital Insurance Communications Specialist, FEMA/DHS
- Beth Martin, User Experience Lead, FAA

I’m excited to work with Tori and Beth to cultivate a vibrant and welcoming community. They’ve all contributed to the community over the years, including these resources:

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Thanks, Ammie, for the opportunity to contribute to this wonderful community.

I am currently the webmaster of floodsmart.gov, the flagship website of the National Flood Insurance Program – a public-private partnership between the federal government (FEMA) and the private insurance carriers – a pretty unique space in the federal government.

I have been doing web work for more than 15 years in a variety of roles across the public and private sectors, and have “survived” a lot of web redesigns and migrations. I couldn’t help but notice how working on the “webteam” is continuously evolving and requires an interesting mix of skills. I look forward to more conversations about recruiting and retaining government workforce in the web/digital space, the need to evolve position descriptions and how your teams navigate the process of getting the right skills to meet the demand of the new customer experience standards/expectations.

Innovation and legacy systems are often at odds, yet, in government we have to coexist with both 😊
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Hi Rich,

This is probably new territory for most of us. However, it has been a very long time since I have worried about storage space as it is now relatively cheap for everything except certain mobile devices. Have you looked into the agency’s ability to simply upgrade their storage capacity for your internal SharePoint? There are probably plenty of other reasons right now to justify this action and this one may be the final straw that motivates the agency to push for this solution. Also, I would think that most agencies would be motivated to keep internal communications within internal systems to maximize control and limit liability. And the end users are probably already familiar with, so the change management process should be easier. But I am also curious as to what other agencies are planning to do or already doing about this.

Regards,

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FedReg.Liaison@nara.gov should be able to help with the Federal Register part.

Take care,
Kristen

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Apologies for not introducing myself sooner!

We've been super busy over at NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases which is one of the Institutes of NIH) – We just recently launched the https://www.coronaviruspreventionnetwork.org site for the recruitment of volunteers for Phase 3 prevention (vaccines and monoclonal antibodies) clinical studies – so check it out, volunteer, get your friends and family to volunteer! (And let me know if your organizations firewall doesn't let the site through!).

Now back to the introduction!

With the move to working remotely full-time as an entire team while also dealing with a huge increase in site visits, quick turn around on content, sometimes at the end of the “work” day or later - the importance and value of having structure, process and policies in place has never been more clear. A lot of times it can be easy to get by on the actions of heros that carry the day or jumping from fire to fire, or hiring a team for a redesign every 3 or 5 years - but when external chaos hits having a solid structure and the right people and right types of people as well as solid technology choices in place makes managing the extra work load while also moving “regular” work forward possible.

One of the aspects I'm excited about for this group is acknowledging that despite its name this group is probably bigger and more mixed than just web content! I've always had a deep appreciation for the federal web community – and the extension of that community to include state and local levels. There is a breadth and depth of knowledge and a level of passion for doing good work and meeting the needs of citizens that I really appreciate being a part of. As this community has grown over the years we can see the influence of content creators, writers, editors, usability specialist, designers, SEO, analytics, accessibility and we can see the value of connecting and working with the more technical elements, to ensure security, to allow for integration of data and content, for efficient and effective content management systems – or the value in applying the best practices of digital sites and services to mobile apps, to scientific digital tools, to niche websites that serve a business need, as well as intranets to serve the internal needs of employees.

For a little background I became a “web person” by reading “Learn HTML in 14 days” right before a job interview at a dot com. I only got to day 7, but it was enough to get in the door. I found my way to NIAID in 2003, in what I consider the early days for federal web. There were few policies to be found and even fewer best practices. I find myself particularly interested in how to construct an effective digital support environment in an organization where roles and responsibilities might cross over different branches, offices, teams and management hierarchies. I see it as our responsibility to work as effectively as possible, to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars while also producing high quality and high value products. Governance and understanding the pros and cons of policies are underlying frameworks can support that effectiveness.

I also see value in our collective understanding of creating effective customer journey experiences – and how that knowledge to develop that experience in a digital format can also serve as an effective feedback loop in the actual development of programs. In other words, if you can’t answer the questions involved in creating a good web site (audience, goals, tasks, etc) then your program needs some more work in order to be successful. Sometimes you might also come across a problem or challenge that is unsolvable with a good digital presence – meaning the problem might be an organizational issue, a training issue, or some other communications challenge. Being able to identify and share what we learn with other parts of the organization can extend the value of what we do beyond the pixels on the screen.

I look forward to continuing to learn, grow and develop this amazing community of really smart people!

Thanks!

Tori
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- and more, if time allows

Meet our speakers:

Greg Lund-Chaix is a Senior Performance and Infrastructure Engineer, with Tag1 Consulting. Greg specializes in performance, security, and devops workflows. Member of the Drupal.org infrastructure team since 2006 and Google Summer of Code mentor from 2006-2015. Greg lives in Portland ready to hit the open water or bike the open trail.

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Does anyone have a "Data Security Guide Template" that they use when creating dashboards that pull data from different sources/departments of your organization. If so, could you please share that with me.

Thanks,

V/R,

People Analytics
ASA M&RA
Hi Content Manager!

When it comes to social media, a shift in timing can make a big difference. In the latest post on the USAGov blog, learn how USAGov en Español got better-acquainted with its Twitter followers and grew engagement by 110% just by changing the timing and frequency of tweets.

The USAGov team is always experimenting and learning new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government. We'd love for you to learn along with us, and subscribe to the blog.

Thanks,
nancy

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Nancy Tyler
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Good morning fellow content managers:

We are enhancing the design of GSA.gov, and your feedback will be valuable in helping us make sure the layout of the site is intuitive.

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Thank you so much for your help!

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Belated greetings, everyone! It’s high season for UX right now. I second sentiment and send many thanks to Ammie and the volunteer cohort, as well as to all of you, for your contributions. We reach out and support each other by lifting up good works and celebrating achievements. Just like Tori’s appreciation for the federal web community, those gifts of wisdom over the years are to be treasured; I’m thrilled to be a part of the community.

A little about me: Making connections, be it people or ideas, and sharing the discoveries are two sides of the same coin. That philosophy comes in handy since I enjoy teaching and writing about UX. At my day job, I get to work with the fabulous people at FAA and I’ve also had the great luck to encounter mentors while at FDA and HHS and in the private sector these last 20-odd years. Lately my area of interest centers around performance measures and metrics, policy, strategic planning and how they intersect with innovation, customer experience, and human-centered design. Also, the tools of UX, the business of UX, and of course usability testing.

If there’s ever a UX trivia team, count me in.

- Beth

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- Develop communications materials about environmental issues and/or decisions for public consumption;
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The position closes on Monday, Aug. 3.

Best regards,

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Chief, Communication Services Branch
Office of Pesticide Programs
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You can find the videos on Drupal.tv, but this is a direct link to the session:

There's other options too, like using a decoupled drupal solution with something like HAX (search
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Mike Jennings
OSTI, US DOE

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This is very timely. Over here at NIST we are about to begin the process of re-evaluating our Drupal authoring experience for both our internal and public websites. Both have been updated to Drupal 8 recently. Would love to see how everyone has their authoring environments setup too.

Laura – If you could add me to that email/meeting that would be great!

Thanks,

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Hope this is helpful. Please reach out if you have any questions.

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Drupal.tv is just an aggregator, makes it easier to share videos.

And it's an aggregator, there's no reason for it to be blocked for any of us feds. You should be able to ask for it to be evaluated to be whitelisted. I know there were processes for that at the other agencies I've been at. I'm sure USDA has a similar process.

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Ditto!

We’re nowhere near ready to migrate, but with 150+ forests, nine regions, dozens of standalone sites and over a billion hits a year, we’re going to have to lean heavily on the experience and warnings of those who have gone before us.

(thankfully, I only have 14 of those sites!)

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From: Content Managers [mailto:CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV] On Behalf Of Maher, Mary - REE-ERS, Washington, DC
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 9:21 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Request for Drupal authoring screen captures

us too!!!
Kimberly Stewart
Program Manager
Learning Solutions Center
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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Hernandez, Paul A. (Fed)
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 10:40 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [External Sender] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Request for Drupal authoring screen captures

Hi Everyone,

This is very timely. Over here at NIST we are about to begin the process of re-evaluating our Drupal authoring experience for both our internal and public websites. Both have been updated to Drupal 8 recently. Would love to see how everyone has their authoring environments setup too.

Laura – If you could add me to that email/meeting that would be great!

Thanks,

Paul Hernandez
IT Specialist
National Institute of Standards and Technology
paul.hernandez@nist.gov <mailto:paul.hernandez@nist.gov>

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of "Larrimore, Laura" <Laura.Larrimore@USPTO.GOV>
Reply-To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 at 10:09 AM
To: "CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV" <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
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Hey Tom,

We use D8 too. We have about 150 folks in the authoring environment regularly. We created about 1,500 pages of new content last year. What types of content do you have that you most want to see?
As NSF is our neighbor down the street (J), we’re happy to share with you what we have. What’s your email address? Cathy who handles our documentation has PDFs of our instructions we could share.

Normally, I’d also invite you over to our office if you wanted to meet in person – but in these times, if you wanted to hop on a webex, I’d be happy to do that if that’s helpful! I have a lot of thoughts on the pros/cons of how we have things set up.

~Laura

Laura Larrimore
Senior Digital Strategist
Office of the Chief Communications Officer
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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Selsley, Thomas
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Jane,

This is really great! I shared this with my team, and they are familiar with the great work at VA. Thanks very much.

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Hi All,

I worked as a content strategist on VA's facility website migration (in progress) from Teamsite to Drupal 8 last year. The airtable links below show some of the early content types with screenshots (just click on the thumbnails for details). I rolled off this project but the content types have remained the same for the most part and reflect common configurations of content that are distinct enough to be unique types in a system. So the content types we developed reflected the needs of a health care system. Yours will likely be different...but there are definitely more universal content types (ie, press release, article, blog, etc) that would work for most organizations.

What’s more important in setting up a CMS is how the content types relate to each other through the content model and a taxonomy than the technology you choose.

If you can't access the airtable links, you’ll need to come off VPN.

Content Types Gallery view: https://airtable.com/shra2NtAmBf6adPul
Table view: https://airtable.com/shrgslumEXLHgS151

Here's the pilot website that is now in Drupal 8 and incorporates the content types inventoried above. https://www.va.gov/pittsburgh-health-care/
Hope this is helpful. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Jane

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Sent from my iPhone

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Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Date: Tue, 28 Jul 2020 13:12:17 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2502 bytes), text/html (7 kB)
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Digital.gov
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Date: Tue, 28 Jul 2020 13:37:32 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/alternative
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (4 kB) , text/html (13 kB)

Kirsten,

Just as background to why you are seeing VA numbers. We started using the shortner recently as it provides a .gov address (trust) and gives us immediate feedback (click count) on the effectiveness of the message – be it a text message, social media, etc.

Steve

// SIGNED //

Stephen M. Walker
Web Communication Lead

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Our nation’s advances against cancer in relation to Healthy People targets set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. The Cancer Trends Progress Report is designed to help the nation review past efforts and plan future ones.

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That was part of the intent when it was built. To be an authoritative source so that anyone on social media who saw it would know it was a gov link and could trust the information being provided.

But I remember when I was at VA that there was a va url shortener in use. Perhaps that was just for internal items. I did notice that disa and dfas have several links on the go list that are likely internal ones for their agencies. Since the code is open source, and I know DFAS was (maybe still is?) drupal, they could just use the code and host an internal one for the internal urls.

Nice to see that it’s worked well for VA. Can’t believe it’s been almost 5 years now since I moved agencies. Wishing you all the best.

K

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Walker, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:37 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] url shortener efficacy with US gov social media

Kirsten,

Just as background to why you are seeing VA numbers. We started using the shortener recently as it provides a .gov address (trust) and gives us immediate feedback (click count) on the effectiveness of the message – be it a text message, social media, etc.

Steve

// SIGNED //

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Kirsten Burgard
Sent: Tuesday, July 28, 2020 9:12 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] url shortener efficacy with US gov social media

So, was just looking at https://go.usa.gov/
I wanted to see the top urls ever shortened. I like to check the links after cause I just like to see if they are still active.

What I noticed today is that 5 of the top URLs shortened using go.usa.gov are Corona virus ones. That seems solid. What I didn't expect is that they'd be from the Department of Veterans Affairs. All 5 of the Corona virus URLs are VA.

I'm also not surprised by the top two even if they're from 2011 and 2012...  
https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/cyclones/

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Jane,

Thank you for sharing this excellent work.

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Newman, Jane E.  
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2020 11:29 AM  
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Request for Drupal authoring screen captures

Hi All,

I worked as a content strategist on VA's facility website migration (in progress) from Teamsite to Drupal 8 last year. The airtable links below show some of the early content types with screenshots (just click on the thumbnails for details). I rolled off this project but the content types have remained the same for the most part and reflect common configurations of content that are distinct enough to be unique types in a system. So the content types we developed reflected the needs of a healthcare system. Yours will likely be different...but there are definitely more universal content types (ie, press release, article, blog, etc) that would work for most organizations.

What’s more important in setting up a CMS is how the content types relate to each other through the content model and a taxonomy than the technology you choose.

If you can't access the airtable links, you’ll need to come off VPN.

Content Types Gallery view: https://airtable.com/shra2NtAmBf6adPul  
Table view: https://airtable.com/shrqsIumEXLHgS151

Here's the pilot website that is now in Drupal 8 and incorporates the content types inventoried above. https://www.va.gov/pittsburgh-health-care/

Hope this is helpful. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Jane
On Jul 27, 2020, at 9:55 AM, Selsley, Thomas <0000046dacdf5378-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hello content management experts,
My agency is iterating on a new public-facing website with USWDS and Drupal 8. Currently we have several important content types / web pages created by admins. We are ramping up to get 100 or so authors involved in creating new pages using content types. This will be very different than the old CMS that uses HTML templates (think Dreamweaver templates).

Question for the community, if your agency has implemented Drupal 8, what does your authoring environment look like? We are especially interested if it's possible to share images from your Drupal 8 authoring environment, such as screen captures or documentation that contains screen captures. Thanks, all!

Best Regards,

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Happy Friday everyone,

I’m wondering if anyone out there has any insight to any available open source code for the IT dashboard: https://itdashboard.gov/drupal/.

Thanks in advance!

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