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Tim Lowden, Digital Analytics Program Manager, will join us to talk about all things data — strategies, challenges, tools, and more!

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I shall study and share SIFT and The Five Pillars. Workable guidelines. Thanks.

I liked the tag category “Bullshit Detection School”.

Maybe fakery also has something to do with “being too busy” and “it’s not my fault”.

I remember back in the old days when “computers” were expensive, and connection time was paid for by the minute.

For me, I was usually too busy for social media, and seem to think that once I made 18, everything was my fault. So if I’ve been faked, I don’t know it.

To me, there’s not much difference between deep fakes and a forged signature. So maybe the difference is in the observer.

Stay healthy everybody.

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Stop me if you've heard this one.

Once upon a time, as the first Gulf War was winding down, an Army photographer took a picture of a sergeant and the sergeant’s daughter, embracing. The sergeant had just gotten off a military flight from overseas, where he had been combat-deployed. It was a day-long flight, his 5 o’clock shadow seemed more 11 pm-ish and he was jonesing for a smoke. It was a damn fine photo, in the best military tradition.

Naturally, someone decided it needed to be improved. In the photo, pinned between his index and middle fingers, was the sergeant’s unlit cig. It was said that some young officer, upon seeing the printed photo, piped up, “A good NCO wouldn’t be smoking in this picture.”

So, the enlisted photographer retreated to the darkroom (yes, a real darkroom) and burned and dodged until the cigarette was gone – cleanly, miraculously gone. A bit of context for folks who may have never “painted” with the nearly magical combination of film, paper, chemistry and light – removing this objectionable object was not an easy task, given the tech at their disposal. Getting rid of that one cigarette burned significant time and effort. But it became the cover photo (above the fold) of the next post newspaper and it looked outstanding.

If this was the whole story, I’d never have heard of it. As it turns out, the Army photog wasn’t the only “shooter” present that day. Someone from the local paper was also there, took pretty much the same photo – and left the cigarette in the photo. Naturally, this photo also made the cover of its newspaper, making for an interesting side-by-side display in the local shop.

On that day, locals learned that their military neighbors would doctor a photo for a relatively insignificant reason. They intuited that a better reason would also result in a visual “lie” (and they were probably right). The military apologized for its “error” and attempted to move on.

What they didn’t know, was that the story would make its way to the Army public affairs community’s worldwide newsletter. The controversy had gone global.

Some public affairs specialists (I’m recalling a printed letter from a sergeant first class) embraced the tradition of following orders and the then-current guidance against smoking. Some remained silent. One fool (stationed in Korea at the time) opined that credibility was the currency of Army public affairs and shouldn’t be burned without much better reason. He called photographs the “holy icons” of our profession. He said that burning and dodging for emphasis was fine, but that adding or removing elements (without telling the audience) should be forbidden by public affairs doctrine, to maintain the aforementioned credibility – and that we would miss that credibility if we lost it.

If that young private (a private first class, if memory serves) were here today, he’d probably raise a warning flag about visual honesty with our audiences and what it might mean for our relationships with them. He’d probably applaud Laura’s consideration of what to do with an inherited program – and probably wouldn’t fight fake backgrounds for online meetings, since we pretty much expect them now. He might even wrap his comments in a retelling of the old (real!) soldier-with-a-cigarette story.

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I don't think agencies need to wait around for high quality deepfakes before we have worry, though. There's already been many deepfakes related to politics that, if people took more than a gnat-second they would've seen areas of the video that were shoddy. Often people are easily fooled, even by poor quality deepfakes, because they want to believe it's true and can't imagine that it was that easy to fake.
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Does anyone know of any other analytics vendors that we should consider?

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If you have any questions or issues, please let me know or reach out directly to Syed Azeem (syed.azeem@gsa.gov) who is managing this effort from the GSA Centers of Excellence Cloud Adoption team.

Thank you in advance for the change and Happy Monday!
Claire

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https://digital.gov/guides/web-analytics-playbook/

Digital.gov Customer Experience Playbook (Customer Understanding section addresses data)
https://digital.gov/resources/customer-experience-toolkit/

Digital Services Playbook, Play 12
https://playbook.cio.gov/#play12

Veterans Affairs Customer Experience Cookbook for Federal Agencies

I would love to hear from others in the group who have found resources that allow them to develop strategies and more effectively use their web analytics.

Thanks,

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Linda,
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I’m partial to Visual Studio Code for my days as a full stack developer using the full version of Visual Studio, but I love Visual Studio Code as a code editor.

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Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:16 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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she / her / hers
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Siteimprove will do it, but does anyone on the list use it for their Intranet sites? It’s based in Denmark and there must be a lot of security concerns with using it on an intranet.

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US EPA, Office of Mission Support,
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Desk: 202-566-0581 | Cell: (b) (6)
Office: WJC West 5329U
We use SEMrush (https://www.semrush.com/) and have used Screaming Frog (https://www.screamingfrog.co.uk/). Screaming Frog has a free version if you'd like to see the type of reporting it can provide.

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There are lots of other free tools our there depending on your needs.

A brief list compiled by Moz: https://moz.com/blog/best-free-seo-tools.
Subject: List of Requirements [Justification for new CMS] (UNCLASSIFIED)
From: "USARMY MEDCOM APHC (USA)"<MAIL.MIL>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Date: Tue, 9 Mar 2021 23:16:51 +0000
Content-Type: text/plain
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (34 lines)
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Content Managers & Webmasters

I've been asked to put together a list of requirements for IT and Senior Leaders that would justify a need for an upgraded CMS. We are currently running a legacy version of Sharepoint, and we're looking into other options such as Drupal. Does anyone have any sort of template that would be useful to help me started on this list? I don't have much experience in these sort of documents (what information to include, how detailed it should be, what format, etc.), so any advice or assistance you can offer is appreciated.

Thank you.

@mail.mil

Visual Information Specialist
Public Health Communication
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Hello!

Join the U.S. Web Design System team on **Thursday, March 18 at 2:00 p.m. ET** to hear about USWDS 2.11.0, our most recent release.

We’ll review the latest bundle of components designed with emergency response in mind, and we’ll explain how you can use them to highlight critical information and actions on your own websites during emergency response efforts.

The information in this month’s call will be particularly beneficial for developers.

**Register here to join us!**

*Please note: We have moved this month’s call to 2:00 p.m. ET (instead of the usual 2:30 p.m.) to ensure it does not conflict with the Drupal CMS Group meeting that many folks attend.*

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Hi Content Managers!

We’re thinking about Instagram today on the USAGov Blog. Our outreach team has been experimenting with Instagram Stories, hashtags, themes, and color schemes. Find out what they discovered.

And please subscribe to the USAGov blog to learn along with us as we look for new ways to use data and technology to connect people with their government.

Thanks,

Nancy

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

FAS Technology Transformation Services - TTS Solutions
U.S. General Services Administration
Hello all,

Thanks for all of the great responses on SEO tools.

I probably should have been a wee bit more specific about what we’re looking for.

We’ve been looking at tools such as SEMrush, Ahrefs, and Ubersuggest. If you have experience with these – or others that provide similar functions – I’d love to hear from you.

We used to get a lot of excellent info from Google Search Console, but the 1000-URL limit doesn’t work for a website with 50K+ pages.

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:18 PM
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We also only use Siteimprove for our public websites (and recommend it). It looks like you might be able to use it for intranet and non-public websites.

https://support.siteimprove.com/hc/en-gb/articles/115000083211-Can-Siteimprove-crawl-an-intranet-and-other-non-public-sites-

Good luck!

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Hi Cathy,

We’ve only used Siteimprove for public websites. I don’t manage our Intranet sites.

From: Edstrom, Cathy [mailto:Edstrom.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 1:38 AM
Content Managers List [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV]; doh.hawaii.gov
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All,

USAGM (formerly known as BBG – Broadcasting Board of Governors) is the parent agency of my agency, Voice of America.

Openings:

Director of Congressional Affairs: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/594483000 - federal
Does anyone have PDs for the following:

A.I. Developer
Data Analyst
Data Engineer
Data Psychologist
Systems Engineer

Any assistance is much appreciated!!!
Subject: Re: PDs Job Descriptions -- Help!
From: "Larrimore, Laura" <Laura.Larrimore@USPTO.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Larrimore, Laura
Date: Tue, 16 Mar 2021 18:51:15 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/signed
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (2575 bytes), text/html (6 kB), smime.p7s (5 kB)

I don't have any PDs, but our agency just hired a AI researcher/strategy type person (who is amazing!). There may be some useful elements in that PD. The person who may know more is the comms lead in the CIO’s office Adrienne Cox (copied here).

Hope that helps!
~Laura

Laura Larrimore
Hello!

Is anyone else working with text fragments? While I appreciate that it's currently a Chrome-only feature, we're starting to experiment with adding them to links, including shortened social media links.

Larry
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Larry Gillick
Chief, Web & Digital Strategy
Farm Production and Conservation Business Center
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Phone: 202-720-4024
Whatchoo talkin' bout, Willis? (This is a generational reference test. Were this an actual generational emergency, there would now be a detailed message directing further action).

Got an example?

I tried reading that reference page and then followed the link to another page, and I'm still not quite sure I understand.

Is a text fragment:
1) A Chrome feature that allows a web page builder or social media user to get a URL that, when opened in Chrome by another person, goes directly to a specific bit of text in the destination page?
2) Something to make text from a destination page appear when you mouse over a link, like Wikipedia does? Like this:
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From **Diff'rent Strokes** (1978–1986), for which he received the Young Artist Award for Best Performance by a Child Actor. He also starred in the sitcom **Lite Track** (1980–1982) and the comedy film **Monkey Business** (1988). He recurred as William Turner on the ABC soap opera **Loving** (1985–1987).

**Diff'rent Strokes** is an American television sitcom that aired on NBC from November 3, 1978, to May 4, 1985, and on ABC from September 27, 1985, to March 7, 1986. The series stars Gary Coleman and Todd Bridges as Arnold and Willis Jackson, respectively, two African-American boys from Harlem.
Hi

Sure thing. If you Google “prevented planting” in Chrome, you might get a snippet response at the top of your results. If you do, clicking through will show a page on farmers.gov with highlighted text. I mention this, because this means that Google is using its own feature and it’s (at least somewhat) working.

Or you can just try this link: https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conervation/healthy-grass-equals-profitable-ranches#:~:text=deeded%20and%20leased,meet%20the%20prairie.
I neglected to mention that the browser will land such that the highlighted text is visible. The # following the main link text is a hint of this functionality — like deep-linking on a page to a marked section.

It’s not perfect. Some links just don’t seem to want to work. Google gives a hint to this in the description of their text fragment link creator plug-in. Also, I can’t test the plug-in, as it’s blocked by default. One day!

Larry
Also note that Google has a chrome extension made for this as well (which also works in Edge). I've had this for awhile now in my browser and it often comes in handy.

[Link to Text Fragment - Chrome Web Store (google.com)](google.com)

Scott Horvath
WWW Product Manager
Sounds like a modified anchor link that includes highlights over the text to me... Interesting.
Ahhhhh. So it's #1. I liked both of your examples - different experiences to go from an email and from a search result.

As you say, it's similar to giving the link-creator, instead of the page-creator, a way to provide a link down into a page, while also highlighting the bit of text of interest.

Veeerrrrryy interesting.
Hello,
This is my first question for the group... I wanted to know if anyone could recommend a reliable webinar platform for government use, since our organization can no longer use Microsoft Teams/CVR after June 1. No cost would be ideal, but I understand that isn’t always best. Thanks for your help!

Yours in service,
Subject: Webinar: Journey into Kubernetes Thurs 3/18 at 3pm ET
From: "Dearie, Jessica" <Dearie.Jessica@EPA.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Dearie, Jessica
Date: Wed, 17 Mar 2021 17:39:36 +0000
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Another webinar from Drupal4Gov!

Join us for a look at what it takes to go from start to production with Kubernetes.
FWIW, I just tried the link below with Firefox, Chrome, and Edge. With Firefox, it just went to the top of the page. With the other two, it went to the text, which was highlighted. Somebody else will have to test Safari. ;-) I think that the raw URL is very long and might look suspicious to somebody who has have done cursory phishing training. But in conjunction with a shortened URL it could be really useful. https://go.usa.gov/xsAZm :)

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:26 PM
Hi Content Managers,

Over the past year, USAGov has been tracking COVID-19 search data and working hard to connect people with government information during the pandemic. Today on the USAGov blog, we're sharing an infographic based on USAGov searches during the last 12 months. It illustrates people's changing coronavirus concerns from season to season.

In times of crisis or everyday life, we're always learning new ways to use data and technology to bring people and government together. We'd love for you to learn along with us, and subscribe to the blog.

Thanks,

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Hello-

I am having an unfortunate preview on LI for one of my posts. Can someone at OPM USAJobs assist with this? Or provide me a contact? I need this improved. Thank you for any assistance.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has established a commission to identify candidates to lead VHA. The Under #Secretary for Under Secretary for Health

usajobs.gov • 1 min read
The easiest fix would be to delete and repost this. When the link previews, you can select another image to run with the link.

On Thu, Mar 18, 2021 at 9:11 AM Sherrard, Darren (WMC) <00000cd1b03e9c8e-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hello-
Hi Darren,

You can certainly reach out to our agency help desk (recruiter-help@usajobs.gov) with any USAJOBS related questions in the future, but I'm taking a look and will get back to you shortly.

Dan Thibodeau, USAJOBS Product Manager
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Cell (b) (6) [REDACTED]
Hi all,

I'm trying to find information on how Gov Delivery counts the read and open rates, and if the preview function of Outlook mail affects this at all. I emailed Gov Delivery for info but didn't hear back, and my google searching is inconclusive...hoping someone on the listserv has insight on this.

Best,
Meagan

Meagan Sedivy (Taylor)
Web Operations Manager
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Meagan,  
My understanding is that there is essentially an invisible tracker GIF on the email and so every time the image is accessed, you get an open hit. 
So yes, Outlook preview might impact the count where you flip by the email and the preview shows but you aren't actually “opening” it.  
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Hey Morgan,
I can remember where I read this or who told me but I think a preview view in Outlook does not count.

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Great info, Kathleen!

I’d also suggest simply testing it: set up a new list with just you on it, send a bulletin, and then try various things like previewing it and forwarding it, on both computers and phones.

Turn off settings that automatically download images and try it again.

And iterate for various options/settings.

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The increasingly controversial email pixel trackers!

We used to call them “web bugs” or “web beacons” back in the day!

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Civil Liberties, Privacy & Transparency
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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of (b) (6)
(Bureau of Administration)
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:12 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:01 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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The issue with GovDelivery is that at VA, since it originates outside the firewall, the source is not seen as a trusted sender (even with the new messages.va.gov reply address), so it requires manual intervention to show images. Since open rates are based on the loading of an image, open rates are considerably lower for messages sent into VA.

Steve
Here's a good summary of the issue from HubSpot.  


If anything, your open rate could be undercounting opens since many corporate email systems block images by default.


If you want a better way to measure engagement, look at unique clicks and click rate. Clicks are more reliable unless you have Microsoft Safe Link bots clicking your links. (If that happens you'll see abnormally high # of clicks for the first 5 links. The pattern doesn't fit normal human behavior.)

Here are a few ad-hoc formulas that I use to help measure engagement. Note that these are "softer" metrics than click rate.

Total opens + total clicks + total shared landing page views (share this button in email) = Total digital impressions

Total digital impressions / total messages delivered = Digital engagement rate

Granicus/GovDelivery also offers their own "Engagement Rate" metric that looks at opens or clicks over the past 90 days. And they offer their own version of "Impressions" looking back over the past year. Both can be found in the Account Performance Report. See: https://support.granicus.com/s/article/Account-Performance-Report

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Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Kimberly Becht <Kimberly.Becht@TRADE.GOV>
Date: Thu, 18 Mar 2021 17:50:05 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (5 kB) , text/html (12 kB) , image001.png (12 kB)

Something to note about govDelivery open rates is that each originating email is tagged to a specific user. If one user opens the email and forwards it to 5 additional people and all 5 of them open the email, it shows that the original email recipient opened the email 6 times. There is no way to track the people that it has been forwarded to.

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Gabrielle Perret - ZMA
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:36 PM
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i recommend asking GovDelivery to set up a demo account for you to use, so you can test this in your environment. Every situation is different, so any advice from others, including me, may not apply to your setting. For example, I primarily use GovDelivery for internal/employee comms., which is not how most agencies use it.

Like others, our email system is set to block images from outside sources, which it does for GovDelivery messages even though we have whitelisted their servers. However, the effect appears to be negligible. It appears that most people who receive these messages choose to load the images.

I echo what Katherine wrote about using high numbers of opens to determine if someone forwarded a message. She’s right that we can’t see who they forwarded it to, however, I can see the managers who regularly forward to their staff. This helps me see who key communicators are in my agency, who reinforce messages by resending them.

Pinpoint accuracy isn’t my main concern with any analytics, because they all have their flaws. I use the GovD numbers as a general indication that the messages are going out and being received, and then I try to find outcomes, such as more people attending the information sessions we advertise. If the outcomes aren’t what we want and I know that the message was received, I can immediately start looking at other factors that have a greater effect on outcomes than the open rate.

I hope this helps. If you have additional questions, please let me know.

--Franklin

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From: "Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC"
<Lawrence.Gillick@USDA.GOV>
Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC <Lawrence.Gillick@USDA.GOV>

Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC <Lawrence.Gillick@USDA.GOV>

Date: Fri, 19 Mar 2021 14:21:47 +0000

Content-Type: multipart/related

Parts/Attachments: text/plain (16 kB), text/html (29 kB), image001.png (263 kB)

Right. It's a Chrome/Chromium feature (see OP), at least for now. The link will still take users to the proper page on other browsers, but not to the text.

Chrome on Windows: Yes
Chrome on Android: Yes
Chrome on Safari: Yes (which surprises me, as I was pretty sure that was WebKit based – whoops!)
Chrome on Mac: Yes
Opera on Mac: Yes (Chromium base)
Edge on Windows: Yes (Chromium base)
Firefox: No (Quantum base)
Safari: No (WebKit base)

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Wood, Tim (Fed)
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:01 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Text Fragments, anyone?

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Erville, Kathleen (CFPB) <Kathleen.Erville@CFPB.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:53 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Text Fragments, anyone?

Sounds like a modified anchor link that includes highlights over the text to me... Interesting.

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Horvath, Scott
Also note that Google has a chrome extension made for this as well (which also works in Edge). I’ve had this for awhile now in my browser and it often comes in handy.

[Link to Text Fragment - Chrome Web Store (google.com)]

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Scott Horvath
WWW Product Manager
571-296-1157 (soliciting = block)
shorvath@usgs.gov (soliciting = junk)

Hi [b] (6)

Sure thing. If you Google “prevented planting” in Chrome, you might get a snippet response at the top of your results. If you do, clicking through will show a page on farmers.gov with highlighted text. I mention this, because this means that Google is using its own feature and it’s (at least somewhat) working.

Or you can just try this link: https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conservation/healthy-grass-equals-profitable-ranches#:~:text=deeded%20and%20leased,meet%20the%20prairie.

I’m not sure what Outlook will do to it, so you might need to copy/paste the text.

Remember: Chrome, for now. Maybe Edge (thanks, Chromium!), not Safari.

Larry

Whatchoo talkin’ bout, Willis? (This is a generational reference test. Were this an actual generational emergency, there would now be a detailed message directing further action).

Got an example?

I tried reading that reference page and then followed the link to another page, and I’m still not quite sure I understand.
Is a text fragment:
1) A Chrome feature that allows a web page builder or social media user to get a URL that, when opened in Chrome by another person, goes directly to a specific bit of text in the destination page?
or
2) Something to make text from a destination page appear when you mouse over a link, like Wikipedia does? Like this:

Diff'rent Strokes is an American television sitcom that aired on NBC from November 3, 1978, to May 4, 1985, and on ABC from September 27, 1985, to March 7, 1986. The series stars Gary Coleman and Todd Bridges as Arnold and Willis Jackson, respectively, two African-American boys from Harlem.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:33 AM
Hello!

Is anyone else working with text fragments? While I appreciate that it's currently a Chrome-only feature, we're starting to experiment with adding them to links, including shortened social media links.

Larry
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Hi, Lisa. Where is it that you’re seeing “a drop in their accessibility scores”? Is this in scans being run by USDA? What tool are you using to scan your sites?

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I'm definitely interested in understanding this as well. If there is something we can improve on the USWDS side, that would be a priority for us.

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Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 11:04 AM
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Greetings all,

I was hoping to get some feedback from any groups that are utilizing CI/CD for their CMS deployments. More specifically, Azure tenants if possible. We are not able to utilize GitHub, so are seeking feedback from anyone who has used an alternative service/methodology. Appreciate any insight you may have!

Kind regards,

(b) (6) CPACC
On the USWDS side, we'll start by digging into SiteImprove.

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Content managers, Please reach out to us to report any issues with accessibility or other bugs. You can submit an issue on GitHub or reach out to us directly at uswds@support.digitalgov.gov.

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I know them as web beacons.

The increasingly controversial email pixel trackers!

We used to call them “web bugs” or “web beacons” back in the day!

Conversely, if someone has images turned off on their email, you may not get an open count – but if they do click a link you will get a 0 open count, but a positive link count.

Also, I have found opening a support ticket at Granicus through the Support link in the govDelivery interface works well for replies. Their support help is usually pretty good in providing contextual help to whatever page you are on.

Hope this helps!
Hi all,

I'm trying to find information on how Gov Delivery counts the read and open rates, and if the preview function of Outlook mail affects this at all. I emailed Gov Delivery for info but didn't hear back, and my google searching is inconclusive...hoping someone on the listserv has insight on this.

Best,
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Yes, Siteimprove is doing an upgrade to their software. It is called Next Gen. It was made available week of 3/11, but users have the option to hold off before moving to it. We are holding off until next week but it has affected our ACCESSIBILITY scores drastically.

I have attached a draft report showing the difference of the scores BEFORE & AFTER NextGen. We were able to do this because we download data from Siteimprove every night and add it to a database, and then we run the new report just recently created.

Please don’t share any of the names of the websites, but you can certainly share the totals, etc. It is custom report as Siteimprove has tons of statistics on 1 site, but we have 182+ in our CMS and they don’t have a consolidate report like this one!!

Slipped (A) – 14 websites slipped because their Accessibility score went below 90% - that is the affect NEXT GEN has on the data..

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We even sent an email out to all of our Siteimprove users to take a class on Next Gen academy. See email we sent out below:

*Hi all,*

*There are updates coming to Siteimprove and we wanted to let you know before a switch to the Next Gen is made. In the attached document you will find screen shots and explanations to what is new with Next Gen, what is migrated to Next Gen, and the things that Siteimprove has removed from the product.*

*We are working with our Vendor Siteimprove to provide instructor lead training classes with regards to Next Gen.*

"Still need to check with Nick that this is the correct class"

*They have also published a class regarding Next Gen within the Siteimprove Academy: [https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=63751411883195101](https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=63751411883195101)*
We have also reached out to our rep at Siteimprove and scheduled a hour class from Siteimprove. Users can all do the same if they reach out to Siteimprove directly!

Hopefully this answer helps.

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I appreciate where you’re coming from on this except that the text fragment URL is now broken. The hyphen and the space aren’t interchangeable in a text fragment.
Yes I'm a contractor at the state government level in Iowa and I know there are others like me. To whatever extent that modifies what you can/should post I figure you ought to know. I enjoy being on this list immensely and I learn so much!

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:37 AM <000008f6f6f6f6f6f-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

   Hi everyone.

   Quick reminder on not “sharing publicly ...”

   Everything we say here can be FOIA’d, and I think there are more than 3000 people on this list.

   And while I think this list is still limited to gov’t employees, that’s not true for some other communities hosted by digital.gov, so there are contractors on some.

Thank you for sharing. I won’t share this publicly. This seems pretty similar to what we are seeing. It seems to me to be more of a SiteImprove issue as I thought vs. a USWDS issue or bug.

Thanks,

Lisa
Yes, Siteimprove is doing an upgrade to their software. It is called Next Gen. It was made available week of 3/11, but users have the option to hold off before moving to it. We are holding off until next week but it has affected our ACCESSIBILITY scores drastically.

I have attached a draft report showing the difference of the scores BEFORE & AFTER NextGen. We were able to do this because we download data from Siteimprove every night and add it to a database, and then we run the new report just recently created.

Please don’t share any of the names of the websites, but you can certainly share the totals, etc. It is custom report as Siteimprove has tons of statistics on 1 site, but we have 182+ in our CMS and they don’t have a consolidate report like this one!!

Slipped (A) – 14 websites slipped because their Accessibility score went below 90% - that is the affect NEXT GEN has on the data..

**TOTAL COMPLIANT Website (Tracked)** 65
**COMPLIANT: PDF > 15** 5
**COMPLIANT: Not in CMS** 0
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| Total Sites Dropped Compliancy (Slipped) | 20 |
| Slipped [A] | 14 |
| Slipped [D] | 6 |
| Slipped [D,A] | 0 |
| CMS and Total Accessibility > 90 (Only) | 63 |
| Pending Compliance (See Red Compliant / New Compliant) | 0 |
| Bad Scores (bad pdfs = 0, but scores > 90) (CMS, Not Slipped) | 3 |

We even sent an email out to all of our Siteimprove users to take a class on Next Gen academy. See email we sent out below:

_Hi all,_

_There are updates coming to Siteimprove and we wanted to let you know before a switch to the Next Gen is made. In the attached document you will find screen shots and explanations to what is new with Next Gen, what is migrated to Next Gen, and the things that Siteimprove has removed from the product._

_We are working with our Vendor Siteimprove to provide instructor lead training classes with regards to Next Gen._

_"Still need to check with Nick that this is the correct class”_

_They have also published a class regarding Next Gen within the Siteimprove Academy: [https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=637514118833195101](https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=637514118833195101)_

We have also reached out to our rep at Siteimprove and scheduled a hour class from Siteimprove. Users can all do the same if they reach out to Siteimprove directly!

Hopefully this answer helps.

Response provided by:

(b) (6) CPM | State Web Development Manager

State of Nevada | Department of Administration | Enterprise I.T. Services Division

Posted by:

(b) (6) Chief, Research, Planning and Grant Management

Enterprise IT Services Team

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Daniel Williams - QQE  
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 9:47 AM  
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV  
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Accessibility score dropping when migrating to USWDS

I'm definitely interested in understanding this as well. If there is something we can improve on the USWDS side, that would be a priority for us.

On Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 9:25 AM Morin, Gary (NIH/NCI) [E] <000001e726dff659-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Lisa. Where is it that you're seeing “a drop in their accessibility scores”? is this in scans being run by USDA? What tool are you using to scan your sites?

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Web Accessibility - Section 508 Compliance: NCI Home Page for Section 508 Guidance

How Do I Make Documents 508-Conformant?: How Do I Go About Formatting Microsoft Office Documents and PDF Files (new MyNCI page, 4/28/2020)
Quietly Thinking About This: The difference between Inclusive Design and Accessibility:

- Accessibility asks: You have a barrier, what’s the facilitator that gets you over that barrier?
- Inclusive Design asks: What if we just didn’t have the barrier in the first place?

NCI Section 508 ListServ

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2. Enter your name and email address

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**From:** Wilcox, Lisa - REE-ERS, Washington, DC <0000058688345e84-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>

**Sent:** Friday, March 19, 2021 11:04 AM

**To:** CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV

**Subject:** [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Accessibility score dropping when migrating to USWDS

I’m wondering if other folks have experienced a drop in their accessibility scores while migrating to the USWDS?

We have noticed a bit of a drop and are trying to discern what is happening. This paired with SiteImprove changing their accessibility algorithm is concerning.

Thanks in advance,

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I was finally able to pick my head up for some air and, as a result, noticed the Core Web Vitals and Page Speed Insights part of Google Search Console. In particular, I noticed the Page Speed Insights has some Drupal-specific recommendations.

I’m wondering what y’all’s thoughts are on it – whether it provides good advice for improving your website.

Thank you,

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Very interesting.

Good suggestion.

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There’s a lot of fishing going on right now…

I just got off a call about someone finding an unpublished section of our website… waiting on content for over two years. Thankfully it was Lorem Ipsum text and not something else.

Yeah… I’m thinking of changing that landing page to forward to the netherworld.

Very interesting.

Good suggestion.

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:26 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Text Fragments, anyone?

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kme

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:22 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Text Fragments, anyone?

Right. It's a Chrome/Chromium feature (see OP), at least for now. The link will still take users to the proper page on other browsers, but not to the text.

Chrome on Windows: Yes
Chrome on Android: Yes
Chrome on Safari: Yes (which surprises me, as I was pretty sure that was WebKit based – whoops!)
Chrome on Mac: Yes
Opera on Mac: Yes (Chromium base)
Edge on Windows: Yes (Chromium base)
Firefox: No (Quantum base)
Safari: No (WebKit base)

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Wood, Tim (Fed)
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:01 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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FYI, Safari 14.0.3 on Mac OS 10.15.7 does not go to the text or highlight it.

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Erville, Kathleen (CFPB) <Kathleen.Erville@CFPB.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:53 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] [EXTERNAL] Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Text Fragments, anyone?
Sounds like a modified anchor link that includes highlights over the text to me... Interesting.

Also note that Google has a chrome extension made for this as well (which also works in Edge). I've had this for awhile now in my browser and it often comes in handy.

Link to Text Fragment - Chrome Web Store (google.com)

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WWW Product Manager
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shorvath@usgs.gov (soliciting = junk)

Hi

Sure thing. If you Google “prevented planting” in Chrome, you might get a snippet response at the top of your results. If you do, clicking through will show a page on farmers.gov with highlighted text. I mention this, because this means that Google is using its own feature and it’s (at least somewhat) working.

Or you can just try this link: https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conservation/healthy-grass-equals-profitable-ranches#:~:text=deeded%20and%20leased,meet%20the%20prairie.

I'm not sure what Outlook will do to it, so you might need to copy/paste the text.

Remember: Chrome, for now. Maybe Edge (thanks, Chromium!), not Safari.

Larry
Got an example?

I tried reading that reference page and then followed the link to another page, and I'm still not quite sure I understand.

Is a text fragment:
1) A Chrome feature that allows a web page builder or social media user to get a URL that, when opened in Chrome by another person, goes directly to a specific bit of text in the destination page?

or

2) Something to make text from a destination page appear when you mouse over a link, like Wikipedia does? Like this:
Hello!

Is anyone else working with text fragments? While I appreciate that it's currently a Chrome-only feature, we're starting to experiment with adding them to links, including shortened social media links.

Larry

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Thanks for bringing this up, Eric! I’m also curious and would appreciate replies on list if possible, and if that’s not too much for everyone.

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Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2021 19:56:33 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (30 kB), text/html (49 kB), image003.png (263 kB), image002.jpg (263 kB)

I use underscores most often in my links. I sometimes use both, and use the dash between phrases.

Duckduckgo’d “in links, dashes vs. underscores”.

SEO best practice: Underscores or Hyphens in URLs?
In fact, John Mueller explicitly advises against redirecting URLs just to resolve the underscore vs. hyphen issue. Check out his Webmaster Hangout for the full explanation. For a perfect example of this, look at Wikipedia. Wikipedia uses underscores in all of its URLs, but consistently dominates SERPs for informational searches.

Of Spaces, Underscores and Dashes - Coding Horror
The slightly longer answer is, the underscore is traditionally considered a word character by the w regex operator. Here’s RegexBuddy matching the w operator against multiple ASCII character sets: As you can see, the dash is not matched, but underscore is.

I do a good amount of work in plain text, and often do regex matches on HTML files, so for my use cases, the underscore as a word character is useful.

Also, since I prefer underlined links, I find the dash in links too staccato, except for topical and dynamic content link today's news. In which case, I don't mind.

nice day. Stay healthy.

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Firefox: No (Quantum base)
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Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:35 PM
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[Link to Text Fragment - Chrome Web Store (google.com)]

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WWW Product Manager
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shorvath@usgs.gov (soliciting = junk)

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Gillick, Lawrence - FPAC-FBC, Washington, DC <00000779da13790d-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:25 PM
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Hmm.

It seems to me that we were talking about text fragments. Yes, by all means, we should use hyphens instead of spaces when building URLs in the part of the URL that contains domain names, folder names, and the file name, if there is one, at the end.

But the text fragment is literally a chunk of text that appears somewhere on the page. This isn't an anchor link, but a link to plain old text that we expect people to read as part of the page's content. We're giving them a text fragment link to jump them straight to that text and highlight it.

That is, the point of this URL:
https://www.farmers.gov/connect/blog/conservation/healthy-grass-equals-profitable-ranches#:~:text=deeded%20and%20leased%20pastures%20where%20the%20Black%20Hills%20meet%20the%20prairie

is to link the reader directly to the spot on the page that includes this text: "deeded and leased pastures where the Black Hills meet the prairie" and highlight it, like so:

They run cattle on 40,000 acres of deeded and leased pastures where the Black Hills meet the prairie. Ed's grandfather and his siblings homesteaded south of Sturgis in 1906, and his father moved to their current “home ranch” in 1954. The family expanded by buy-ing the Two Top Ranch near Belle Fourche in 2014.

The page doesn't contain text with hyphens between the words, "deeded-and-leased-pastures-where-the-Black-Hills-meet-the-prairie", so a browser won't be able to jump to there using a URL with hyphens in the text fragment:

Besides, in most cases, you wouldn't provide the raw URL, whether with spaces, %20, hyphens, or underscores: you'd link using meaningful link text, like "Info about deeded and leased pastures."

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:53 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
People might be using underscores, not dashes, and underscores don’t show up on a URL when the entire URL is underlined.

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 11:26 AM
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One other tip for those using links who don’t want to do a link shortener but aim to keep it meaningful – PLEASE develop a practice of using a dash instead of a blank space when you compose your link. A dash reads as a blank space and has the added benefit of deep-sixing the annoying and highly unreadable %20 which appears when you use blanks.

Imagine if the link was this instead of the version with %20 in between all the words:


Versus


Still long but much easier to remember/speak IMHO (sorry for the rant – a pet peeve of mine: meaningful links!)

kme
Right. It’s a Chrome/Chromium feature (see OP), at least for now. The link will still take users to the proper page on other browsers, but not to the text.

Chrome on Windows: Yes
Chrome on Android: Yes
Chrome on Safari: Yes (which surprises me, as I was pretty sure that was WebKit based – whoops!)
Chrome on Mac: Yes
Opera on Mac: Yes (Chromium base)
Edge on Windows: Yes (Chromium base)
Firefox: No (Quantum base)
Safari: No (WebKit base)

FYI, Safari 14.0.3 on Mac OS 10.15.7 does not go to the text or highlight it.

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Thanks for those links, David!

Technical Coordinator
Texas Health and Human Services
Office of Communications – Web Services
Working from Home:

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Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:28 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, (b) (6)@ADMIN.NV.GOV>
Date: Mon, 22 Mar 2021 21:10:28 +0000
Content-Type: multipart/related
Parts/Attachments: text/plain (25 kB), text/html (49 kB), image001.png (49 kB), image002.png (49 kB), image003.png (49 kB), image004.png (49 kB)

Just FYI I had previously removed the website links referred to within the email before sharing to the listserv. Agree wholeheartedly with the email thread.

Yes I'm a contractor at the state government level in Iowa and I know there are others like me. To whatever extent that modifies what you can/should post I figure you ought to know. I enjoy being on this list immensely and I learn so much!

On Mon, Mar 22, 2021 at 9:37 AM <000008fd6a44d-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone.

Quick reminder on not “sharing publicly ...”

Everything we say here can be FOIA’d, and I think there are more than 3000 people on this list.

And while I think this list is still limited to gov’t employees, that’s not true for some other communities hosted by digital.gov, so there are contractors on some.

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Wilcox, Lisa -
Thank you for sharing. I won’t share this publicly. This seems pretty similar to what we are seeing. It seems to me to be more of a SiteImprove issue as I thought vs. a USWDS issue or bug.

Thanks,

Lisa

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Yes, Siteimprove is doing an upgrade to their software. It is called Next Gen. It was made available week of 3/11. but users have the option to hold off before moving to it. We are holding off until next week but it has...
I have attached a draft report showing the difference of the scores BEFORE & AFTER NextGen. We were able to do this because we download data from Siteimprove every night and add it to a database, and then we run the new report just recently created.

Please don’t share any of the names of the websites, but you can certainly share the totals, etc. It is custom report as Siteimprove has tons of statistics on 1 site, but we have 182+ in our CMS and they don’t have a consolidate report like this one!!

Slipped (A) – 14 websites slipped because their Accessibility score went below 90% - that is the affect NEXT GEN has on the data.

| TOTAL COMPLIANT Website (Tracked) | 65 |
| COMPLIANT: PDF > 15               | 5  |
| COMPLIANT: Not in CMS             | 9  |
| **Total Sites Dropped Compliancy (Slipped)** | 20 |
| Slipped [A]                        | 14 |
| Slipped [D]                        | 6  |
| Slipped [D,A]                      | 0  |
| CMS and Total Accessibility > 90 (Only) | 63 |
| Pending Compliance (See Red Compliant / New Compliant) | 0 |
| Bad Scores (bad pdfs = 0, but scores > 90) (CMS, Not Slipped) | 3 |

We even sent an email out to all of our Siteimprove users to take a class on Next Gen academy. See email we sent out below:

_**Hi all,**_

_There are updates coming to Siteimprove and we wanted to let you know before a switch to the Next Gen is made. In the attached document you will find screen shots and explanations to what is new with Next Gen, what is migrated to Next Gen, and the things that Siteimprove has removed from the product._

_We are working with our Vendor Siteimprove to provide instructor lead training classes with regards to Next Gen._

_"Still need to check with Nick that this is the correct class"

_They have also published a class regarding Next Gen within the Siteimprove Academy: [https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=63751418833195101](https://siteimprove.litmos.com/course/4209413?r=False&ts=63751418833195101)_

We have also reached out to our rep at Siteimprove and scheduled a hour class from Siteimprove. Users can all do the same if they reach out to Siteimprove directly!
I'm definitely interested in understanding this as well. If there is something we can improve on the USWDS side, that would be a priority for us.

On Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 9:25 AM Morin, Gary (NIH/NCI) [E] <000001e726df659-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Lisa. Where is it that you’re seeing “a drop in their accessibility scores”? is this in scans being run by USDA? What tool are you using to scan your sites?
Quietly Thinking About This: The difference between Inclusive Design and Accessibility:

- Accessibility asks: You have a barrier, what’s the facilitator that gets you over that barrier?
- Inclusive Design asks: What if we just didn’t have the barrier in the first place?

NCI Section 508 ListServ

1. Navigate to the [NCI Section 508 Web Home Page](https://www.nci.nih.gov) for Section 508 Guidance
2. Enter your name and email address

From: Wilcox, Lisa - REE-ERS, Washington, DC <0000058688345e84-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>

Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 11:04 AM

To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV

Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Accessibility score dropping when migrating to USWDS

I’m wondering if other folks have experienced a drop in their accessibility scores while migrating to the USWDS?

We have noticed a bit of a drop and are trying to discern what is happening. This paired with SiteImprove changing their accessibility algorithm is concerning.

Thanks in advance,

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Web managers,

The Federal Web Council, an interagency group of digital and web directors, collaborates across agencies to improve federal digital services. Below are highlights from the Council's March 18, 2021, meeting.

**Vulnerability Disclosure Policy**

*Binding Operational Directive 20-01* requires agencies to publish a Vulnerability Disclosure Policy (VDP) by March 1. DHS recommends publishing this policy "at the "/vulnerability-disclosure-policy" path of your agency's primary .gov website." See additional instructions in the *implementation guide* and contact your Council rep with questions.

**U.S. Web Design System updates**

GSA recently published *Transforming the American digital experience*, a report about what's next for the design system and its community.

**USWDS 2.11** was released on March 18. It includes a bundle of three new components and one new page template designed with emergency response in mind.

- **Icon list**: Reinforces the meaning and visibility of individual list items with a leading icon.
- **Modal**: Disables page content and focuses the user's attention on a single task or message.
- **Input prefix or suffix**: Shows symbols or abbreviations that help users enter the right type of information in a form's text input.
- **404 page**: Informs users that a requested page doesn't exist.

**Other updates**

*Executive Order on Promoting Access to Voting* includes several callouts for web and digital services.

*A Year of COVID Search Trends From USAGov* takes a look at the past year's top COVID-related searches on USAGov. You can see how questions morphed from early concerns about unemployment and international coronavirus cases to stimulus payments, testing, and housing assistance, to the more recent questions about vaccines and returning to travel.

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Greetings,

The next IT Accessibility Community Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, April 6th, 2021**. Our theme, “Moving Forward: Leaving No One Behind,” continues to focus on reconnecting our broader accessibility community and looking at the path ahead. Building on the February Section 508 Community meeting where we introduced approaches to ACR evaluation, this meeting will be a hands-on workshop to walk through each of the four ACR evaluation approaches introduced in February.

We will have 4 virtual break out groups that will each walk through a hands-on ACR evaluation. The meeting will close with a review of the output from the four break out groups.

**Event Details**

**WHEN:** April 6, 2021; 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

**WHERE:** Virtual [See the link below]

**WHO:** Anyone involved in Section 508

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Please be sure to let others know as well.

Regards,

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- **Tara Voelker** - Xbox Gaming and Disability Community Lead
- **Regine Gilbert** - Designer, Educator, Author
- **Joe Devon** - co-founder of GAAD (Global Accessibility Awareness Day), Founding Partner Diamond

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I wanted to post an update to my question I posed last week. I had a meeting with our agency’s SiteImprove rep along with SiteImprove’s lead accessibility engineer. I did a screenshare and pointed out the issues and shared what Ammie had shared along with others who had emailed me. It appears as the new algorithm that SiteImprove uses may have a few bugs and they are investigating those internally. Particularly with respect to the skip navigation, banner, and aria labels. Please be aware of this if you aren’t already and use SiteImprove.

I really appreciate folks who sent me private messages regarding their own issues with SiteImprove and the new accessibility algorithm. I also appreciate Ammie reaching out on behalf of the USWDS as well. I really enjoy this community and appreciate you all!

Thank you,

Lisa

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Hello!

From my experience, one of the biggest issues we found was the form would upload the attachment before the user clicked submit, so we were getting documents without the ability to have the user go through the captcha for example. That will need to be addressed for sure. Other than that, allowing only certain files (pdf in our case) and renaming the file on upload with tokens along with putting it in a “private” directory is important so the would be hacker cannot find the file they uploaded and execute it…

Hope those ideas helps some!

Jason

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Johnson, Deron M
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:33 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Application that accepts Public Attachments

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Hi Deron,

Here is an example of a form (Drupal webform) on NIST.gov which asks for a resume file upload, done via NIST's Box.com subscription. A link to the Box upload is provided next to a text field for the filename. Not ideal, but it works. I am not familiar with the details of NIST's use or securing of the Box.com platform.

https://www.nist.gov/form/osac-application-form

Maybe you could inquire within your agency whether there is an existing Box.com/Dropbox/Google Drive/Microsoft OneDrive/Accellion Kiteworks or other product available which can accept file uploads from the public.

I don't see anything on https://digital.gov/services/directory/ which would help, but perhaps someone at GSA knows more.

Good luck!

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The Lab at OPM is offering a new class that may be of interest to this group or others in your agency:

**Designing Accessible Communications**

This workshop introduces participants to the elements of accessible communications and will help them adopt a point of view that is broader than Section 508 compliance.

Through interactive discussions and collaborative activities, we will cover topics including:

- Understanding accessibility and inclusivity, including relevant laws and standards
- The elements of accessible communications: content and plain language, typography, color, images, and hierarchy
- Applying the elements to Word documents, PowerPoint slides, and other commonly used communication formats

Learn more about who should attend, when it's being offered, and how to register.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Are these courses available to local or state government (not federal employees)?

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 1:17 PM Chronister, Michelle E. <000008bdad17ca45-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

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Designing Accessible Communications
One more item for folks using/experimenting with text fragments. Google shared a link with me today, that used multiple highlights in the same URL:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/TikTok_v._Trump#:~:text=Many%20US%20agencies%20had%20already%20banned%20TikTok%20from%20its%20users%27%20terminals.&text=On%20August%2024%2C%202020%20President%20Trump%20on%20August%202024%2C%202020.
Hello folks,

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Thanks,
Kathy

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Hi everyone,

Question about Archive-it here. We’re hearing that it’s off the table for us at ED because it’s not FedRAMP; though it seems like a lot of folks are using it. If you’re using it and have navigated this hurdle will you reach out? Also, if you’re leveraging a different tool with success, I’d be interested to know about what tool you are using.

Thanks,

Sally Harris
Director, Digital Media & Creative Services
Office of Communications and Outreach
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Hi Kathy,

We actually look at “Shadow IT” and “non-standard development” as two different things at CDC.

We have Innovation Offices that develop mockups and “one-off” software for specialized uses, and we have all kinds of programs that purchase nonstandard software for specific use cases.

To manage all this, use a “Level 3” process – which requires a security, 508, and supportability review. Then, when someone else wants to use it, they have to get permission from the OCIO office and IT Security through a simple online form.

Attached is our policy. Feel free to steal if it helps!

Regards,
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Subject: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Development Plans for "Shadow IT " offices within your agencies

Hello folks,

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide a structured process for CDC users to request Level III workstation software approval for installation on their respective workstations in accordance with Protection of Information Resources (CDC-IS-2002-06). The Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation process has been developed to facilitate the following objectives:

- To establish a standard methodology for accessing the security posture of requested Level III workstation software
- To meet applicable procurement and installation regulations and guidelines
- To address emerging security challenges and requirements
- To ensure efficient coordination and management of CDC resources
- To minimize impacts on CDC operations

2. SCOPE

This document applies to all CDC employees and non-employees and their desktops, laptops, virtual environments, or workstations.

3. ACRONYMS CHART

The following table provides definitions for acronyms relevant to this document:

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4. GENERAL

CDC organizations use Level III workstation software, such as commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) and government off-the-shelf (GOTS) applications, freeware, and shareware to support mission-related functions. Acquisition and installation of Level III workstation software must be approved by Information Technology Services Office (ITSO), and acquisition of Level III products must follow the ITSO procurement process.

Level III workstation software is critical to the CDC mission, but it can introduce unique risks to the CDC computing environment (such as threats and vulnerabilities). The Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation process and methodology provides assurance that all software meets the HHS and CDC security requirements and standards. All software installed on a workstation must be an approved Level I, Level II and Level III software.

- Upon installation, all Level III software must be maintained and patched. This Level III software monitoring and patching is the responsibility of the program to identify and coordinate installation in a timely manner. Lack of software patching can result in significant vulnerabilities to the CDC network and may result in removal of the software or workstation if not remediated in a timely fashion.

Security Evaluation is for desktops, laptops, and workstations only. ITSO maintains a list of product standards, which can be found at: http://intranet.cdc.gov/ocio/computers-software-equipment/index.html

Note: All infrastructure products, including Level III are installed and supported by ITSO on a best effort basis as referenced in the ITSO service level agreement (SLA).

5. LEVEL III WORKSTATION SOFTWARE SECURITY EVALUATION

a. Overview

ITSO maintains a list of all approved Level I, Level II, and Level III software in the Software Request Tool (SRT). If you need new software to support your mission, please use the SRT to request the software or to identify an alternate product that can accomplish the same business need.

Note: All purchase and installation requests for new software should go through the Center’s ITSO Technology Services Executive (TSE) or the Information Technology Advisor (ITA) for International offices for a technical assessment of supportability and to ensure the new software overlaps with Standard Level I and Level II products.

b. Definitions

The following table defines terms used in this document:

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**c. Roles and Responsibilities**

The following table identifies the major roles and their associated responsibilities regarding the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation process:

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| OCISO Level III Subject Matter Expert (SME) | • Facilitates the weekly Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO) Subcommittee Board Meeting on behalf of the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)  
• Forwards Level III product requests to the CISO/Deputy CISO (DCISO) for adjudication in the event of a tie  
• Verifies that all Level III approval documents have been signed and dated  
• Notifies the ISSO and requestor of any returned product requests  
• Notifies ITSO and all ISSO’s of the approved product list to be incorporated into the SRT  
Note: The OCISO Level III SME is not authorized to vote under any circumstances. |
| Requestor | • Checks the current ITSO listing of standard Level I, Level II, and Level III software using the SRT for either the requested software and version or an alternate product that can accomplish the same business need  
• Obtains business steward or supervisor approval for the requested information technology (IT) software  
• Obtains ITSO TSE/ITA concurrence and validation of software’s technical details  
• Completes Section 1: General Information and Section 2: Business Justification of the [Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form](#) and then submits to the business steward or requestor’s supervisor  
• Monitors the software for updates and coordinates with ISSO and ITSO to determine when patching is necessary and implements with ITSO assistance as needed |
| Business Steward/Requestor’s Supervisor | • Confirms if requested product is needed to accomplish a CDC business need and is recommended for approval  
• Confirms C/I/O has the requested software  
• Ensures the information in section 1 and 2 of the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form is accurate |
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• Reviews Section 1: General Information and Section 2: Business Justification, then digitally signs Section 2 of the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form (referenced in Appendix A of this document) validating the information is correct and recommending further evaluation and approval  
• Submits Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation forms to the ITSO TSE/ITA for evaluation  
• Withdraws product request if deemed unnecessary  

Vendor/Company Representative    | • Completes United States Government Configuration Baseline (USGCB) Form, Appendix A of CDC Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form  

ITSO TSE/ITA                     | • Verifies software product is Section 508 compliant  
• Determines the software’s technical assessment of supportability on a CDC workstation, on or off the CDC network:  
  o If the software request is not technically acceptable, then the ITSO TSE/ITA informs the requestor of the decision  
  o If the product request is acceptable, then the ITSO TSE/ITA completes Section 3: Relevant Technical Details, digitally signs the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form, indicating approval, and submits the signed form to the C/I/O ISSO  

C/I/O ISSO                       | • Verifies that the requested software is within acceptable security limits, completes and digitally signs section 4 of the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form, indicating approval, with digital signature on the Security Evaluation Form  
• Completes the USGCB Form, Appendix A of CDC Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form, **if the vendor is unable to complete**  
• Evaluates and approves software upgrades and year-based releases (See Appendix B: Level III Software Upgrades)  
• Informs requestor of the ISSO approvals/disapprovals of Level III software upgrades  
• Submits all Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation forms to the **CDC OCIO-OCISO Product Security Evaluation Mailbox** with “Software Name and Version” in the subject line, by close of business (COB) on the day before the ISSO Subcommittee Review Board Meeting  
• Monitors program software for updates needed and works with requestor to maintain currency. Responds to incidents related to
## Role and Responsibilities

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<td>outdated and vulnerable software through patching, removal or waiver request if necessary</td>
<td>Note: Incomplete Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Forms will be returned to the ISSO.</td>
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<td>• Informs requestor of the ISSO Subcommittee Level III Security Evaluation Review Board decisions (for example: approved, denied, or returned)</td>
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<td>• Withdraws product request, if deemed unnecessary</td>
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<td>• If an ISSO Subcommittee Review Board member cannot attend a meeting, then it is the ISSO’s responsibility to:</td>
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<td>o Notify the OCISO LEVEL III SME via email prior to the meeting</td>
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<td>o To find a replacement for his/her spot in the meeting</td>
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### d. Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Procedures

The following table outlines the detailed tasks for the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation process when requesting approval of new software:

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<td>1. Complete and submit the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form</td>
<td>a. The requestor completes sections 1 and 2 of the Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form and submits to the business steward or requestor’s supervisor for review.</td>
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<td>b. The business steward/requestor’s supervisor ensures the information in section 1 and 2 of the form is accurate then digitally signs the form validating the accuracy.</td>
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<td>c. The business steward/requestor’s supervisor then forwards the signed form to the ITSO TSE/ITA for review.</td>
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<td>d. The ITSO TSE/ITA verifies software product is Section 508 compliant.</td>
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<td>e. The ITSO TSE/ITA completes and digitally signs section 3 of the form then submits the form to the program ISSO.</td>
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<td>f. The ISSO completes and digitally signs section 4 of form and the USGCB Form, Appendix A of the CDC Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form, if the vendor has not already completed it.</td>
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### Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation SOP V5.5

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| g. | The ISSO emails the completed form to the [CDC OCOO-OCISO Product Security Evaluation Mailbox](#) with “Software Name and Version” in the subject line, by COB the day before the ISSO Subcommittee Review Board Meeting. 
Note: Incomplete Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Forms will be returned to the ISSO. |
| 2. Workstation Software Security Evaluation | a. Board members review the submitted forms and make a Workstation Software Security Evaluation Decision; which requires a majority of the ISSOs vote for approval. 
Note: The standing members are the OCISO Level III SME and the ITSO ISSO. Three additional ISSO members are filled on a rotating basis each week (all designees must be CDC employees). 
Note: The CISO/DCISO will only vote in the event of a tie and also holds overall veto rights. 
Note: If there is a software pending approval originating from a board member’s C/I/O, then the board member must abstain from voting on that Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation. |
| 3. Workstation Software Security Evaluation Communication | a. The ISSOs will be notified of the board’s decision (approved, denied, returned, or vetoed) following the Subcommittee Review Board Meeting. 
b. For approved software, all the members of the board will sign the CDC Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Decision Statement. 
c. The OCISO Level III SME verifies that all Level III approval documents have been signed and dated. 
d. The OCISO Level III SME sends the approved product list to the ITSO TSE/ITA and all ISSO’s. 
e. The ITSO TSE/ITA will publish the approved products to the SRT. 
Note: The Decision Statement will remain on file at OCISO and will be made available upon request. 
Note: If the Subcommittee Review Board denies a product, then a notification will be sent to the ISSO with the reason(s) for denial. |
Appendix A. REFERENCES

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OCISO recognizes that current users of approved Level III workstation products need to periodically update their software to newer versions, and that the timeframe needed for full Level III Security Evaluations of these software upgrades might impose an undue delay.

A software upgrade may be performed without going through the Level III approval process if:

- No vulnerabilities are found in the vulnerability databases
- ISSO verifies that no additional risks are introduced in the new version
- ISSO, Section 508, and the TSE have no concerns about updating the product

The ISSO is required to evaluate the software. If the software meets the conditions listed above, then the ISSO sends an email to the [CDC OCOO-OCISO Product Security Evaluation Mailbox](mailto:mailto:cdc_product_security_evaluation@mailbox). The email should state that the ISSO approves the software upgrade from current version to proposed version and if there were any vulnerabilities noted. (Example: Software name, version 5.1 to 6.0 is approved. There are no noted vulnerabilities).
Enclosure 1. CDC LEVEL III WORKSTATION SOFTWARE SECURITY EVALUATION FORM

This enclosure is published separately. This form is used to submit a Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Review. The CDC Level III Workstation Software Security Evaluation Form can be found on the OCIO intranet website:

http://intranet.cdc.gov/ocio/docs/computers-software-equipment/CDC_Level_III_PSE_Form.pdf
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Hi Joe, hope the following is helpful:

Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1974 | FRASER | St. Louis Fed
Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1975 | FRASER | St. Louis Fed

Screensnip from 1974, page 140 of PDF (p138 of hardcopy):

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U.S. Office of Personnel Management

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Hello folks,

Does anyone have offices/divisions not part of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) within your agency that have advanced technical needs, non-standard software, and coding and scripting that they develop? I have often heard them referred to as shadow IT offices. If so, is there a software development plan that your CIO has put in place for those offices so they are conforming and pose no risks that you would be willing to share?

I'd greatly appreciate any feedback. I'm including contact info below for the member of our web team, Kathy, who is taking the lead on this one.

Best,

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The next IT Accessibility Community Meeting will be held virtually on **Tuesday, April 6th, 2021**. Our theme, “Moving Forward: Leaving No One Behind,” continues to focus on reconnecting our broader accessibility community and looking at the path ahead. Building on the February Section 508 Community meeting where we introduced approaches to ACR evaluation, this meeting will be a hands-on workshop to walk through each of the four ACR evaluation approaches introduced in February.

We will hear from 4 SME's that will each walk through hands-on ACR evaluation's. The meeting will close with final points from our SME's and input from you, our attendee's.

**Event Details**

**WHEN:** April 6, 2021; 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm EST

**WHERE:** Virtual [See the link below]

**WHO:** Anyone involved in Section 508

**REGISTRATION**

To participate, please click on this [registration link](#). Registration is now open!

*This meeting will be supported by Zoom for Government (Fedramp certified). Please feel free to attend via your personal device.*

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Government-wide IT Accessibility Program  
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Section508.gov  
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Closes: April 26, 2021
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Why use the design system?

Getting started with the U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) isn’t always easy. The first hurdle is often being able to make the case for using it.

Have you ever wondered …

- Why choose USWDS over other frameworks?
- What value does it bring to your agency?
- How can it help you build trust while furthering your unique mission?

If so, join the U.S. Web Design System team on Thursday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. ET to learn more about the high-level system benefits of design systems, including USWDS.

The information in this month’s call will be beneficial for web managers and team leads that might be looking to implement USWDS and want to understand the return on investment (ROI) and overall benefits of this particular framework.

Register here to join us!

Please note: Same as last month, the call will begin at 2:00 p.m. ET (instead of the usual 2:30 p.m.) to ensure it does not conflict with Drupal4Gov’s monthly meeting that many folks attend.

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Hello all!

Here at the IRS we use ForeSee to measure customer satisfaction with our IRS.gov website. The survey tool is configured to offer a chance at a survey popup after the third page view within a session, with an increasing likelihood of seeing the popup with each additional page view. The popup and survey appear on both our English and Spanish pages. One of the challenges we have, though is that this configuration does not measure the folks who arrive directly at one of our pages from an external search engine, find what they need right away, and depart the site immediately thereafter. We have also observed that higher levels of traffic to the site
Hi John

I don't have a great answer for your first question, but for the second question, we do establish goals and targets for the surveys, and we track and report against those goals and targets in our Performance Management application.

Lee Burke
Web Content Manager
I think it’s fine to quantify things over time with some top-level parameters such as overall satisfaction; however, what if you run campaigns, or something changes elsewhere in the world, making your traffic from Google change? Are you still measuring the same things over time, if your audience composition changes? Like doctors completing surveys, versus more patients completing surveys? If patients start landing in scientific data, they may be less satisfied than the doctors, although the information may have remained useful to doctors.

So to widen the frame a bit for qualitative data we could benefit from, I’m exploring Qualtrics customer segmentation dashboards, based on questions I have gathered from Feds and other sources over several
Hi David,

We are in the process of standing up Medallia and have been grappling with your first question as well. We really want feedback from all our users, even users who google something, come to one of our pages, find or don’t find an answer and leave. That said, we don’t want to annoyingly distract them from what they’re doing.

Do you also have an always-on survey or “was this page helpful” type surveys? That could be an option to allow those users to provide feedback separate from an intercept survey.
This is not an answer to your questions, but rather a couple of questions of my own.

General consensus is that automatic popups like the ones used by ForeSee tend to irritate website visitors, some to the point that they never return. How does the number of visitors compare to the number of survey takers and have you considered a different method for conducting surveys?

The Paper Reduction Act requires federal agencies to seek approval from OMB before they can take surveys from the general public. How does this process factor into conducting surveys and how do you get ForeSee to list the OMB number on their form, which is also a requirement?
Hello!

Has anyone put together a usable SOW, SOO, or other RFQ docs for a digital asset management system? Something shareable?

“Asking for a friend.”

Larry

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You might find something here:

esp. the Acquisition Gateway section at the bottom.

Katherine Spivey
Senior Communications Specialist
Tres cool. Thanks, Katherine!

Larry
Good morning,

One of my top tasks is to put together a plan and strategy for creating and staffing an enterprise digital communications team for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. This team would be responsible for supporting and managing content to be distributed on: our websites (internal and external), as forms, surveys, group email
Hi Claire

What an exciting mandate to have! I thought I’d share some materials that might be a helpful foil for you from my prior life as Director of Web Comms at DHS. While I was there we did a wholesale effort to restructure the team, which was all contractors when I inherited the role. This saved a lot of money and built in more stability for the team as we weren’t captive to contract lifecycles anymore. As you begin your journey I think my most important advice is to identify the problem/s you are trying to solve and get everyone on the same page about it. To accomplish this you’ll be...
Hello,

If any federal agency represented on this listserv is using Spotify and/or Clubhouse – and has successfully negotiated Terms of Service for one or both platforms, can you get in touch with me?

I know GSA has negotiated TOS for other platforms government-wide, but these two platforms do not currently seem to be used as widely so each agency is likely doing this on its own at this point from what we understand, so we would love to learn more about what anyone else has done/is doing with either or both platforms.

Many thanks,

Bridget

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Hi Chris,

We at NIST have also noticed this issue and are awaiting further details from our government@youtube.com contact. We'd love to hear if anyone else has reached out to YouTube about it and gotten any sort of response.

Best,
Riley
YouTube announced last fall that they would start adding ads to non-monetized content. 

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Thanks and regards,

Chris

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From: Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Date: Thu, 15 Apr 2021 15:39:00 -0400
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**YouTube Ads UPDATE:** Update your agency's YouTube account listing on the Digital Registry asap. YouTube will be using that as the master list of gov accounts so they can whitelist gov channels. These gov channels may then apply for the YouTube Partner Program and disable ads channel-wide. I told my Google contact I would have the updated list to them by Wednesday next week.

**Do not wait - update your Digital Registry listing NOW.** And why not update your other social media account info while you're in there?

**Have an issue with updating your Digital Registry account?** Please email usdigitalregistry@gsa.gov. Don't email me as I cannot help with access or any other issues, only our friends at the Digital Registry can help with that.

**To register and manage accounts on the U.S. Digital Registry** you must have a Login.gov account, which is available to federal government employees and contractors with a valid .gov, .mil, or .fed.us email address.

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On Thu, Apr 15, 2021 at 3:04 PM Gabrielle Perret - ZMA <gabrielle.perret@gsa.gov> wrote:

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The Federal Web Council, an interagency group of digital and web directors, collaborates across agencies to improve federal digital services. Below are highlights from the Council's April 15, 2021, meeting.

**YouTube ads**

YouTube recently updated their Terms of Service, and now some official agency channels are seeing ads pop up. Gabby Perret, Social Media Community lead, emailed the social media and web communities yesterday with the following update and action item.

**ACTION:** Update your agency's YouTube account listing in the U.S. Digital Registry as soon as possible. YouTube will use the Registry as the authoritative source to create an "allow list" of government channels. These channels may then apply for the YouTube Partner Program and disable ads channel-wide.

**U.S. Web Design System updates**

The U.S. Web Design System (USWDS) team explored the high-level benefits of design systems, including USWDS, in their April monthly call. The team took a look at the design system's core value and benefits and answered these questions:

- Why choose USWDS over other frameworks?
- What value does it bring to your agency?
- How can it help you build trust while furthering your unique mission?

**ICYMI:** The slide deck for the USWDS call is posted on the monthly call page on Digital.gov, and the video will be posted within a few days.

Also, be sure to check out the key benefits of the design system and use them to make the case to your team and management.

Ammie

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For folks (including myself) who have found use in Chromium’s new(ish) text fragments link feature, but have had a tough time convincing their IT support to let us install Google’s Link to Text Fragment extension, good news seems to be arriving with Chrome 90. The ability to right-click a block of text, to generate a link to the text, should be coming to default installations. Will it come to our curated installations? I don’t know; but this blog post might be entertaining reading, in the meantime: https://blog.google/products/chrome/more-helpful-chrome-throughout-your-workday/

My work Chrome is on version 90.0.4430.72 and lacks this feature, while one of my home Chromes is back on a late version 89 and has the feature. I’m crediting the discrepancy to the ongoing differences between
TikTok v. Trump

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

TikTok v. Trump is a pending lawsuit before the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. The lawsuit was originally filed by TikTok as a challenge to President Donald Trump's usage of the application in five stages, the first being the prohibition of downloading TikTok. On September 27, 2020, a preliminary injunction was issued by Judge Carl J. Nichols in the 13942.[1]

Background [edit]

In June 2020, TikTok was criticized for discreetly accessing the clipboard content on their users' iOS devices, a feature the Chinese company had already said it would stop. TikTok spun off a "spam" measure. TikTok had already been nailed by the US authorities in 2019 for allowing underage children to sign up to its network. Many US agencies had already banned TikTok.[2] On 27 August 2020, the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced he was considering blocking the Chinese-owned mobile application TikTok in the USA. Some companies followed suit, including Wells Fargo which asked its employees to remove the app from their professional phones. On 6 August 2020, the US president issued an executive order mandating TikTok's CEO, Kevin Mayer, quit on 27 August 2020.[3]

TikTok is a video-sharing social networking application where individuals may share videos that are 3–15 seconds long, and looping videos 3–60 seconds long. Owned by a Beijing-based company, it has been met with security concerns. For example, the United States Navy and the U.S. Army previously instructed their officers to delete TikTok from devices owned by President Donald Trump issued an executive order banning the apps WeChat and TikTok, citing national security concerns.[4] Subsequently, TikTok announced that it was filing suit against the Department of Commerce also published an identification of prohibited activities on WeChat and TikTok.[5]

In early September 2020, Microsoft made a bid to acquire TikTok's US operations to make it US-owned and legitimate its presence in the US digital space. The bid was rejected.[1] Subsequently, TikTok announced that it was filing suit against the Department of Commerce also published an identification of prohibited activities on WeChat and TikTok.[5]
Coronavirus Food Assistance Program

USDA is implementing updates to the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) for producers of agricultural commodities marketed in 2020 who faced market disruptions due to COVID-19. USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) will reopen sign-up for CFAP 2 for at least 60 days beginning on April 5, 2021. CFAP updates also include:

- **An increase in CFAP 1 payment rates for cattle.** USDA estimates additional payments of more than $1.1 billion to more than 410,000 producers.
- **Additional CFAP 2 assistance of $20 per acre for producers of eligible flat-rate or price-trigger crops.** USDA estimates additional payments of more than $4.5 billion to more than 560,000 producers.
- **Processing of eligible payments for CFAP Additional Assistance.** USDA will finalize routine decisions and minor formula adjustments on applications and begin processing payments for certain applications filed for this program.
They run cattle on 40,000 acres of **deeded and leased pastures where the Black Hills meet the prairie**. Ed’s grandfather and his siblings homesteaded south of Sturgis in 1906, and his father moved to their current “home ranch” in 1954. The family expanded by buying the Two Top Ranch near Belle Fourche in 2014.
You can already access this feature through the chrome://flags (putting that into your address bar) or in Edge Chromium with edge://flags. Those are all of the experimental features...enable at your own risk of course. Also putting chrome://about or edge://about will give you a full list of all the backend browser settings and info. Don't change anything unless you know what you're doing. Also don't blame me for telling you. If you don't have access to see it then there's a chance your security folks are 3 steps ahead of you 😁
Subject: 🔔 Reminder to update the Digital Registry with your agency social media accounts

From: Gabrielle Perret - B <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
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Reminder to update your Digital Registry listing by the end of day today. YouTube will be using this to pull a list of federal social media accounts to white list for no ads.

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Best, Gabrielle

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Dan Wendling, National Library of Medicine/NIH/HHS
Register now for SocialGov's Spring Session 2021 April 28 & 29!

Wednesday, April 28 First Session (02:00 pm - 03:00 pm, ET)

In this session you will hear from the following speakers:

- Bronwyn Emmet, National Veterans Outreach Office, Department of Veterans Affairs

The event on April 28th will showcase how to conduct paid social media advertising campaigns in the federal government. It will detail justifications, contract language, campaign management, and reporting techniques so that civil servants will better understand the advantages of paid social media advertising and how they might be able to conduct paid social media campaigns at their agency.

Thursday, April 29 Second Session (02:00 pm - 03:00 pm, ET)

The event on April 29th will inform social media managers, particularly those who work in emerging digital communication platforms, and other federal employees interested in these topics, on how best to archive content and how best to approach social media campaigns.

In this session you will hear from the following speakers:

- Kristen Albrightain, U.S. National Archives and Records Administration
- Tanner Iskra, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Dominique Gebru, Federal Aviation Administration

2:00 pm - 02:30 pm, ET

Understanding Social Media Archiving: Best practices with NARA.

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Register now at https://digital.gov/event/2021/04/28/social-media-spring-session-2021/

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From: "Morgan, Steven" <steven.morgan@NCPC.GOV>
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Date: Fri, 23 Apr 2021 14:52:58 +0000
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Not necessarily with WordPress or TinyMCE, but I created a PHP class that uses the linux “exiftool” to extract metadata from an image. But, it depends on the format of the image too. PNG images don’t really have metadata, although it is possible to add it (but not easily). Other image formats might have different types of metadata that might not be readable through this class. However, it works very well for a JPG file.

Steve

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Wendling, Dan (NIH/NLM) [E]
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:09 AM
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Come work with HHS’s Office of Head Start!

We are looking for a GS-13 digital communications specialist to run our websites, mass email and social media with the help of a contracting team.

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- Tell people the best way to do things
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Apply in the next 10 days-

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Head Start programs promote the school readiness of infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children from low-income families. Head Start programs support children's growth in a positive learning environment through a variety of services, which include early learning and development, health, and family well-being.

Best,
Alana

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Would you consider Auto-Generated (Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) or Artificial Intelligence (AI)) captioning (for events open to employees and/or the public*):

- Implicit Bias
- Microaggressions
- Violation of Section 508 (and other parts of the Rehab Act that require access to Agency program activities)
- Discrimination

How do you respond in a way that is informative and effective, without being weak or apologetic? Do you use the language of social justice and inclusion or simply point to the law?

(as opposed to a one-to-one meeting between two persons where the Deaf/hard-of-hearing person is empowered to choose or decline and to control the flow of the conversation.)

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Web Accessibility - Section 508 Compliance: NCI Home Page for Section 508 Guidance
How Do I Make Documents 508-Conformant?: How Do I Go About Formatting Microsoft Office Documents and PDF Files (new MyNCI page, 4/28/2020)

Quietly Thinking About This: The difference between Inclusive Design and Accessibility:
- Accessibility asks: You have a barrier, what's the facilitator that gets you over that barrier?
- Inclusive Design asks: What if we just didn't have the barrier in the first place?

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Hi Folks,

I got an update from Google. The Digital Registry list of YouTube accounts has been uploaded by YouTube and flagged for their engineering team. This requires some engineering work so they said that they will provide me an update once the processing has been completed.

Be patient everyone, they're working on it!

Best,

Gabrielle

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Hi Content Managers,

The latest [USAGov blog post](https://example.com) takes a look at our partnership with the Census Bureau as we worked together on bilingual promotions during the 2020 Census. Find out how we connected with harder-to-reach audiences, what facts and data people found intriguing, and how we addressed their privacy and safety concerns.

We love partnering with federal agencies to reach people with the important government information and services they need. [Learn how USAGov can help your program](https://example.com).

Thanks,

Nancy

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For awareness, Google's Civics Outreach Team is hosting a virtual training on Google and YouTube best practices for government communicators on **Wednesday, May 26 at 3pm EST**. This session will cover improving your agency's presence on Google Search and tips for building a best-in-class YouTube channel.

You will also be able to ask all of your pressing questions about ads and the recent effort to whitelist gov accounts. Can't wait until then to ask something? Email civics-outreach@google.com. I have confirmed that this is the best email to ask government YouTube questions. Registration at [https://forms.gle/udHFQ3tjoSBzfDtJ7](https://forms.gle/udHFQ3tjoSBzfDtJ7)

Please note I am just the messenger of this info and am not involved in any way with organizing the event. **Reach out to civics-outreach@google.com with questions!**

Best, Gabrielle

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File under, “You never know what your Google newsfeed will bring.”


If I’m reading this correctly, there’s a request for OMB to issue implementation guidance for the 21st Century IDEA – seems like a familiar “ask” – and it doesn’t seem like the current USWDS path is what they’re expecting the future to be. Don’t change what you’re doing, especially if you have good reasons for doing it; but it might be wise for us all to keep our eyes open for what comes next.

Side note: I think the referenced letter may help my staff in conversations about PDFs, more than anything else. We’ll see.

Good luck out there.

Larry

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To me this can be easily misinterpreted. In my opinion, the U.S. Web Design System actually is a great start on the road to satisfying the 21st Century IDEA Act for those interested. It provides guidance on how to modernize your websites and enables adaptation of better usability for target audiences. USWDS also automatically takes WCAG accessibility and mobile responsiveness into account.

Our Web team at the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been implementing USWDS for a few years now for our sites. We definitely see the benefits. My advice to agencies would be to ask your web designers and developers to observe this guidance at the very least.
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] USWDS interest from the Hill?
From: "Horvath, Scott R" <shorvath@USGS.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Horvath, Scott R
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I agree with Tony. Regardless of what is being reported, USWDS is a great push in the right direction. At USGS, we're also actively working on migration to Drupal 9 and are implementing the USWDS. Even though there's no guidance (this happens with a lot of things) it's still a Law which requires the use of USWDS on any executive agency site that is made available after the enactment date of the Law (Section 3(e)). [Text - H.R.5759 - 115th Congress (2017-2018): 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act | Congress.gov | Library of Congress]

Even if it wasn't Law, it's still in the best interest of organizations to implement it. There's a lot to be said for having consistency in design to improve the public's experience when interacting with the countless bounds of government agencies. We need to start somewhere.

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From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> on behalf of Morris, George <000003daf1bd44c6-dmarc-request@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
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Hi Laura,

Here are a couple of resources:

- https://content-guide.18f.gov/our-style/capitalization/#headings
- https://design.va.gov/content-style-guide/capitalization

USWDS recommends sentence case for lists and button labels.
Hi Scott!

Cool. Just to make things super-clear for folks not laser-focused on this conversation – we’re not disagreeing about whether it’s a good idea to use the WDS now.

To paraphrase myself, I’m glad that you’re not changing what you’re doing, especially as you (as always) have good reasons for doing what you’re doing. BTW, I love what Tony’s done w/BIA.gov, using the WDS while maintaining a distinctive look & feel. My WDS sites (farmers.gov, fsa.usda.gov, fpacbc.usda.gov and eventually nrcs.usda.gov and rma.usda.gov) have/will have more of a unified look & feel within the USDA “family.”

The letter from House Oversight, signed by the House sponsor of the 21st Century IDEA (and a few co-sponsors), asks for OMB to produce guidance for executive branch agencies – and adds a bit of “Congressional intent” to the mix. I’m looking forward to the guidance.

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– and attempting a message to State provides a more deluxe error message than I got from my USGS/BIA attempts.

Hey, it’s progress!

Larry
Even if it wasn’t Law, it’s still in the best interest of organizations to implement it. There’s a lot to be said for having consistency in design to improve the public’s experience when interacting with the countless bounds of government agencies. We need to start somewhere.

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With recent events (including the EO issued this week), we all play a role in cyber security. Every content manager I've ever met cares about the quality and authenticity of their content. Cyber security is the primary line of defense that ensures your message is delivered as you intend.

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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- https://www.va.gov/web/
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- https://www.gsa.gov/website-information/website-policies#linking

Good luck!

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The **Federal Web Council**, an interagency group of digital and web directors, collaborates across agencies to improve federal digital services. Below are highlights from the Council’s May 20, 2021, meeting.

**Finding the right resources to manage content**
The Council discussed content — and finding the right resources to manage it.

To kick off the discussion, the Council ran a quick, informal poll to identify the top content management issues facing agencies. Finding skilled writers topped the list, and many people identified that they struggle with everything (too much content, unclear governance, distributed content management models, or other things such as PDFs). *What are your biggest challenges?*

The Council explored the benefits of having a central style guide (such as the [VA style guide](https://www.va.gov/styleguide/)), staffing strategies, and the importance of building trust with both internal and external customers.

If you face similar challenges at your agency, check out [Digital.gov’s resources on content](https://www.digital.gov/content-management). Also, consider joining related communities of practice:

- **Federal Communicators Network** - Helps federal communicators achieve excellence by providing training, opportunities for professional networking, sharing resources and ideas, and advancing the profession.
- **Multilingual** - Works to expand and improve digital content in languages other than English.
- **Plain Language** - Promotes the use of plain language for all government communications.

**U.S. Web Design System updates**
The U.S. Web Design System team celebrated Global Accessibility Awareness Day by talking with a few folks who think about accessibility every day — Randall Duchesneau (U.S. Access Board), Robert Jolly (GSA), John Sullivan (GSA), and Lisa Wilcox (USDA).

The team also talked about how they approach accessibility — what it means to be accessible, how to deliver accessible components and guidance, and what teams should keep in mind to build accessibly with the design system.

The slide deck and video are posted on the [monthly call page on Digital.gov](https://www.digital.gov).  

Ammie

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**WHEN:** June 8, 2021; 10:00 am - 12:00 pm EST

**WHERE:** Virtual [See the link below]

**WHO:** Anyone involved in Section 508

**REGISTRATION**

To participate, please click on this registration [link](#). Registration is now open!

This meeting will be supported by Zoom for Government (Fedramp certified). Please feel free to attend via your personal device.

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Content managers,

Last week, we hosted our U.S. Web Design System monthly call for May, with the theme, “Creating More Inclusive Federal Websites.” Celebrating Global Accessibility Awareness Day with several other government teams, we unpacked how the design system “does” accessibility and helps get the process started for your teams to then build upon with your sites.

The program featured a virtual roundtable of subject matter experts from the Access Board, GSA, and USDA, followed by an engaging discussion around the key requirements that govern this space and what the design system does to support accessible products. Thank you for joining us, Randall Duchesneau, Robert Jolly, John Sullivan, and Lisa Wilcox!

If you missed this month’s call, the deck and video are now available. We hope these tools are helpful, as you consider the importance of accessibility from the beginning of the site-building process. We invite you to use these resources with your teams and build them into your internal presentations!

We also updated our accessibility guidance page with more detailed information about “what we do” and “what you can do,” while also providing several resources to learn more.

Ammie, Dan, and the design system team

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Do any of these work?

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On Thu, May 27, 2021 at 2:00 PM <00000da006a136ca-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:
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Hey, everyone-

Before you head out to a well-deserved break, what's on your professional reading, listening, or viewing list? Just started skimming through The Radical Innovation Playbook and Engaged: Designing for Behavior Change, but lately I've been sharing these great resources, too:

- The Art of Focused Conversation
- Working Minds: A Practitioner’s Guide to Cognitive Task Analysis
- the blog on Performance.gov
- Partnership for Public Service blog

Have had some great conversations and recommendations in return for articles and podcasts to check out. What are you reading/listening/watching? What are your takeaways? Would you be interested in an informal “book club” huddle to share?

- Beth

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Reading?

Currently reading “The Great Demographic Illusion” by Richard Alba.


APRIL 19, 2021
The Great Demographic Illusion
Richard Alba, professor of sociology at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, argued that the majority-minority narrative about demographics in the United States ignores the rising population of
Also found this guide from OpenControl which probably overlaps with the 18F guide but the audience is more general. OpenControl is/was working on the idea of "Compliance as Code" in order to make compliance documentation easier to automate, inherit, and re-use.

On Fri, May 14, 2021 at 8:56 AM Robert Bunge - NOAA Federal <00000c8b1f361792-dmarc-request@listserv.gsa.gov> wrote:

Coming from an old content manager (I built my first government website in 1995 - yikes!), turned developer, turned operations manager, turned project manager, turned IT security guy:

Most executive branch agencies that fall under FISMA require that an IT system that is operating have an ATO. The process for how a system gets an ATO will likely vary greatly between agencies. An ATO ensures the leadership of the agency know what IT systems they are operating and what risks are being assumed with their operation. Systems that are in operation usually have to undergo an assessment, or review, on a regular schedule, often by an independent group to validate the status of the system.

In my experience, this ATO process is managed by a cyber security group within the CIO shop. Your mileage might vary. Get to know your cyber security people. Good cyber folk understand the agency mission - if they don't, make your job to educate them - and can help make a system work and get/maintain the ATO. With that relationship, you can help get them engaged in that new technology you want to use. The more they understand the "why" and the benefit, the better they will be able to help. Again, the, IMHO, good cyber folks will help you make it work, or find a solution. They will celebrate the successful turn on of a new tool or app just as much as you. There are technologies that should not be used, or the cost of making them work would be too high, but there are likely other solutions out there. Even if you can outsource your application to somewhere else via a contract, engage your cyber folks - they likely will need to approve the contract anyway.

With recent events (including the EO issued this week), we all play a role in cyber security. Every content manager I've ever met cares about the quality and authenticity of their content. Cyber security is the primary line of defense that ensures your message is delivered as you intend.

Bob Bunge
NOAA/NESDIS

On Thu, May 13, 2021 at 8:55 PM Aaron D Borden <aaron.borden@gsa.gov> wrote:

Hey Jon,

Not sure if you're thinking about authorizing existing tech (buying from a vendor) or building tech to be authorized, but 18F/TTS have a public resource, the "Before You Ship" guide, which is dedicated to the latter topic of how to build/launch software at GSA. It covers several compliance topics related to software development (mostly web applications), including ATO.

https://before-you-ship.18f.gov/ato/
On Thu, May 13, 2021 at 4:10 PM Rubin, Jonathan (CFPB) <Jonathan.Rubin@cfpb.gov> wrote:

Hello fine people,

I could use your help. We are consulting on a project with Cybersecurity on ATO's, or the permission to use new Information Technology in our agency.

Getting ATO approval is required before using any tech tools here, so it’s a critical service. It’s also a complex process, and we’d love to talk to other agencies how their ATO process works, and best practices we can learn. Thanks very much!

Sincerely,

Jon

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User Research Team Lead | Technology & Innovation

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**WHO:** Anyone involved in Section 508

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I’m an Information Specialist with the Hawaii Department of Health. Recently we’ve posted some videos of young people, 18 and 17 years old and some comments could be considered bullying or harassing, and I’d love to hear what you have or would report as bullying or harassment.

Instagram example of a video with a negative comment:
https://www.instagram.com/p/COttT7Bnpii/c/17901089293891482/

“These poor kids falling victim to the propaganda being pushed. 😞 this girl does not need two masks and dos not need an unapproved shot 😄😄😄”

Facebook example of a video with a negative comment:

Would you report a comment like “get em while they are young and foolish.” as harassment or bullying?

What are some policy points you operate with that focus on actions to take on negative comments?

Thank you in advance!

Information Specialist

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Other more heavy handed actions are often seen as censorship or hiding something.
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From: "O'Keeffe, Hope" <loke@LOC.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, O'Keeffe, Hope
Date: Thu, 3 Jun 2021 13:29:23 +0000
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Please remember that government social media account are subject to the First Amendment. While there may be time, place, and manner restrictions on some forums, you do need to be mindful of the speaker’s rights. I agree with Sally: the best response to speech is corrective speech. You can also add a comment that “The Hawaii Department of Health does not necessarily endorse comments on our social media accounts.”

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of
Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 7:15 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] defending people in our videos

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Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2021 4:13 PM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
Subject: [EXTERNAL] [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] defending people in our videos

[EXTERNAL]: This is an external email. Do not click on links or attachments if sender is unknown or if the email is unexpected.

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From: Jarah Meador - QQE <jarah.meador@GSA.GOV>
Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Jarah Meador - QQE <jarah.meador@GSA.GOV>
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Dear web managers,

The Challenge and Prize community of practice is hosting a Spotlight Chat on Tuesday, June 8, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET on insights and lessons learned from the Small Business Administration’s Lab-to-Market Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem Prize Competition. This event will be a great introduction to prize competitions through the lens of one group’s experience of designing and implementing a prize competition.

We’d be grateful for your help to spread the word among your colleagues. Below I’m pasting a sample announcement message that you can adapt as needed and share with your community. Thank you for your support!

-||-- sample CoP announcement message --||--

Subject: You’re invited! Challenge and Prize Community Spotlight Chat

Dear colleague,

Have you heard of prize competitions, but aren’t quite sure what they’re about? Are you looking for new ways to engage the public to source innovation in your agency?

On June 8, 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET, join the Challenge and Prize Community Spotlight Chat:

**Insights from running the Lab-to-Market (L2M) Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem Prize Competition**

Register here: [https://spotlight-chat-l2m-prize-competition.eventbrite.com/?aff=allCoPs](https://spotlight-chat-l2m-prize-competition.eventbrite.com/?aff=allCoPs)

Spotlight Chats are moderated discussions with innovation leaders across government to highlight success stories and lessons learned. In this chat, members of the L2M Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem Prize Competition planning committee will describe their journey through designing and implementing the **L2M Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem prize competition**. They will also share best practices and considerations when organizing similar competitions and determining prize winners.

Following the discussion, the panelists will respond to your questions. Please register to submit your questions in advance.

**Help spread the word!** Share this message with your colleagues and others interested in learning more about prize competition design and implementation.

Please email [team@challenge.gov](mailto:team@challenge.gov) with any questions.
Best,
Jarah and the Challenge.Gov team

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My department is looking to use Google Ads to run a small recruitment campaign over the next few months. We've used Google Ads before, but only through a marketing contractor, not directly with the service. Since our agency has never entered into a terms of service agreement directly with Google Ads in the past, our general counsel's office has asked me to gather more information from other agencies that have recently run direct ad campaigns (not through a third party contract) with the Google Ads service, in hopes to expedite the terms of service process.
Subject: MEETING: Using Words to Build Better Digital Experiences Weds 6/9 2-3:30 p.m. ET
From: Katherine Spivey - ZC <katherine.spivey@GSA.GOV>
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Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Katherine Spivey - ZC <katherine.spivey@GSA.GOV>
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[Please share with your communities!]

Weds, June 9, 2021, 2-3:30 p.m. ET. It will be recorded.


Writing is part of the design process, and writers are designers. Content design is a new way of thinking about writing, how it works, and why it works. In this session, Andy Welfie will explain how words make digital experiences human-centered. As federal agencies strive to use human-centered design, this webinar will reinforce to the audience that words and design work together.

During the session, Andy will discuss how to:

- Encourage and grow writers (at every level).
- Strengthen the writing community in your agency.
- Showcase your writing victories.

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Anybody able to share what no-cost data sources and collection methods (Python would be nice) can be used to provide two levels of reporting on https://digital.gov/resources/21st-century-integrated-digital-experience-act/?

I was thinking it would be nice to have an enterprise-level summary for how we’re doing across the board, and then a product-level summary for what work to do and how we might prioritize it.

I’m helping with a staff-facing Vizathon, and this is one of our “challenge projects.”
Hi Content Managers!

People often come to USA.gov and USAGov en Español to find contact information for federal agencies. But we discovered when they searched, that information wasn’t so easy to find.

In the latest USAGov Blog post, learn what we did to improve the search experience, and how user testing helped.

We're always looking for 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
Senior Editor
USAGov--Your Guide to Government Information and Services

FAS Technology Transformation Services - TTS Solutions
U.S. General Services Administration
Hi everyone.

I just saw this report: https://itif.org/publications/2021/06/03/improving-accessibility-federal-government-websites

Ironically, the results tables are inaccessible images with close-to-useless alt text, when they should have created accessible tables. You can download the tables if you happen to notice the link at the top, so I've attached that file here.

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Hey there Jeffrey,

Inspired by you, I whipped out our old friend, HTML_CodeSniffer.

https://itif.org/publications/2021/06/03/moving-accessibility-federal-government-websites
Improving Accessibility of Federal Government Websites

By Ashley Johnson and Daniel Castro | June 3, 2021

Despite legislative requirements, many federal government websites are not accessible for people with disabilities. This creates obstacles for millions of Americans, especially as government services have moved online.

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Introduction
Best Practices for Accessible Websites
Methodology
Findings
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KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, as amended in 1998, requires federal agencies to follow modern standards of web accessibility for users with disabilities.
- The Justice Department submits biennial reports to the president and Congress evaluating agencies’ compliance with Section 508, but it has not made these reports available to the public since 2012.
- ITIF tested the most popular federal websites and found that 30 percent did not pass an automated accessibility test for their homepage, and nearly half (48 percent) failed the test on at least one of their three most popular pages.
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From: Gabrielle Perret - B <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
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Did you miss Dominique and Tanner's talk about the Virtual Student Federal Service (VSFS) with Cheryl and Nora from the Department of State? Monday's SocialGov session is now available to watch!

**You can check it out here:** [https://youtu.be/WcZXKk5DhzU](https://youtu.be/WcZXKk5DhzU)

And here are the emails for your new friends at VSFS: Samples, Cheryl L
[b] [b] [b] [b] @state.gov>; [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] [b] @state.gov>. P.S. They can also tell you who at your agency has hosted VSFS interns in the past re: navigating how to get your agency approvals and onboarding.

**More about VSFS (and how VA uses them)**
The VSFS, launched and hosted by the U.S Department of State, is the largest virtual internship program in the world, connecting the passion and power of U.S. students - virtually - to over fifty federal agencies each year. Learn more about the VSFS program at [https://vsfs.state.gov/](https://vsfs.state.gov/).

To check out all the great work VSFS students have worked on at the VA over the years check out:

[https://dmeinterns.org/](https://dmeinterns.org/)
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Good Afternoon,

The Federal Chief Information Officer (CIO) Council Accessibility Community of Practice (ACOP) would like to solicit your recommendation for a breakout session that you and/or a panel would speak about at the upcoming Interagency Accessibility Forum (IAAF) on October 12 - October 14, 2021. We have preliminarily identified potential discussion tracks but welcome all ideas.

Each breakout session will be a 45-minute discussion on the speaker’s area of expertise within accessibility and Section 508. We expect up to 800 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 7/1/2021 to iaaf@gsa.gov.

As a participant or panelist, you will be responsible for the following:

- Submitting a short biography and any accompanying slides for your brief by the given deadline
- Ensuring that your presentation is 508 compliant before submitting it to the IAAF Team
- Making sure that the device you will be using is properly configured to present
- You and/or team attending at least one of the dry run sessions prior to the event
- Promptly responding to any communications from the IAAF planning team

This year’s IAAF theme is “Accessibility: A Foundation for Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity”. 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 October and we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Respectfully,

Yvette Gibson
Yvette Gibson  
Chair, IAAF Planning Committee

Event Details

WHEN: October 12 - October 14, 2021, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE: Virtual

WHO: Federal government employees and contractors; industry technology and accessibility service providers

QUESTIONS: Contact us at iaaf@gsa.gov

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BREAKOUT SPEAKER OPPORTUNITY FORM

Submission Deadline: July 1, 2021  Please submit to: iaaf@gsa.gov

Completion of this form does not confirm you will be a breakout speaker at the forum. You will be contacted if your topic matter and expertise are a good match for the agenda. If you are approved, you will be sent all the pertinent registration and speaker information.

Please note that speaking opportunities are voluntary. You will not be paid or reimbursed for any travel/lodging. All presentations are in 45 minute increments.

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From: Digital Gov <digitalgov@GSA.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Digital Gov <digitalgov@GSA.GOV>
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Join Dan Williams and the U.S. Web Design System team on June 17 for a close look at a new component: pagination.

In this month’s session, we’ll unpack the new pagination component—what design problem it solves, how it came to be, what the design system team did to build it, and what you and your teams can do with it.

We will give an overview of the background of this component (user experience research and testing), design considerations, guidance (when to use and when not to use), and then offer a demonstration to show you how it could work on your website. We will also offer use-cases and more, plus host a Q&A session with all attendees!

Register here to join us at 2:00 p.m. on June 17!

The information in this month’s call will be beneficial for both novices and specialized experts, especially designers and developers who are interested in learning about this new component and how it could help in overall site design.

This event is part of a monthly series that takes place on the third Thursday of each month. Don’t forget to set a placeholder on your personal calendar for our future events this year.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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The Office of Justice Programs is hiring for a position that will assist with managing OJP social media and other digital media projects.

The vacancy announcement for the Public Affairs Specialist (Digital Media), GS-1035-11/12 (FPL 13) is now live on USAJobs! You can access the vacancy announcement on USAJobs here, and we will also post the vacancy on OJP’s public-facing website and LinkedIn. Please share this opportunity widely with your staff and networks.

Vacancy Announcement Number: JP-21-034
Open Date: 6/11/2021
Close Date: 6/21/2021
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The Selective Service System has an upcoming position the Digital Affairs Team Chief and is responsible for the implementation of the agency's digital media strategy and supervision of PIA's Digital Affairs Teams which consists of two Public Affairs Specialists (GS-1035-7/9/11) and two contractors, Social Media Specialist and Graphic Designer.

The position for the Supervisory Public Affairs Specialist (Digital Media), GS-1035-11/12/13 opens in one week! You can access the vacancy announcement on USAJobs here! We would appreciate it if you would share this opportunity widely with your staff and networks.
Hi all,

I'm curious if any other GovDelivery users are hearing from recipients with DoD email addresses about issues with the lnks.gd/ links being stripped out of emails. If so, did you figure out a solution for this?

Thanks,

Robin

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It's not just DoD. It's all Office 365 users.

From my co-worker:
Every link in this email continues to generate this error.
Including the ‘view in browser’ link. I’ve added this email to my safe-senders list too.

It’s happening on GovDelivery and Mailchimp. I don’t know if it’s also on constant contact but I suspect it might be all newsletter delivery programs.
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: GovDelivery issues

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<Kirsten.Burgard@USDA.GOV>

Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Burgard, Kirsten - REE-ARS, Beltsville, MD <Kirsten.Burgard@USDA.GOV>

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So, you're suggesting that your editors have used urls that aren't clean? They're using ones autogenerated and not direct links to a source.

The issue I describe below is NOT that. Our editors are using clean urls. The email from Digital.gov did not use “safelinks” either, they used clean urls. They even now add a “see this on the web” full URL to get around the Office365 issue.

I suspect your issue with the safelinks is a training issue, while the issue I describe is related to Office 365. We have also spoken to the folks at Office365 and they don't intend to make changes, I suspect it's because
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From: (b) (6)@NCDCR.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, (b) (6)
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Our DIT uses https://www.servicenow.com/.

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Chief Digital Officer
Marketing and Communications
NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
As a follow up to last months SocialGov talk about deep fakes, check out this new blog post on DigitalGov: [Deep Fakes and Social Media: A Q&A With Alex Cohen](https://digital.gov)!
Subject: Re: Website Support/Ticketing System?
From: "Jeffers, William" <William.Jeffers@EIA.GOV>
Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Jeffers, William
Date: Tue, 15 Jun 2021 21:06:11 +0000
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Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:18 AM
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Within our region, we simply use a SharePoint request list. Not nearly as good as service now, but essentially free and sort of off the shelf. (well, at least I don’t get a bill for the bandwidth)
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Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Thompson, Cheryl (NIH/NIEHS) [E]
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Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:14 PM
To: "CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV" <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>
Subject: Re: [CONTENT-MANAGERS-L] Website Support/Ticketing System?


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Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 6:35 AM
To: CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
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We have a web form which sends to Jira and then we use some Jira workflows for routing the ticket. Jira has all our contract AQLs and contract projects in it, as well as most of our contract reports. All our contract deliverables are also accepted/rejected through Jira.

I believe this list won't allow a screenshot, but I have two dashboards: one I share with my backup, showing queues of tickets I need to act on or board to prioritize, and another showing my person reports I have built. (It's the second one, so it's named Cheryl II.).

We set up a Jira email catch, so when I get emails with requests, I can forward them to Jira and those will make a ticket. We are also using Zephyr Capture for ticket creation.

We are, quite simply, doing a LOT with Jira.

We're also using Jira as a backend on at least two other custom systems for different departments.

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Subject: This Thursday at 1 pm ET: Listen to Peter Singer talk about “Useful Fiction: The Power of Narrative to Shape the Real World”

From: Gabrielle Perret - B <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>
Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gabrielle Perret - B <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>

Reply To: Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Gabrielle Perret - B <gabrielle.perret@GSA.GOV>

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Passing along an event from the Federal Foresight Community of Interest.

This Thursday (6/24) at 1 PM, Peter Warren Singer from the New America will be presenting to the Federal Foresight Community of Interest (www.FFCOI.org). The topic is: “Useful Fiction: The Power of Narrative to Shape the Real World”. As an author, Dr. Singer will discuss the application of narratives and scenarios to shape the present and future world. Stories can be used to reframe our perspective and provide insights into plausible events that might unfold. Useful fiction is another way we can anticipate events and be better prepared for an ever-evolving world.

Here is the info to join:

Microsoft Teams meeting

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Join with a video conferencing device

Video Conference ID:

Alternate VTC dialing instructions

Or call in (audio only)

United States, Roanoke

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Questions? Email Popiel, Eric <Eric.Popiel@opm.gov>
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Advance questions for Rob? Comments? Email me!

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Hello,

I am partaking in a Leadership Development program at the Graduate School USA, the Executive Potential Program (EPP). It is a 12-month competency-based leadership course focusing on Senior Executive Service preparation.

I'm not even halfway through the course and to me it's very insightful. If you have the opportunity, I'd highly recommend it. More information can be found here, https://www.graduateschool.edu/training/curriculum-offerings/center-leadership-and-management/executive-potential-program

I am required to perform either two eight (8) week detail, or one sixteen (16) week detail. If anyone has a potential opportunity and would like to know a little more about me and what I'm searching for, I'd appreciate if we could interface directly.

Thank you so much for considering,

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Defense Media Activity
o: [redacted]
c: [redacted]@

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Does anyone have experience using qualtrics software for developing surveys and analyzing results? We have some general knowledge of the software from the company, but I'm looking for some personal experience. If so, I'm curious about a few specific items:

1. How satisfied were you with the software overall?
2. What did you like the most about the software for developing questions and for analyzing responses?
3. Did you wish you had known something before ordering the software (wanted certain advanced options, wished it had specific capabilities, etc)?
4. Can you compare this software to some other survey software (SurveyMonkey, etc?)
5. Did you use the natural language processing functionality for assistance in analyzing open-ended question responses?

If you have or haven't used qualtrics, I'm curious:

1. Do you have any general advice in terms of tackling a high volume (10,000+) open-ended responses to questions?

Thanks very much for any insights you can provide,

Shad

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**Improving the federal digital FOIA experience**
NARA colleagues joined the Council meeting to talk about improving the federal digital FOIA experience.

NARA’s Office of Government Information Services serves as a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) resource for the public and government. Congress has charged them with reviewing FOIA policies, procedures, and compliance of federal agencies and identifying ways to improve compliance.


Also, the FOIA Advisory Committee made 30 recommendations for improving FOIA administration across the government. Check out their [dashboard](https://www.archives.gov/ogis), which provides descriptions of each recommendation, actions taken to fulfill each, and links to related material.

Visit [https://www.archives.gov/ogis](https://www.archives.gov/ogis) to learn more about the Office and find additional FOIA reports and resources.

**U.S. Web Design System updates**
The design system team conducted research in fall 2020 to help support emergency response efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [https://designsystem.digital.gov/next/](https://designsystem.digital.gov/next/) to read the report, learn what’s next, and get involved.

A key finding from the report is that it can be difficult for agencies to separate the specific challenges they face in adopting the U.S. Web Design System from the broader challenges they face in building or modernizing their web presence.

So the design system team hosted two workshops in spring 2021 to get more input from folks across government on this topic. Forty-eight individuals from 23 agencies attended the workshops, and we explored how we can scale digital service delivery in government.

The team started with a question to figure out our ideal state. They asked, “Where would we want to be on a spectrum of centralized to decentralized digital services — from decentralized with 10,000+ websites to centralized with only one website?” Overall, participants agreed we want to be more centralized than we are today, but there was quite a bit of spread in the amount of centralization.

Please help us continue this conversation! Talk with your teams about how we (as a community) can effectively scale digital service delivery. Also, tell us what new or updated resources you need and share case studies and other resources to publish on [digital.gov](https://digital.gov).

Ammie

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

I am sharing a job announcement posted on USAJOBS for a former colleague. She is looking for a “Web Designer and Content Manager” for DoD’s Defense Information Systems Agency – Development and Business Center (Communications Branch) at Fort Meade, MD.

USAJOBS Announcement # CES – 11155987 – 21LWA :
https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/605817700

It opens today, Monday, June 28, 2021.

You would be working with a great upcoming team!

V/r,

Jennifer Burke
Public Affairs Specialist * Reasonable Accommodations Officer
Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
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Cross-posting, for those who may not be part of the Social Media Community of Practice….

Are you signed up for “Digital Strategy at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue: Q&A with Rob Flaherty, White House Director of Digital Strategy” tomorrow? Should be a fascinating discussion.


If you have questions about digital strategy to suggest I ask as the moderator, please send them over via email to laura.larrimore@uspto.gov.

Laura Larrimore

Digital and Creative Services Branch Chief
Office of the Chief Communications Officer
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Morning all -

The Web Communications team at DHS Headquarters is looking for a Web Community and Digital Services Manager. The position is a GS-12 and is located in the Office of Public Affairs and DHS Headquarters (St. Elizabeths campus in DC).

This person will serve on my team and, in coordination with our Content Manager and Development Manager, will help run DHS.gov and our digital services portfolio. We use a distributed authorship model for DHS.gov… so this person will coordinate the efforts of over 100 subject matter experts across DHS
Hi all,

We have a Drupal 8 site. Our taxonomy includes several major program areas, and the number of users that visit content associated with any of these major programs is what I would like to track, in a segmented fashion (i.e. Program A has 1200 visitors this month, Program B had 1000, etc.). I cannot track this data using regex filters it won't give me the numbers I want. I encountered a few articles about custom dimensions for this type of thing but haven't found a good way forward yet on how to configure this with Drupal. We use Google Tag manager. Anyone do something similar with categories/taxonomy on a Drupal or WordPress site?

Best
Meagan Sedivy
Web Operations Manager
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Hi, Meagan.

Google Tag Manager is set up to grab information from a little data array that it creates in your code called the data layer. You can have your CMS and/or page templates put useful page metadata into this data layer and then easily use them in GTM. For example, you can use the values in custom dimensions that you send to Google Analytics so you can divide up your data in new ways you want. Or use them for triggers, etc, etc.

USA.gov does this. Here is some taxonomy info that our page template includes in the data layer. We use it
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Did we miss your submission? No worries. We want you included so here’s the background information and the form is attached.

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Good morning,

I am updating a website Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the U.S. Army Public Health Center. Would you mind sharing some examples of the SOPs you have created for website content management at your organization?

Respectfully,

Health Communication Science | Army Public Health Center
8252 Blackhawk Rd
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010
@mail.mil
Subject: FYI - OPM Lunch & Learn: Aspiring to the SES
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Hi Content Managers!

We’re big fans of Twitter chats at USAGov. And when FTC and SSA asked us to help them spread the word about National Consumer Protection Week this past spring, we knew it was a great opportunity to round up the experts and start tweeting.

In the latest USAGov Blog post, we’re sharing some best practices and lessons learned from this year’s NCPW English and Spanish Twitter chats.

We love partnering with federal agencies to reach people with the important information and services they need. Learn how USAGov can help your program.

Thanks,

Nancy

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Nancy Tyler
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Hi Toni,

We recently swapped out our own pdfs with links to federalregister.gov. Here's a page with several examples: https://www.onrr.gov/Laws_R_D/FRNotices/AD04.htm

Final Rule RIN 1010-AD04
This rule amends the existing rule governing valuation for royalty purposes of crude oil produced from Federal leases. These changes refine several technical aspects of this rule relating to which published market prices are most appropriate to value crude oil not sold at arm's length and what transportation deductions is allowed.

www.onrr.gov

We do still have a handful of pdfs for regulations that were too old to find elsewhere.

Shannon

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Hope I'm not too late to the party with this:

The official, signed pdf version of the annual CFR (updated and published once a year) is available at GPO's GovInfo.gov. The official pdf version matches the official print version. Agencies can link to a section, subpart, part, or volume (which could also be a title) of a specific, static instance of the CFR. Select titles from 1996 are available and all titles 1997 through 2020 are currently available. Because of printing delays stemming from COVID, no 2021 volumes are yet available. Titles 1-16 are revised as of January 1; titles 17-27 are revised as of April 1; titles 28-41 are revised as of July 1; and titles 42-50 are revised as of October 1.

The eCFR (original version at www.ecfr.gov) is not designated as an official version so is not recognized by judicial notice; however it is the authorized daily version of the CFR, built from the same XML source files that create the official CFR versions. It is updated each Federal business day and includes regulations with an effective date of 2 business-days before the current one. In the original version, agencies can link to parts and sections (although the links are not necessarily stable and are not intuitive or user-friendly). The beta eCFR (currently at ecfr.federalregister.gov), provides stable links down to the paragraph level and up to the part level. Agencies can link to a specific date (back to January 2017) or can link to the current provision, which will automatically update to reflect the most-current version of that provision.

The Office of the Federal Register is planning to replace the original eCFR with the beta eCFR by the end of August 2021. (The beta eCFR also offers improved formatting, automatically hyperlinked cross-references, and redline comparison, among other features. And, you can log into My CFR with your My FR account.)

Katherine Spivey
Senior Communications Specialist
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We would be interested in hearing about alternatives as well.

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Hello –

This is a good place to start:
https://accessibility.gov/

Michelle Murphey  
Web Communications Specialist, CGS  
United States Postal Inspection Service, NHQ  
Washington, DC  
Tel: 202.697.1810

From: Content Managers <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV> On Behalf Of Content Managers List <CONTENT-MANAGERS-L@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV>, Murphey, Michelle L - Washington, DC

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Thank you!

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The Federal Web Council, an interagency group of digital and web directors, collaborates across agencies to improve federal digital services. Below are highlights from the Council’s July 15, 2021, meeting.

**New communities**
There are two new Digital.gov communities. Consider joining!
- **Innovation adoption** - A community of federal government employees who support each other as we learn, share, and adopt innovative approaches and new ways of working within our organizations.
- **Web analytics and optimization** - A community of federal government employees and contractors who use data to improve the public’s interaction with federal sites.

**Updated FOIA content**
The Council updated the FOIA content on Digital.gov’s Checklist of Requirements for Federal Websites and Digital Services based on NARA feedback.

**U.S. Web Design System updates**
The U.S. Web Design System team recently released version 2.12.
- **Pagination** - A new design system component. It serves as a navigation tool for content, helping users move between numbered pages to find information.
- **Page templates** - Added Spanish-language versions of the 404 and authentication pages.
- **Links** - Updated guidance on how to clearly identify external links and provide required notification for non-federal external links, addressing two key aspects.
  - Notification - Employ a clear, consistent, user-friendly approach for all external links whether government or non-government links.
  - Non-endorsement - Add language to a policy and notices page on your site to explain to users that the agency does not endorse the information on any linked non-federal site.

**Do you have a best practice for external links?** Please share a one-paragraph summary of the solution your agency uses to indicate external links with Council Co-Chair, Rachel Flagg (rachel.flagg@gsa.gov). Include a link to a page on your site that demonstrates the solution. Rachel will compile and share back with the community.

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When Wed Aug 4, 2021 2pm – 3pm Eastern Time - New York
Where [b] (6)
Calendar content-managers-l@listserv.gsa.gov
Who (Guest list has been hidden at organizer's request)

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Join us for the latest Web Managers Community Huddle, an informational meeting for open and organic information exchange.

Last month, President Biden signed an executive order on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEI&A) in the federal workforce.

Tori Garten, Web Manager Community of Practice Co-Lead, will facilitate a conversation on this topic. And Aileen McGraw, TTS Diversity Guild Co-Lead, and Greg Walker, 18F DEI Rep for Engineering, will join us as well.

Please accept this invitation to join the huddle, and let me know if you need any accommodations to participate in this meeting fully.

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