RI.gov 2009 Year in Review

Thomas Viall RI Webmakers Group May 13th, 2010







2009 Highlights

- Awards:
 - Best Fit Integrator for DEM Agriculture Renewal
 - Best of the Web finalist
 - Interactive Media Award for Outstanding Achievement in Design
 - Davey Award Silver win for Government
- All constitutional officers in common look and feel
- 502,306 transactions and \$12,443,916 in statutory funds collected
- Passed the \$3,000,000,000 in tax funds processed!
- Elizabeth Pemmerl promoted to federal DOT project in Washington
- Welcome Nicole Courtemanche

New Services

- Sailpoint (CRB, DLT, East Providence, Bristol, DEM)
- DMV Title Inquiry
- Open Government Checkbook (18 Agencies)
- DBR Insurance Placards
- DBR Upholstery License Renewal
- DEM Caps Project (Beetle Notification)
- DOA Wellness Program
- DEM Underground Storage Tank Registration
- DBR Architect License Renewals

Updated Services

- Corrections Employment 2009
- **DLT License** full recode
- DBR Lender Filing full recode

Web sites

- Office of Recovery & Reinvestment
- State Police 5K
- Executive Office of Health & Human Services
- Town of Bristol V2
- Office of Energy Resources

- Emergency Management V2
- RI.gov Version Seagull
- Public Safety Grant
- Treasury v3
- Secretary of State (After 2 years!)

Looking Ahead

- DMV OTC
- Relaunch of all DMV services
- RIDE Certification Payments
- Business Tax UI upgrade
- Webmakers Toolbox
- Additional SailPoint roll out
- More DBP License Renewals
- Business Fast Start
- Subscriber UCC
- Saltwater Fishing

The Importance of a DRP

March 30th, 2010





RI.gov

The Aftermath



2009 Goals (how we did)

- Ensure funding for the portal
- Assist RI during fiscal crisis
 - Better efficiency
 Open government checkbook, EORR, DBP licenses
 - Seek new or improved funding sources
 Over the counter credit card
 - Leverage existing systems for rapid deployment Rails now fully implemented in portal
- Manage DMV technology change
- Win Best of the Web

2010 Goals

- Continue to build funding for the portal
- Better customer service tracking and value documents
- See DMV technology change through
- Win Best of the Web
- Exercise contract extension
- Work to ensure smooth transfer to new administration in 2011

Questions?

Webmaker's

May 2010

Dan Chapman Creative Director, RI.gov

Karen Mellor, Library Program Manager, OLIS



- 1 Accessibility
- 2 Content Strategy
- 3 Mobile Web



Accessibility



More Work?



Yes, but it is

worth it.



State

perspective



It is the policy of the State of to ensure that people with hearing, visual and other disabilities have **equal access to public information that is available on the Internet** and the World Wide Web. It is the direct responsibility of the agency and its web page developers to become familiar with the guidelines for achieving universal accessibility and to apply these principles in designing and creating any official State of Rhode Island website.

Policies on RI.gov

- www.ri.gov/policies/access.php
- www.ri.gov/policies/access checklist.php



Upcoming Legislation

H-7786 (amends RIGL 37-25-1)

Adopt the Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and require all RI departments & agencies to provide access to electronic & info. technology to all individuals, unless it would impose an undue hardship on the dept. or agency

http://dirac.rilin.state.ri.us/BillStatus/WebClass1.ASP?WCI=BillStatus&WCE=ifrmBillStatus&WCU



Four **Principles**

Perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust.



Guidelines & Standards

- Federal Section 508 (consistent with WCAG 1.0)
- •W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 (WCAG)



508

- (a) A text equivalent for every non-text element shall be provided (e.g., via "alt", "longdesc", or in element content).
- (b) Equivalent alternatives for any multimedia presentation shall be synchronized with the presentation.
- (c) Web pages shall be designed so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color, for example from context or markup.
- (d) Documents shall be organized so they are readable without requiring an associated style sheet.
- (e) Redundant text links shall be provided for each active region of a server-side image map.
- (f) Client-side image maps shall be provided instead of server-side image maps except where the regions cannot be defined with an available geometric shape.provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by assistive technology.



508

- (g) Row and column headers shall be identified for data tables.
- (h) Markup shall be used to associate data cells and header cells for data tables that have two or more logical levels of row or column headers.
- (i) Frames shall be titled with text that facilitates frame identification and navigation.
- (j) Pages shall be designed to avoid causing the screen to flicker with a frequency greater than 2 Hz and lower than 55 Hz.
- (k) A **text-only** page, with equivalent information or functionality, shall be provided to make a web site comply with the provisions of this part, when compliance cannot be accomplished in any other way. The content of the text-only page shall be updated whenever the primary page changes.



508

- (I) When pages utilize scripting languages to display content, or to create interface elements, the information provided by the script shall be identified with functional text that can be read by assistive technology.
- (m) When a web page requires that **an applet, plug-in** or other application be present on the client system to interpret page content, the page must provide a link to a plug-in or applet that complies with §1194.21(a) through (l).
- (n) When electronic forms are designed to be completed on-line, the **form shall allow people using assistive technology to access the information**, field elements, and functionality required for completion and submission of the form, including all directions and cues.
- (o) A method shall be provided that permits users to skip repetitive navigation links.
- (p) When a **timed response** is required, the user shall be alerted and given sufficient time to indicate more time is required.

WCAG 2.0

- Attempts to adapt to the rapidly changing nature of the Web AJAX, Canvas, Flash, PDF, streaming
- More technology independent: Plugins...might be OK.
- More specificity with video, audio
- Better organization of priority levels
 Different levels of compliance are spelled out for each guideline (A-AAA)



Simple Questions to Ask

Can your content be accessed without:

- Javascript?
- •CSS?
- •Images?
- •Flash / Plugins?



Simple things to do

- Alt tags on all your images
- •If you use video / audio, link to a text transcript, add captions to video if possible
- Do not rely on images or other technology to convey information without alternate means



Simple questions to ask

If so, you're in pretty good shape.

Other things to think about: **Skip links**, **table** markup



Help is out there

Web Developer Toolbar (Firefox)

https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/60/

Safari Developer Tools

http://www.apple.com/safari/

Wave

http://wave.webaim.org/

Cynthia Says

http://www.contentquality.com/



Web Developer Toolbar

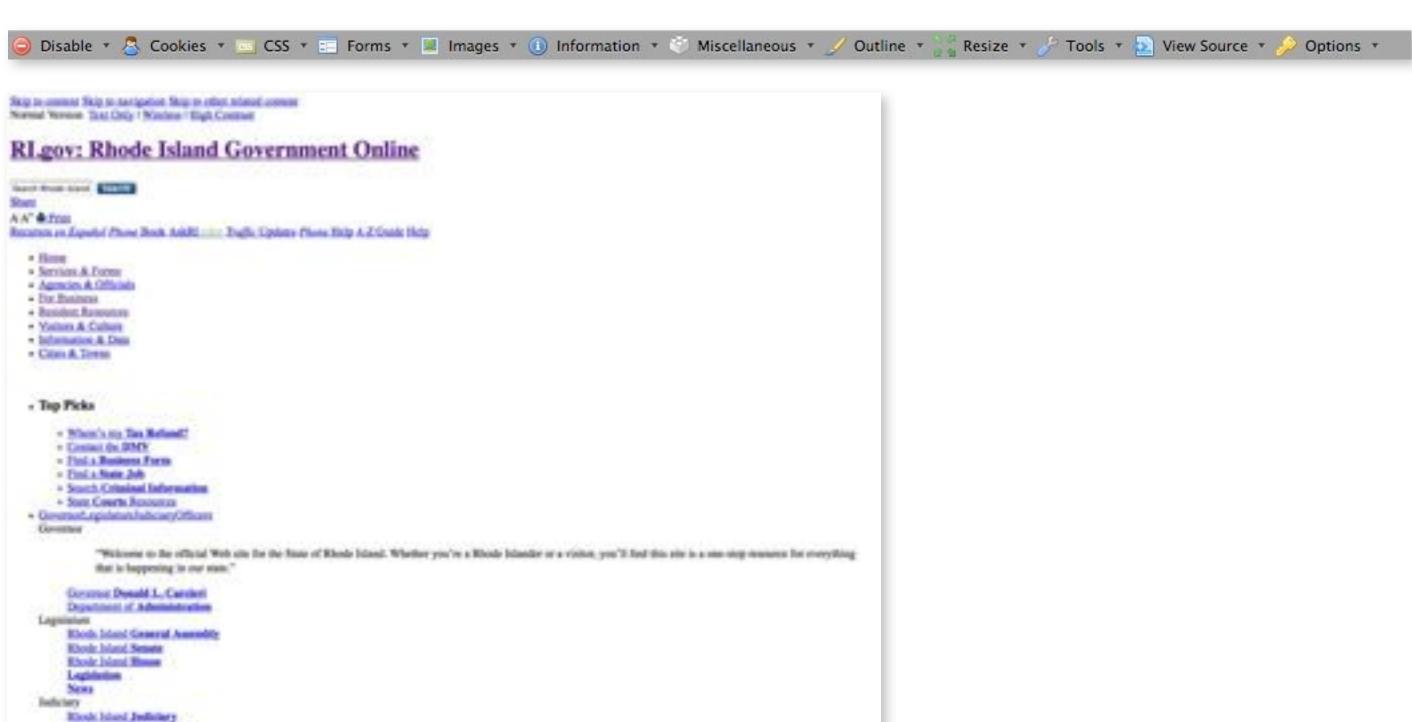




Web Developer Toolbar

Search Criminal Records

Dearlet Court





Other Resources

- http://www.webaim.org/standards/wcag/checklist
- http://www.uservision.co.uk/resources/articles/2007/wcag-20-preview-so-whats-new/
- http://www.w3.org/WAI/WCAG20/quickref/
- http://www.w3.org/WAI/
- http://www.section508.gov/index.cfm?FuseAction=Content&ID=11



Content

Strategy



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Content
Strategy?



Content strategy plans for the creation, delivery, and governance of content.

Better content.

Content people care about.

Content that supports your business objectives and meets your users' goals. **



Alittle secret:

You are an editor



No, really.

You are an editor



Toolset

Video

Email Marketing

Feedback Tools

Wikis

Audio

Collaboration

Streaming

Social Networking

Content Delivery

User Testing Surveys

Blogs



You Curate

your message.



Learning When to say no.



Learning When to say

yes.



How to **start**

Step 1.

Audit your content with a link spreadsheet.

Quality
- 1
- 1
2
3



How to **start**

Step 2.

Look at your stats.

If you're not using *Google Analytics*, start.

Pages	Pageviews	% Pageviews
/	86,934	18.90%
/search/	58,005	12.61%
/government/	13,846	3.01%
(Licensing)	13,465	2.93%
(services/	13,116	2.85%



How to **start**

Step 3.

Do some user testing.

Grab some friends, family, ex-boyfriends...

Use a feedback tool like *UserVoice*, *Silverback* Ask questions, watch what people do.





Putting this into practice.



Homepage disease



Over time everything can become important.



When everything is important, nothing is important.



Hierarchy

Focus on what is important.



Related point: There is no fold. (Everybody scrolls)

http://www.clockwork.net/blog/2010/01/08/372/how_to_discuss_the_fold_with_a_client

http://www.thereisnopagefold.com/

http://www.iampaddy.com/lifebelow600/



Respect your audience.





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REALLY IMPORTANT
FORM

Esoteric information

- nobody can find (REALLY IMPORTANT)
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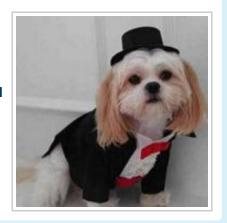
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Our Mission

is to prevent disease and to protect and promote the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island.



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Flood Information

Website: RI Flood Recovery website

About: Emergency Response | Drinking Water | Cleaning Up | Hold

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Online Services

- Get a copy of a birth, death or marriage certificate
- · File a complaint against a health professional
- Quit smoking

I Want To ...

Know about Hospital Mergers

- View Food Safety Inspection Reports
- Renew your Health Professional License
- · Verify the license of a health professional
- Order educational materials online

In the News

DS/06/2010 15:30 EDT Department of Health Presents Community Partnership Award to Dr. Joseph DiMase

05/03/2010 16:00 EDT Questions and Answers about Pediatric Medicine Recall

05/03/2010 13:30 EDT Rhode Island is First New England State to Earn EPA Approval For Lead-Safe Program

05/01/2010 11:00 EDY FDA Press Release: McNell Consumer Healthcare Announces Voluntary Recall of Certain Over-the-Counter Infants' and Children's Products

04/14/2010 14:00 EDT Governor, Department of Health Celebrate Rhode Island's Top-Ranking H1N1 Vaccination Effort

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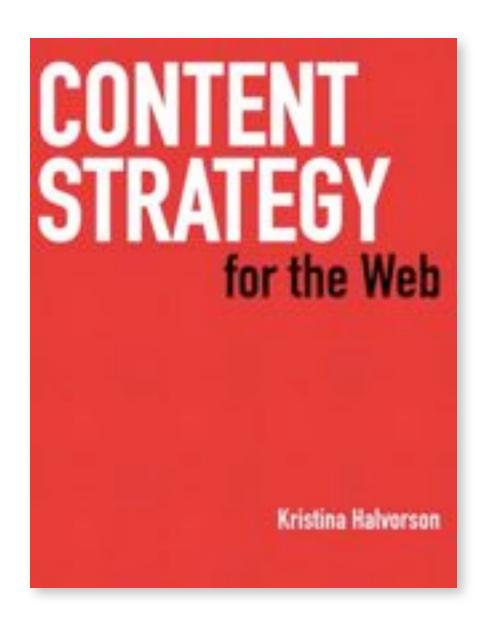
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- Summer Health Tips

Des hitsel beach closures +

Lame Disease +

Read this book:





Mobile Web



Ask yourself, what is relevant to my users and the tasks, problems, and needs they might encounter while being mobile. **

Cameron Moll,

Mobile Web Design



Mobile Web

- Mobile users are most likely interested in a subset of the content.
- Mobile users shouldn't have to download content that they don't use.
- The mobile web is a moving target.



Problems



Too many phones



Bright

Spots



Bright spots

Webkit

Mobile Safari (iPhone), Android OS, Blackberry Mobile



Opera Mini

Mobile Safari (iPhone), Android OS, Blackberry Mobile

Problems

virtually everything else.



Potential Solutions



Potential solutions

- Reduce images & styling
- Use handheld stylesheets
- Create mobile optimized content



Reduce styling







Use handheld style sheets

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k rel="stylesheet" type="text/css"
href="/styles/handheld.css" media="handheld">
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For Business	
Resident Resources	
Visitors & Culture	
Information & Data	
Cities & Towns	



Create mobile-optimized versions

k media="only screen and (max-device-width: 480px)"
href="/styles/iPhone.css" type="text/css" rel="stylesheet" />



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Annual Report Online Filing

File annual reports online with the office of the Rhode Island Secretary of State.

View all tagged with: business business service online service secretary of state services

B.A.R. Form - Online Registration for New Businesses

Online service allowing new businesses to register for a Retail Sales Permits Income tax withholding accounts (including withholding for pensions or trusts) and Rhode Island Unemployment insurance accounts (including Rhode Island temporary disability insu

View all tagged with:businessbusinessserviceonline serviceservicesstarting



Problems with these solutions

Reduce images ℰ Styling

Problem: Requires a separate site / subdomain.

Mobile Style Sheet

Many browsers either ignore them or have very poor support

Device-specific CSS

Small market share, multiple devices and CSS to support



Resources

- W3C Mobile Best Practices: http://www.w3.org/TR/mobile-bp/
- Mobile Web Design, Cameron Moll: http://mobilewebbook.com/
- MobiForge Templates: http://mobiforge.com/starting/story/xhtml-mobile-website-templates
- jQTouch: http://www.jqtouch.com/
- Mobile Emulators: http://mobiforge.com/emulators/page/mobile-emulators
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