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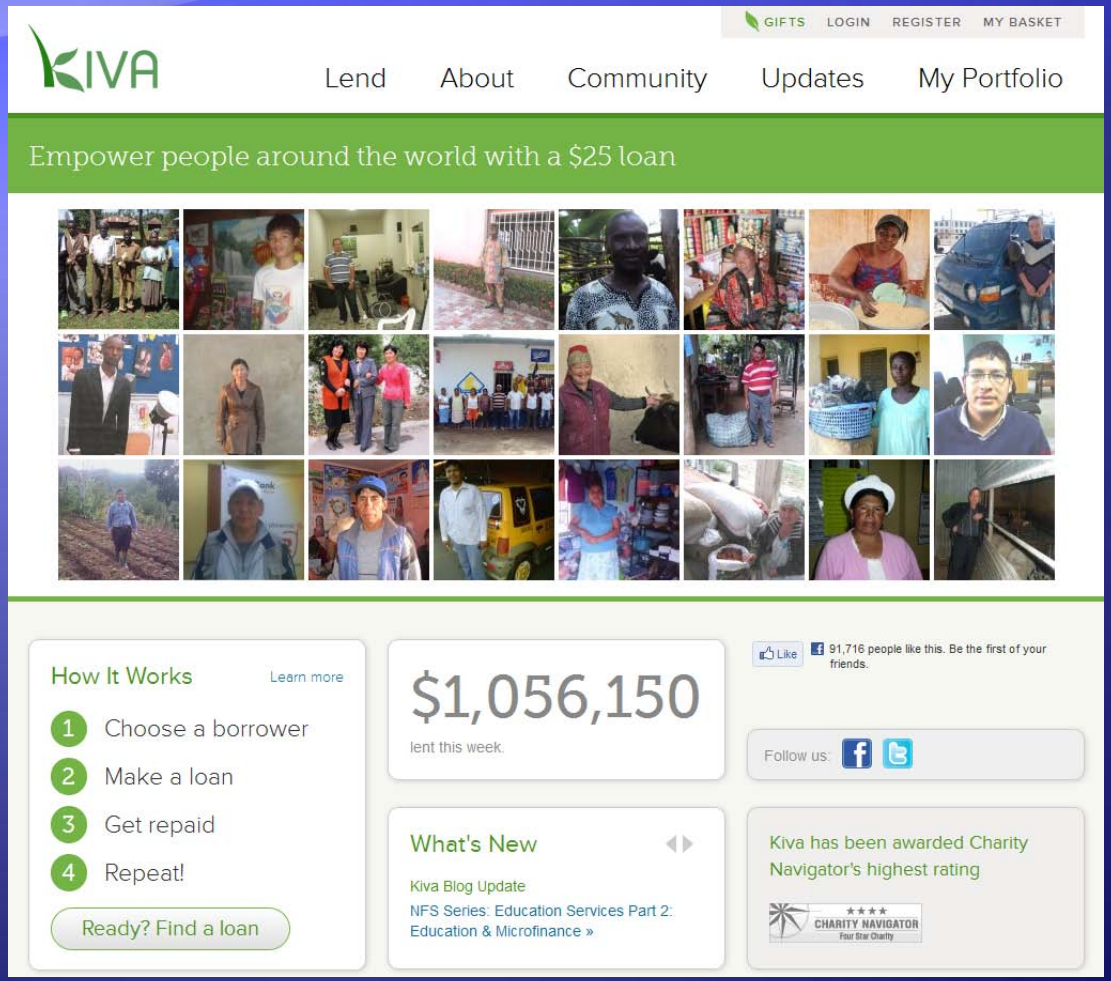
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You Need To Learn How To Program

Make a free weekly coding lesson your New Year's resolution.

By Farhad Manjoo | Posted Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012, at 4:48 PM ET

Code Year is a free computer coding course.
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If you're looking for a New Year's resolution, let me suggest an idea that you might not have considered: You should learn computer programming. Specifically, you should sign up for Code Year, a new project that aims to teach neophytes the basics of programming over the course of 2012. Code Year was put together by Codecademy,* a startup that

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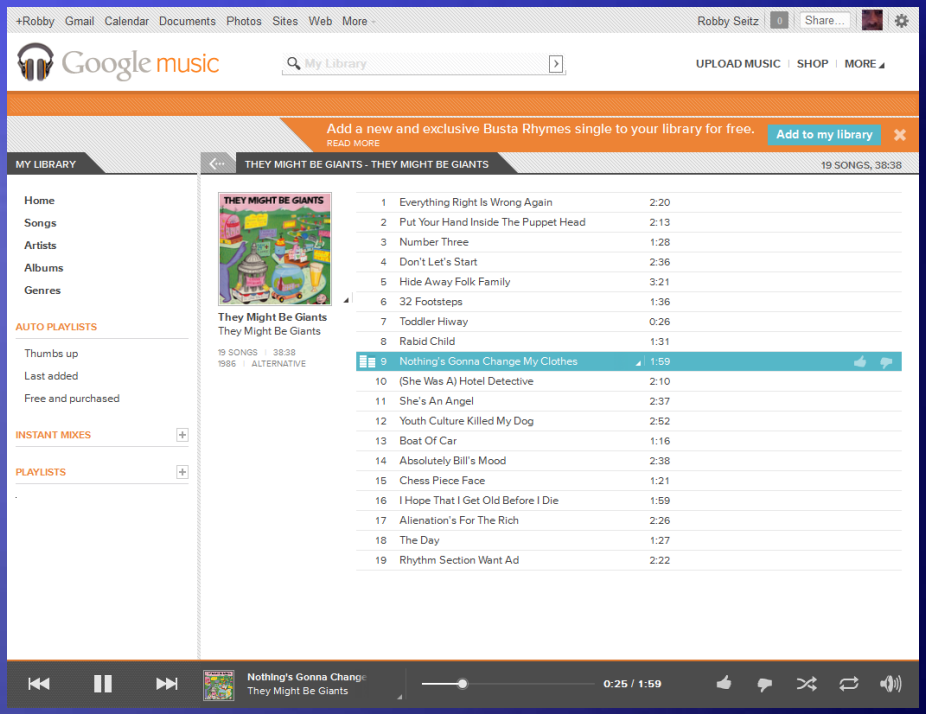
- Add up to 20,000 of your songs to the online library.
- Listen via the Web.
- It's free!
- … It also takes forever to upload all that music!



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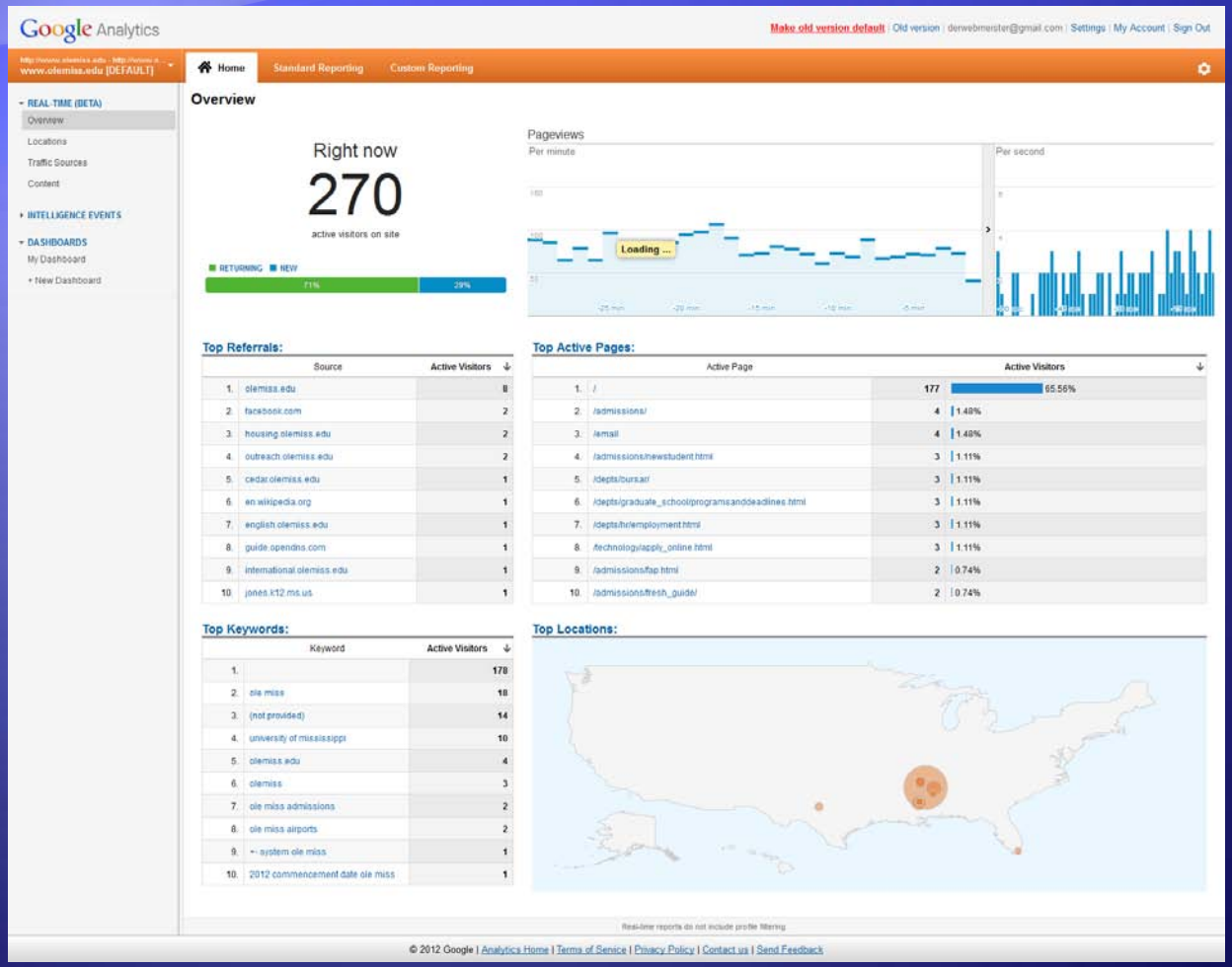

New Facebook Features

- Timeline for profile page
- Activity log recalls your every move

Facebook Porn Attack

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Facebook Blames Porn Attack On Browser Bugs

Attack spread a massive quantity of hardcore pornography and violence images via a cross-site scripting flaw.

By Mathew J. Schwartz InformationWeek
November 16, 2011 08:59 AM

Facebook officials on Wednesday acknowledged that the site had been hit by a spam attack that unleashed massive quantities of violent and pornographic images across users' newsfeeds for more than 24 hours. Facebook blamed the attack's success on a browser vulnerability, but said it had largely brought the attack under control.

"During this spam attack users were tricked into pasting and executing malicious JavaScript in their browser URL bar causing them to unknowingly share this offensive content. No user data or accounts were compromised during this attack," said a Facebook spokesman via email. "Our engineers have been working diligently on this self-XSS vulnerability in the browser."

Facebook declined to name which browser had the vulnerability, but "self-XSS" refers to a cross-site scripting (XSS) exploit that's launched by a user. These attacks rely on social engineering to trick users into cutting and pasting a line of code into their browser. "What would compel someone to copy and paste malicious JavaScript into their browser? Usually it is related to a giveaway, contest, or sweepstakes for some fantastic prize, and to qualify you need to paste this magic code into your browser," said Chester Wisniewski, a senior security advisor at Sophos Canada, in a blog post.

But according to Facebook's security team, the social network has now created "enforcement mechanisms" that automatically shut down malicious pages that result from the self-XSS exploit, as well as accounts that appear to have been created simply to launch these types of attacks. "Protecting the people who use Facebook from spam and malicious content is a top priority for us, and we are always working to improve our systems to isolate and

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New Domain Suffix

- Will the new .xxx provide a way to easily block porn, or will it simply be an endorsement of porn?
- All existing brand names must either buy their .xxx, or risk someone else buying it.

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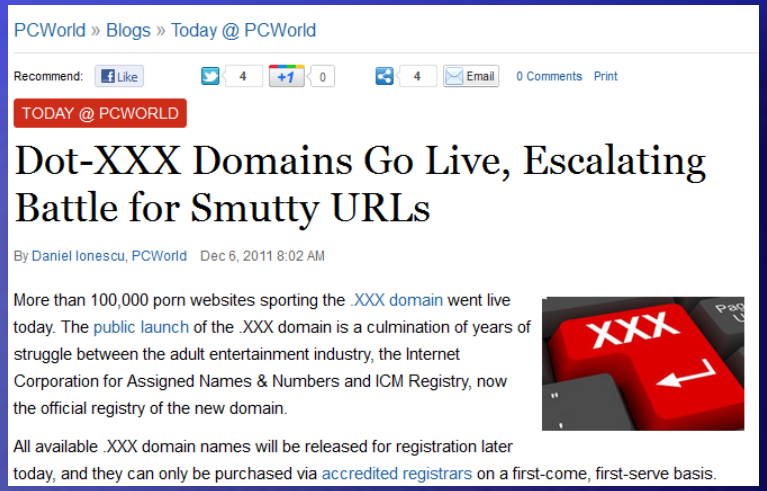

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Dot-XXX Domains Go Live, Escalating Battle for Smutty URLs

By Daniel Ionescu, PCWorld Dec 6, 2011 8:02 AM

More than 100,000 porn websites sporting the .XXX domain went live today. The public launch of the .XXX domain is a culmination of years of struggle between the adult entertainment industry, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names & Numbers and ICM Registry, now the official registry of the new domain.

All available .XXX domain names will be released for registration later today, and they can only be purchased via accredited registrars on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Critics See 'Disaster' In Expansion Of Domain Names

by YUKI NOGUCHI

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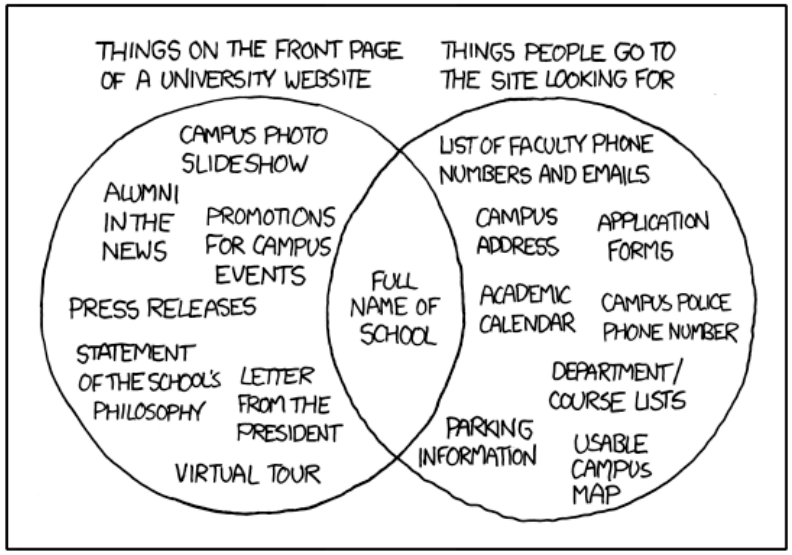

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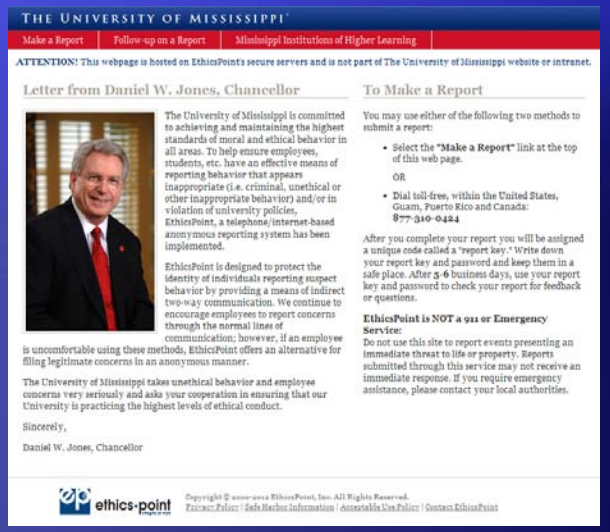
UM Footer Changes

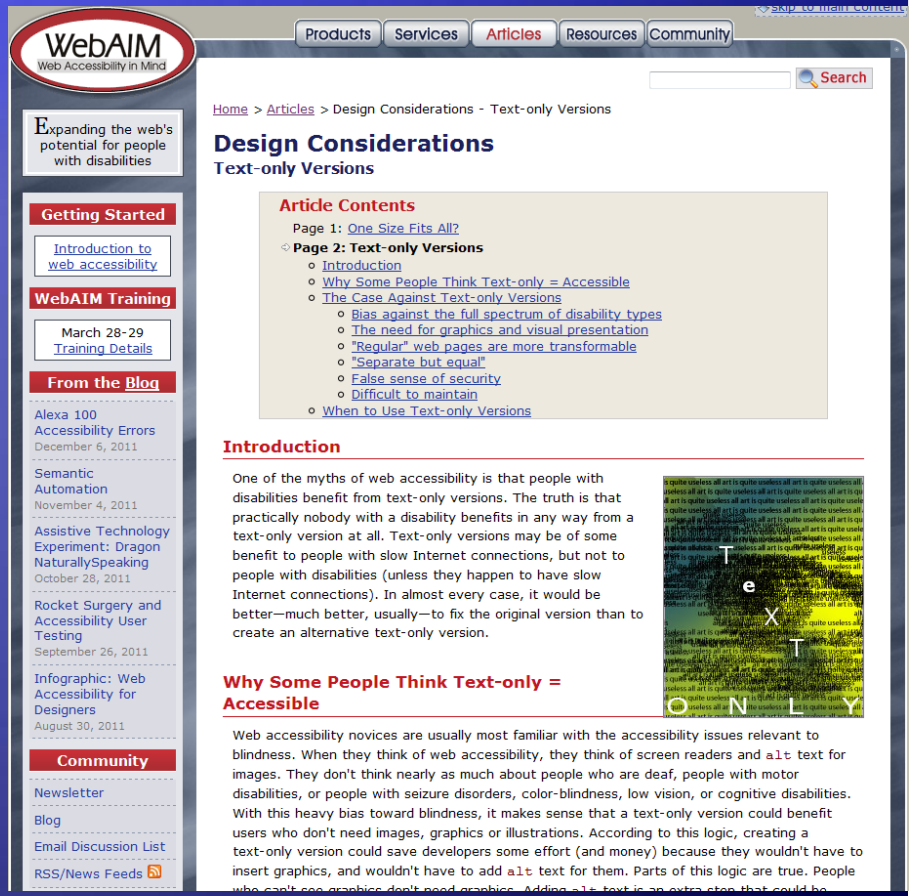
- Addition of "Ethics Line" to report criminal, unethical, or other inappropriate behavior.

- Planned removal of "Text Only" link. Service wasn't available to many of our pages anyway.



"Text Only" Support Fades

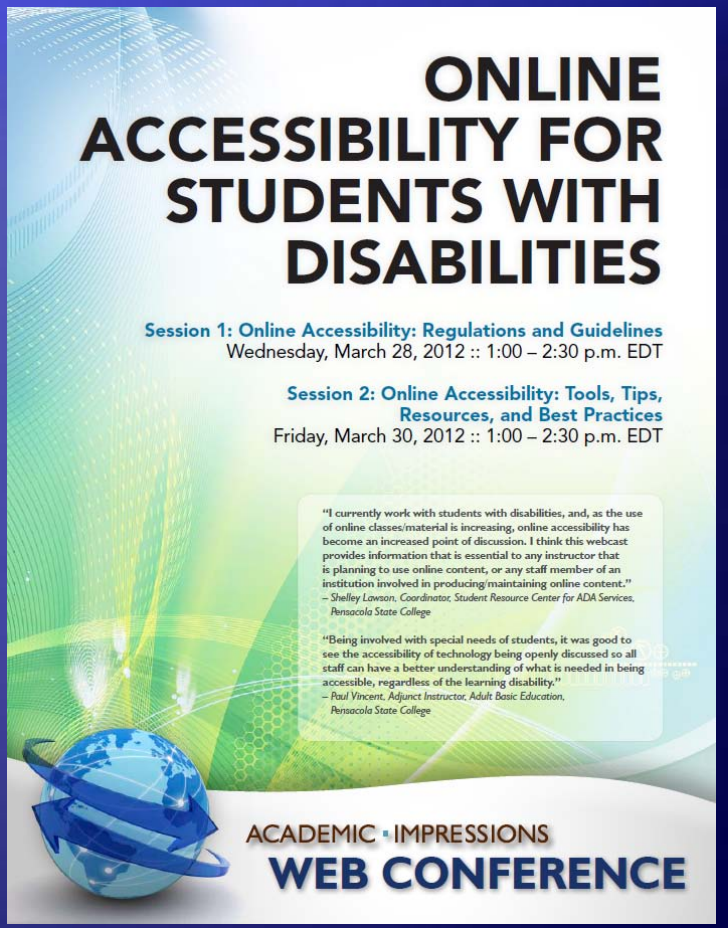
- Text-only ≠ Accessible
- Other levels of visual disabilities exist besides just blindness: Colors, images, and layout may help some.
- Emphasis should be on making the regular site more accessible.



Online Accessibility Webinars

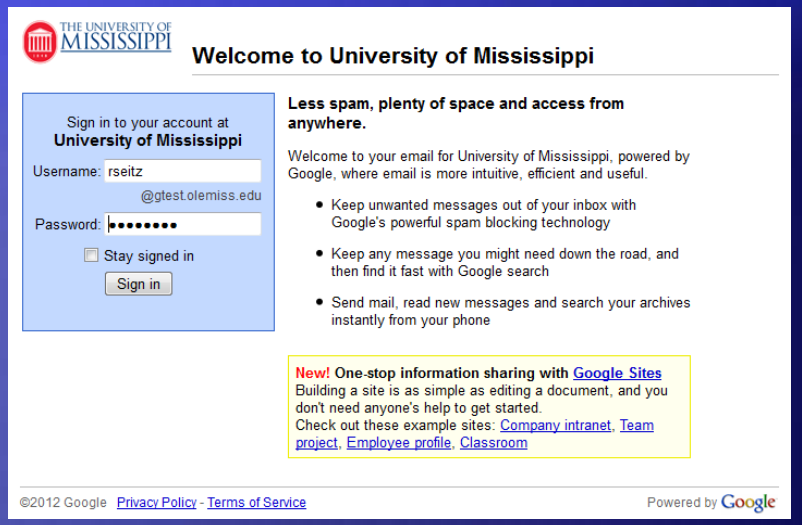
- Session 1:
  Regulations and Guidelines
  Wednesday, March 28
  12:00 – 1:30 p.m. CDT

- Session 2:
  Tools, Tips, Resources, and Best Practices
  Friday, March 30
  12:00 – 1:30 p.m. CDT



Student Email

- New student email accounts will be handled through Gmail. Existing will be migrated.
- Calendar, Docs, and Pages will be included.



- Change will require a new domain name for email addresses.
- Employees may opt in for an account, but must manually forward their Exchange email.

IT Adopts AP Style (October 2011)

- a.m., p.m.
- email
- e-book, e-reader
- home page
- Internet
- iPad, iPhone
- website, webcast, webcam, webmaster
- Web page, Web feed

Re: IT Adopts AP Style

- ~~a.m., p.m.~~ AM, PM
  Easier, shorter, more contemporary

- Event dates and times are now appearing on the Bulletin Board.

How to Handle Events…?

Events must be publicized in different ways, relying on different systems with different rules:

- Department sites (unique code or Google Calendar)
- Organization sites (OrgSync)
- Event Calendar (submit, wait for approval)
- UM Today (submit, consume many ways)

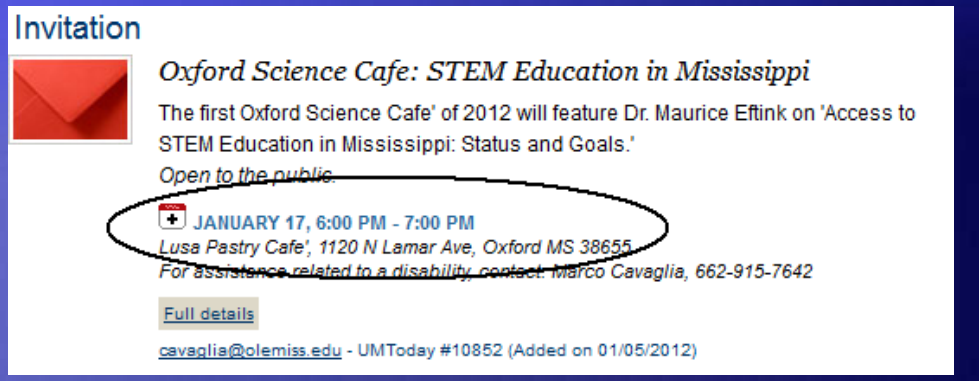
What would make it easier to post and publicize events for the largest audience?

How to Handle Events…?

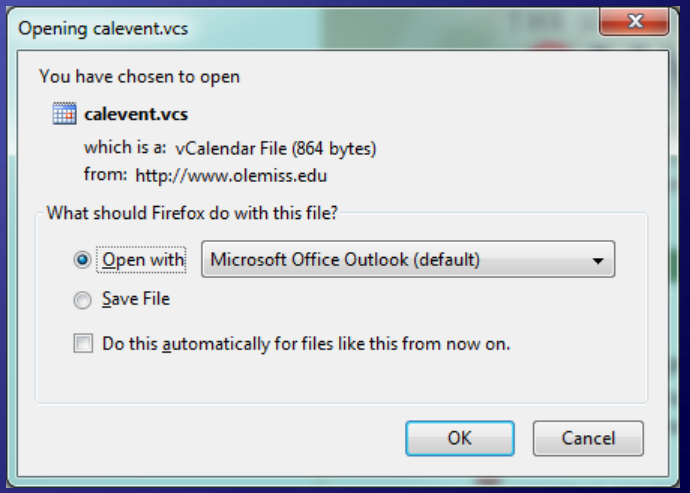
- UM Today already had "Campus Events" with date/time content.
- Expand this idea by allowing all message types to be events.
- Separate events and arrange them chronologically.

How to Handle Events…?

- Add location options for events



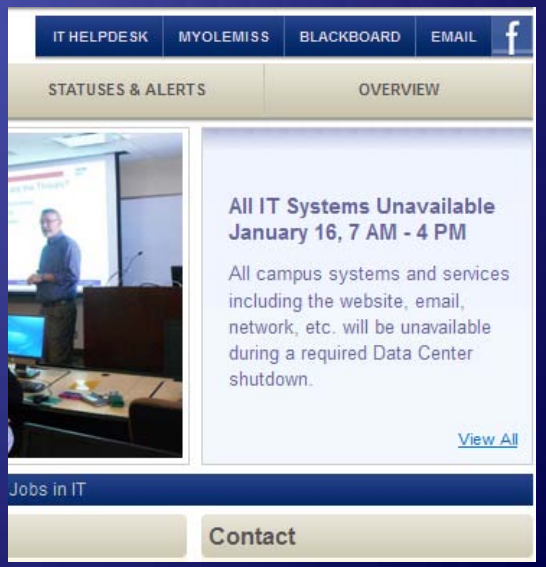
- Create generic "add to calendar" function



New Event Calendar

- Create code that pulls events from UM Today and recreate Event Calendar.

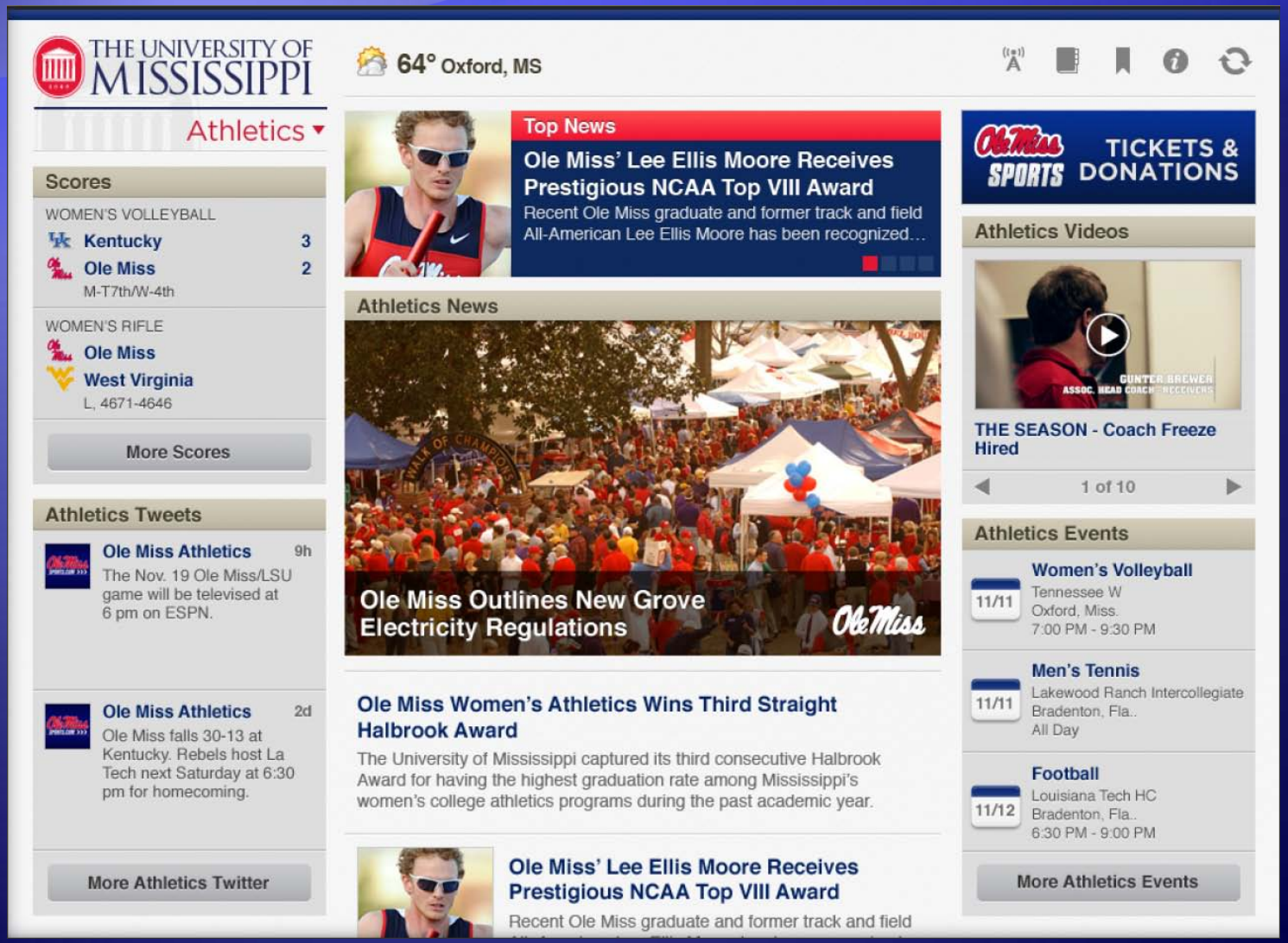
- Share code with department websites so they can publicize their events on their sites.



New Event Calendar

- Users have a single interface to create and manage both events and announcements.
- No delay for approval: If you post it, you take responsibility for any errors.
- Events can be emailed immediately as a UM Today Express announcement.
- Events can be pulled into different contexts.

iPad App Displays UM Content



Event No-nos

- Avoid phrases with ambiguous time references
  - *This coming Friday*
    (Did you mean today or next week?)
  - *Next week*
    (Will you change the message when the new week begins?)

Event No-nos

- Don't explain how to use links
  - See attachment...
    (The link might not say "attachment.")
  - Click the link to read more
    (Isn't that kind of obvious?)

- Don't embed URLs without linking them
  - We have a great event planned. Go to www.morestuff.com for more information.
    (It hurts my finger trying to click on that.)

UM Today No-nos

- Copied MS Word or Outlook content contains invisible formatting code that gets pasted into Message Details.
- You can remove extra HTML two ways
  - Paste the text into Notepad or some text-only editor first. Then copy it again and paste it into the Message Details box. Adjust as needed.
  - Paste the text directly into the box, then choose the HTML button and clean up the code manually.

Reminder…

Monday, January 16, no power in the Data Center means:

- No email
- No website
- No network
- No SAP
- No Blackboard
- No nothing!