November, 2011

WEBMASTER MEETING

- www.olemiss.edu/webmaster/meetings.html
For starters...

Mom:
- "What does IDK, LY & TTYL mean?"
- I don't know, love you, talk to you later.
- OK, I will ask your sister.

Dad:
- I am so bored.
- OK: Think of a number between 0 and 10.
- Add 22 to it...
- Multiply by 2...
- Subtract 1...
- Now close your eyes...
- It's dark isn't it?
- You're an ass dad.
Save the Scrollbar!

Why are Apple, Google, and Facebook eradicating a linchpin of user interface design?

By Farhad Manjoo | Posted Wednesday, Nov 9, 2011, at 8:01 PM ET

When I noticed the scrollbars were missing on my smartphone, I didn’t care all that much. When I’m reading an article on a tiny screen, I don’t want anything to distract me from the text. User interface experts refer to all this extra material—the operating system’s borders, menus, and widgets—as “chrome,” and the test of the value of a given piece of chrome is whether you miss it when it’s gone. On the iPhone and other touchscreen phones, the scrollbar—that vertical or horizontal line that tells you how much more of an article lies beyond the screen—only appears when you touch the screen. When your finger is at rest, the scrollbar disappears. And on my phone, at least, I don’t miss it when it’s gone.

But then the scrollbars on my Mac disappeared. And I’ve noticed scrollbars evaporating across the Web as well. This is a maddening trend, and I don’t know what’s come over the interface designers of the world—it’s as if they’ve been gripped by a fashion trend that prizes aesthetics over function, the technological equivalent of sagging or Lady Gaga’s 10-inch heels. It’s time for the scrollers of the world to stand united and say, “Enough!”
No Mobile Flash

Adobe guts mobile Flash player strategy
By Ryan Paul | Published a day ago

Graphics software giant Adobe announced plans for layoffs yesterday ahead of a major restructuring. The company intends to cut approximately 750 members of its workforce and said that it would refocus its digital media business. It wasn’t immediately obvious how this streamlining effort would impact Adobe’s product line, but a report that was published late last night indicates that the company will gut its mobile Flash player strategy.

Adobe is reportedly going to stop developing new mobile ports of its Flash player browser plugin. Instead, the company’s mobile Flash development efforts will focus on AIR and tools for deploying Flash content as native applications. The move marks a significant change in direction for Adobe, which previously sought to deliver uniform support for Flash across desktop and mobile browsers.

Although Adobe will not be introducing its own Flash player plugin for additional platforms, the company will continue to support its existing implementations—including the ones for Android and the Blackberry tablet operating system—with updates that address bugs and security issues.

It’s not clear, however, whether the existing mobile browser plugins will be updated as new versions of Flash player are released. There are also some unanswered questions regarding the fate of the Open Screen program, though Adobe says that existing licensees will be able to continue developing their own Flash ports.
Surprise: Amazon ‘Strongly Supports’ New Sales Tax Bill
By Nate Anderson  November 10, 2011  7:40 am  Categories: Commerce

Amazon.com, the most vociferous opponent of collecting sales tax on purchases shipped outside its home state of Washington, has had a change of heart in the wake of today’s new Senate tax bill, the Marketplace Fairness Act.

"Amazon strongly supports enactment of the Enzi-Durbin-Alexander bill and will work with Congress, retailers, and the states to get this bi-partisan legislation passed," said Paul Misener, Amazon vice president, global public policy, in a press release. "It's a win-win resolution—and as analysts have noted, Amazon offers customers the best prices with or without sales tax."

The states get the taxes, of course—but what does Amazon get? Only a few months ago, Amazon was slamming states like California that attempted to have the Internet retailer collect and pay sales tax on purchases shipped into the state (under the theory that Amazon "affiliates" constituted a "physical nexus" in California and thus made Amazon liable for collection duties).

"We oppose this bill because it is unconstitutional and counterproductive. It is supported by big-box retailers, most of which are based outside California, that seek to harm the affiliate advertising programs of their competitors," Amazon wrote in a letter this summer. "Similar legislation in other states has led to job and income losses, and little, if any, new tax revenue. We deeply regret that we must take this action."
Campbell University Alert

ALERT: Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Evening classes on main campus are cancelled for Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2011.

Campbell University’s main campus is on a lock-down. Notice to students, faculty and staff: Please stay in a residence hall room or classroom until further notice.
About ifttt

Tasks

Put the internet to work for you by creating tasks that fit this simple structure:

if this then that

Think of all the things you could do if you were able to define any task as: when something happens (this) then do something else (that).
Admissions iPad App

- Provide admissions advisors a way to pull up secure student information while visiting high schools.

- Review prospective student applications, ACT scores, and note where student action is needed.
Getting More Out Of SAP

Employee Profile

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My Home Page
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Areas of Expertise

- Web programming techniques

Degrees

- Associate, Computer Programming, East Miss Community College, 1989
- BS, Computer Science, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi, 2004

Committee Memberships

- Web Planning Committee (Ad Hoc Committee)
Mobilize Me!

Security Tips
- Back up your data!
- Install anti-virus software.
- Remove malware, spyware, and viruses.
- Create and remember strong passwords.
- Do not download from unknown resources.
- Do not reply to e-mails requesting login or bank account information.
- Regularly update your operating system and software applications.

SAP and myOleMiss
Unavailable November 20, 2011
The SAP Production system and the myOleMiss portal will be unavailable to perform upgrades. Services will be restored by 8 a.m. on Nov. 21.

Systems Status
All main systems are running normally.

Quick Links
Orientation Presentation
Departmental Software Request
Free Downloads
Shop Apple
IT Partners
IT Services
IT Training
Online @ Ole Miss
Password Change Request Fax
Student Laptop Rental Program
Employee E-mail Migration

Contact
IT Helpdesk:
(962) 915-5222
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100 Web Hall
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Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

To report a problem after hours, call (962) 915-7206 or send e-mail to web@olemiss.edu.
Academic Council Workflow

The Academic Council Workflow process provides academic administrators and council members a way of creating and managing academic requests, e.g., adding or changing courses, programs, requirements, policies, etc. Requests are assigned to agendas, and agendas become minutes, providing an orderly way to track changes to the academic structure over time.

Academic Discipline

Academic Discipline allows instructors and employees to initiate an academic discipline case involving any student, provides students the ability to view case details and appeal, and allows academic administrators and academic discipline committees to view cases along with the appeal and related attachments. A workflow drives the processing of the case and generates appropriate correspondence along the way.

Academic Programs and Catalog

Academic Programs and Catalog lists online academic programs and catalog information for a selected academic year. Included are course prerequisites and corequisites, program requirements, available majors and minors, faculty listings, etc. This service is available to the public through the Web address, http://www.olemiss.edu/catalog.
$(document).ready(function() {
    var width = screen.width;
    var myCookie = $.cookie('useWhich');

    if((myCookie != "useNormal" && width < 768) || (myCookie == "useMobile")) {
        $('head').append('<link rel="stylesheet" href="itincludes/mobile.css" type="text/css" />');$('ul#navigation li').hide();
        $('ul#navigation li#head0').show();
        $('#heading2').append('<a class="ui-btn-right ui-btn ui-shadow" href="./"><span class="ui-btn-inner"><span class="ui-btn-text">Home</span><span class="ui-icon ui-icon-lyceum ui-icon-shadow"></span></span></a>');
    }

    $('ul#navigation li#head0').click(function() {
        $('ul#navigation li').slideDown();
        $('ul#navigation li#head0').hide();
        });
});
Mobilize Me!

There are two basic methods of making a site mobile-ready:

- Offer a different version of the site, with its own URL, that is built specifically for the compact mobile screen.

- Change the rendering of the current site, by adding a mobile stylesheet and dynamically changing its HTML, so that it better serves the mobile screen.
Mobilize Me!

- Any more features needed on mobile pages?
- Where to put "Mobile" button on home page and others?
This exhibition is a journey of visualization that explores who I am.

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