

SEATTLE

Streamline Your Site This Summer

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Before You Start

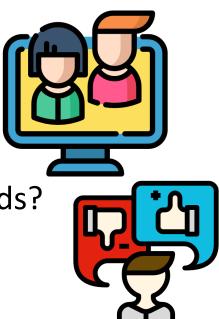
- Define Your Goals
 - What are you hoping to achieve?
 - How will you know if you're successful?





Focus on Your Users

- Define your primary audience
 - Identify their top questions/tasks
- Get user feedback
 - How well is your site meeting their needs?
 - Analytics data
 - Other kinds of feedback:
 - User testing, survey, interviews, focus groups





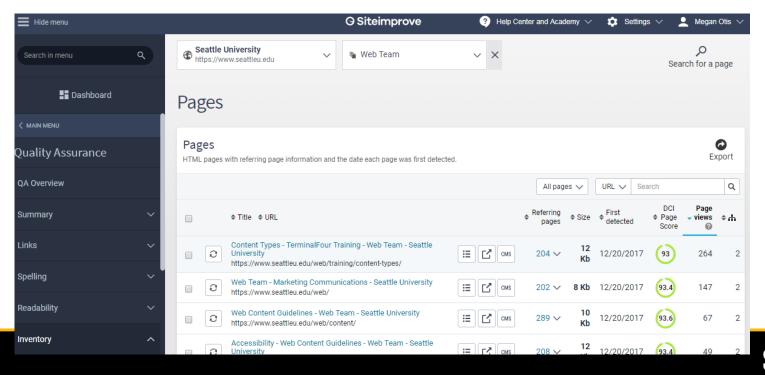
Inventory Your Content

- Collect all of your URLs in a spreadsheet
- What's the purpose for each page?
- On each page, what kinds of content do you have?
 - Text, links, tables, images, video, audio, files, calls-to-action?



Tools to Help

Siteimprove – contact Web Team for access!







Assess Your Content

Is the page still accurate, useful, relevant?

- What's rotten or at-risk of rotting?
 - ROT = redundant, out-of-date, trivial



For each page: Keep & Improve OR Remove



Evaluation Criteria & Rubric

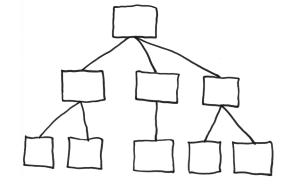
- For the pages that you are not going to remove, give the page a grade on:
 - Page title
 - Page organization
 - Use of content types and text styles
 - Accuracy and completeness
 - Writing quality (including spellings and grammar)
 - Images, video, and files





Where to Start

- Different ways to prioritize pick best for you
 - Levels or Top to bottom
 - Traffic/popularity
 - Low-hanging fruit (easiest fixes)
 - Lowest score/greatest need

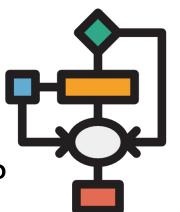


- If you're overwhelmed, create smaller chunks
- Be consistent and methodical until it's done



Define the Process and Work Flow

- Who needs to review and assess the content?
 - Different people can assess different aspects
- If there are holes, who needs to create new content?
- Who needs to approve before publishing?
- When?
 - Set deadlines and stick to them





Implementing Changes

- Minor or simple changes:
 - Add changes to published content items, save changes as pending, published content won't be affected until you 'save and approve'
- Major changes:
 - Create a new pending section to build in a separate place so you won't affect what's currently published until you're ready to launch all changes
- <u>Preview</u> before publishing:
 - Preview links can be shared with other T4 users
 - If you need to share with a non-T4 user, let us know and we can help





Before You Delete

- Be proactive about <u>preventing 404 errors</u>
 - Before you delete or change a URL, especially if it's been published, reach out to <u>Web Team</u>
 - Changes that create an obsolete URL in the search engine:
 - Delete, rename, or move a section/page, a PDF, or news, blog post, faculty/staff bio content items







After You Delete

- Decide what to keep archived in T4 for posterity and what can be permanently removed
- Tidy up your interface by <u>moving items</u> into a "<u>Trash</u>" or "Archive" folder
- Request Web Team "purge" deleted items

Plan for Future

- Set <u>review notifications</u> in T4 for content at risk of "rotting"
- Set <u>future publication/expiration dates</u> for content items
- Try and integrate content review process into your regular quarterly/yearly cycle



More Resources

- Megan Otis, Web Support Specialist
 - 206-296-6354; <u>otism@seattleu.edu</u>
- Online Training Course
 - If you want a training refresh, request Canvas access
- Siteimprove
- Web Team website



Give Us Your Feedback

- Please fill out the content editors feedback survey
 - Let the Web Team know how we're doing
 - What you think of the Canvas course and these training forums, what we can do to make them even more useful and valuable
 - Improvements you'd like to see in T4
 - Topics you want more training on

