

Government as a Participant in Social Networks

Adding Authority to the Conversation

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Government has responsibilities not shared by the private sector:

To protect public health and welfare

To ensure public safety

To ensure national security

To help the public

To pursue diplomacy on the world stage

To be authoritative

Misrepresentation of government information when used outside of its original intent/context can result in severe consequences.

Challenges:

To integrate user-generated content with government information without diluting the authority or integrity of the information

To ensure the trustworthiness of information generated by these interactions

To provide a conduit for content created outside of the agency while ensuring compliance with agency/government policies, procedure, laws, executive orders, etc.

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Good Night, IRENE: Technology of Dreams

Posted on: June 18th, 2007 by Matt Raymond

Everyone knows that "a picture is worth a thousand words." But did you know that it can also yield, oh, at least an hour or so of pleasant music?

The Library of Congress's [Preservation Directorate](#) and a number of partners are essentially "inventing" a new preservation technology that could revolutionize efforts to convert analog formats, such as LPs, to digitized versions of the recordings contained on the old media.



IRENE does 'her' thing

The process — known as IRENE (Image, Reconstruct, Erase Noise, etc.) — is rather ingenious.

Here's how it works: First, IRENE (pictured, right) makes a high-resolution digital image of a disc record. The key is found in creating a digital audio file from the analog information in the disc's grooves. IRENE can efficiently extract sound from an image of a fragile or damaged disc, "heal" scratches or digitally "reassemble" a broken disc.


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Implications of Recent Web Technologies for NARA Web Guidance

Purpose

Federal Agencies are already required by 44 U.S.C ch. 31 and 35, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130 and NARA regulations in 36 CFR ch. XII, subchapter B to have effective and comprehensive records management program for all of their records.

This document explores some of the applications that characterize the emerging web and their impact on records management. In its early days, the web was seen largely as a place to post static documents that were Internet-accessible. More recently, it is seen as a tool for facilitating collaboration across geographic and institutional boundaries. This document examines four applications that create content likely to exist only on the web. Agencies must continue to manage content created via these applications in compliance with NARA's records management guidance, including its Web Management and Transfer Policies.

Introduction

Section 1.2 of Part 2 of the [NARA Guidance on Managing Web Records](#) (hereafter *NARA Web Guidance*) defines web content as information with a Uniform Resource Identifier (*URI*) ¹ over an *internet-based protocol*. By that definition, all web applications create, deliver, or manage web content even though those applications may look very different. Keep in mind, content on government websites is owned by the government, not individual creators, and is likely to be agency record material.

Web Portals, Really Simple Syndication (*RSS*), Web Logs (*Blogs*) and *Wikis* are the four increasingly popular web applications discussed here. These web applications underscore growing sophistication in how the web is used. New uses imply different types of content, possibly with different records management considerations. Regardless of the differences in the timeliness, presentation, context, or completeness of information yielded by the



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Welcome

On June 13, Michael O. Leavitt, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, convened a leadership forum on pandemic preparedness, which brought together highly influential leaders from the business, faith, civic and health care sectors to discuss how best to help Americans become more prepared for a possible influenza pandemic. The Department is hosting this five-week blog to expand the conversation as part of an ongoing effort by the Department to help Americans become more prepared. HHS does not edit blog postings and cannot ensure that all included links are functioning. We apologize for any inconvenience.



Posted by
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Prepping For Your Pets, And Other Flu Stories

One great thing about the internet is the variety of angles one can take to look at the same issue. Here at the Pandemic Flu Leadership Summit, we tackled some substantial issues such as the wisdom of communicating H5N1 preparation vs. an any-pandemic prep vs. an all-hazards prep. Each approach has merit. We all recognize that were it not for H5N1 and its virulence and threat, this HHS summit and blog would not exist. We also recognize that H5N1 is not guaranteed to be the next pandemic virus

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Posted by
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Message From Blog Moderator

There has been some concern expressed that the moderation process is not as speedy as it should be and that comments are being deleted. The moderators would like to assure you that we are taking your concerns seriously, as the purpose of this blog is to host an open conversation about the importance of individual and family preparedness for pandemic flu.

In an effort to establish expectations, we need to ask that you please be patient about the time period that lapses before comments are approved. We aim to keep it as short as possible, but there will be times when the approval time may take several hours. (In the interest of disclosure, there are two people taking turns moderating comments.) We will add this expectation to our [Comment Policy](#) on Monday so that there is no confusion.

As far as concern that comments are being deleted, we are reviewing the spam filter more closely to determine if messages have been sent there inadvertently. Please know

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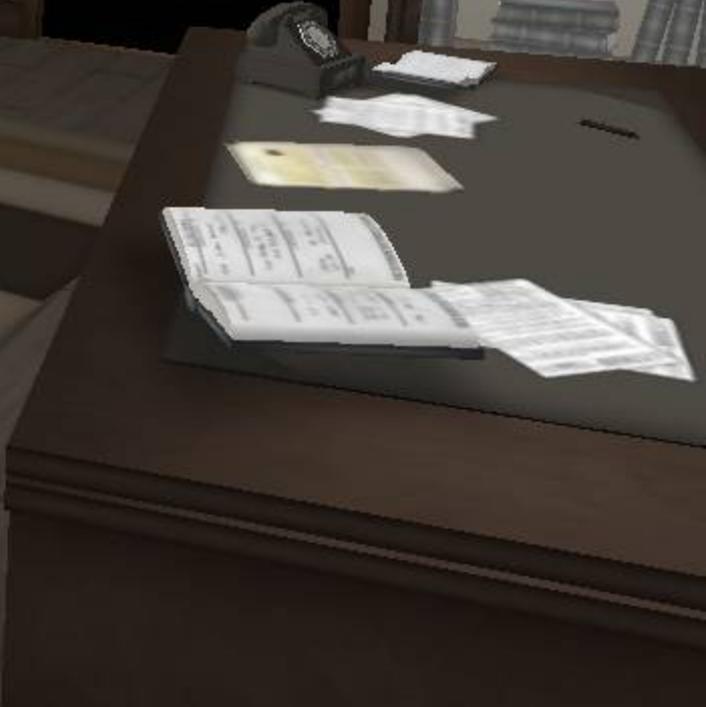
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Misha Boyd



Raoul Wallenberg in his office at the Swedish Legation in Budapest, November 1944









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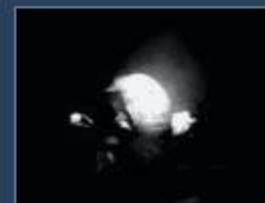
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