

Choosing Wagtail

A process story

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Support and promote the practice and culture of teaching and learning





...support the purposeful use of new media and emerging technologies in the classroom and online to foster the success of Columbia's instructors and students.



purposeful use of new media and emerging technologies



software (web) tools and application

Software/Web **Development:** 5 people

Software/Web Development



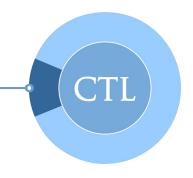
Pedagogical objectives

- Pedagogical Support existing technologies
 - Create new tools
 - Research new solutions

*FOSS



My role: front-end dev



- IA / UX / UI / Ally /etc
- Ensure seamless integration of technology experience in learning
- Python level: Advanced beginner

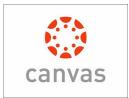
Tech we use



























Applications we developed











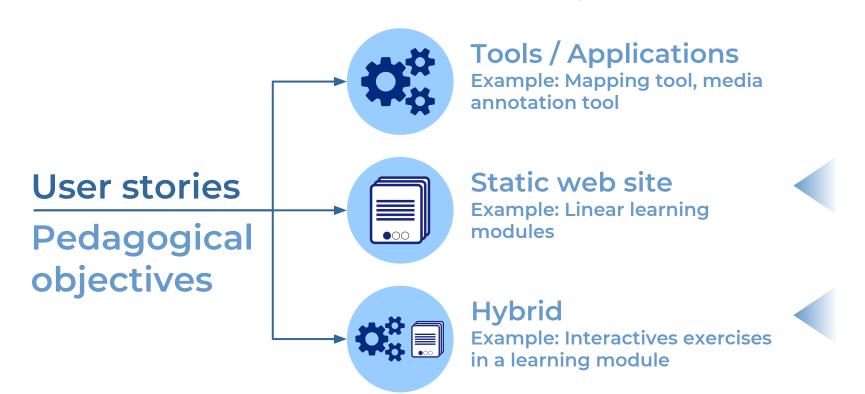








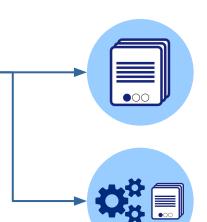
Approach



Need for CMS

Pedagogical objectives

- Non-developers as content managers
- Independence in editing and management
- Intuitive admin UI, WYSIWYG, media uploading



Static web site

Example: Linear learning modules

Hybrid

Example: Interactives exercises in a learning module

Criteria:

Control

(model, code, template, tests)

Versioning

(code, content)

UI for CMS

(editing and management)

Authentication + security

(CU integration)

CTL integration

(config, workflow)





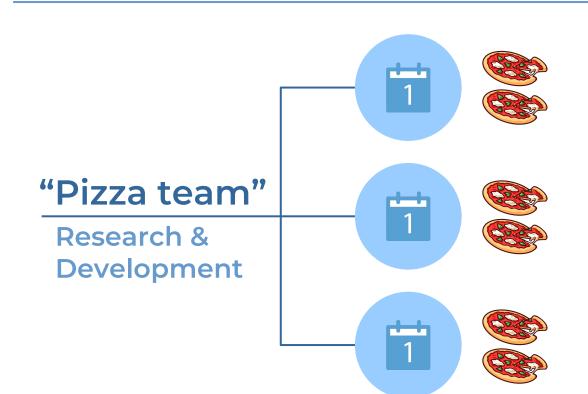








Hackathons





Compare, Contrast, Fitting



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Further criteria



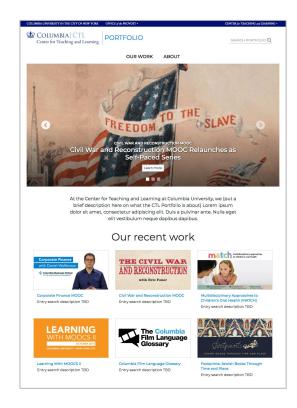


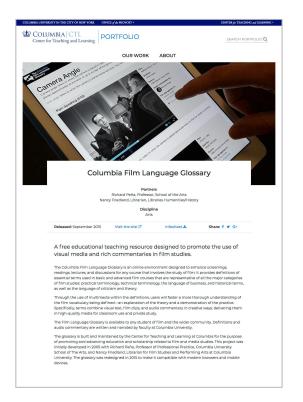
Multi applications in one project		
Flexibility (extendable) (dev & content provider)		
Simplicity		
Responsive / Ally UI		
Search integration		
Support & Docs		
Learning curve	?	

Some considerations for Wagtail

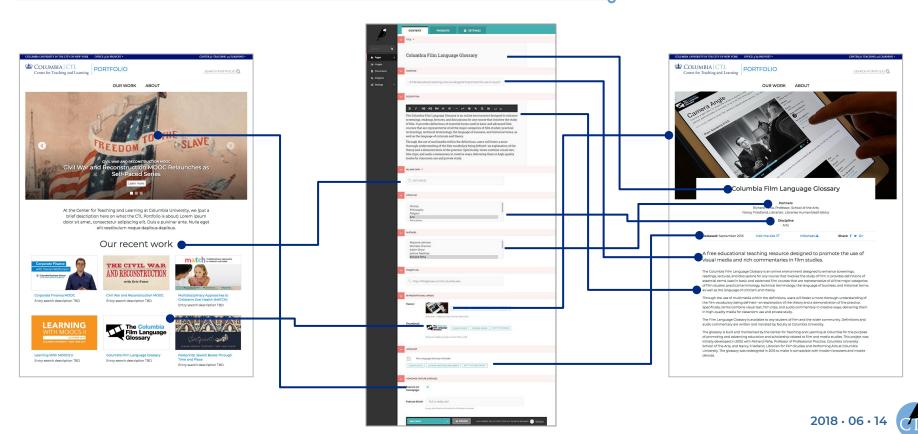
- Expediency vs. technical debt
- Requires a developer short-/long-term
- Feature development time
- Critical mass for when to use Wagtail
- Migration from old applications

Experimentation





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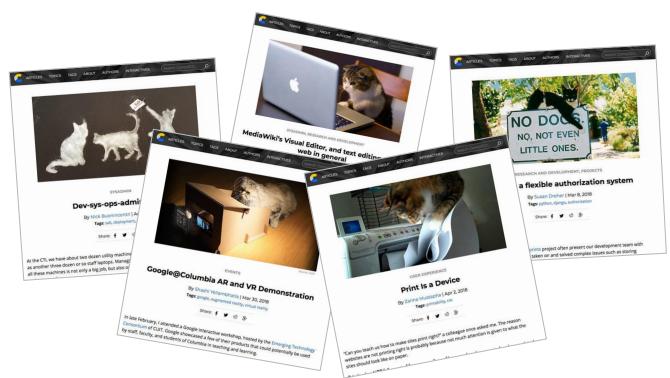
Shared criteria met

Developers / Designers / Faculty partners / Content providers

- Wagtail is flexible / extendable
- UI for CMS can be customized, intuitive
- Support and docs for developers and editors
- More room for creative collaborations
- Still beginning

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