

# CMS Requirements and Evaluation Committee

## Plone Demo

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# Why a CMS?

- Users requested the ability to edit web content
- Delegation of the website to lesser trained staff and users within a constrained system
- Editing HTML was fun ten years ago
- Desired a rich web development platform
  - Intranet
  - Form validation/handling
  - Rapid application development

# Why Plone?

- Free/open source
- Well documented
- Well supported on campus and in the local community
  - Support contacts are available through core developers
- Extendible
- Secure (most granular of any system I've seen)
- Accessible
- I wanted to learn Python

# Why Plone? Continued...

- Plays well with other systems (RDBS, etc)
- Add-on products
- CAS plugin
- Built-in clustering
- Object-oriented design, separation of concerns
- Archetypes (content types such as pages, news, events, images)
- Many “freebies”, such as site search

# Cons

- Step learning curve (bell shaped)
- All CMSs require customization

# Typical scenario of its use

- Academic Department
- Person Directory
- “Member” folders
- News and Events
- Delegate content to editors
- Advanced features: Intranet, forms, comments, etc.

Plone can be deployed both as a large “CMS as the sky” and a centrally supported, but decentralized system.

# Demo

# Outcomes

How has Sociology benefited from the use of Plone?

# User roles

## Built-in Plone roles:

- Anonymous
- Authenticated
- Manager
- Member
- Owner
- Reviewer

Additional roles can be added site wide or on a per content/object basis.

# Workflow

## Default workflow

- Public Draft (visible, but not indexed for search)
- Submitted for review
- Published

## Sociology workflow

- Private
- Public Draft
- Submitted for review
- Published

Workflow is customizable on a site wide or product/content type basis

Questions or Comments?