IWM Digital Resource for Volunteers

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Brief Introduction

- Group of Worcester Polytechnic Institute Students
- Interactive Qualifying Project (3rd year project)





Problem Statement

Imperial War Museums continues to search for ways to improve accessibility of museum resources for its volunteers and the public. The Interaction Volunteer Program at IWM London is in need of a new system to enhance their paper-based support materials and to aid in daily administration.



Background



Background: Existing Museum Apps

- British Museum
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Canadian War Museum
- Smithsonian
 - GPS for nearby exhibits
 - Additional information overlays





Background: Necessary Programs

- Content Management System (CMS)
 - Create and organize media
 - Edit media easily
- Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
 - Shows syntax for programming languages
 - Allows user to compile/run code files
- Website building tools
 - ☐ Adobe Dreamweaver
 - Aptana Studio









Background: Volunteer Programs

- Intense Programs at the National Museum in Thailand
 - Led by experienced guides
 - Deeper understanding of the subject
- Selection for Volunteers Based on Enthusiasm
 - Enthusiastic about engaging with visitors
 - Answer a wide array of questions
 - ☐ IWM and British Museum



Background: IWM's Volunteer Program

- Includes
 - Interaction Volunteers
 - Membership Ambassadors

 - Conservation Volunteers
- Interaction Volunteers
 - Come from different vocational/educational backgrounds
 - Engage visitors in conversation about the exhibits
 - Answer questions/share stories about artifacts
 - Content training and delivery
 - Organization largely dominated by paperwork



Background: IWM and CP14

- Goal is to provide an opportunity for visitors to study and understand the history of modern war
 - Record people's experiences
 - Give the most vivid experience possible
- CP14 Corporate Plan from 2014 to 2017
 - Goal is to increase their audience by digital expansion
 - Mobile use has increased and will continue to do so
 - GMDU 2016: 6 EB/Month
 - GMDU 2020: 30 EB/Month



Methods



Goals

- Design a digital resource for the Volunteer Program at IWM London to optimize accessibility of resources
- 2. Improve the productivity, efficiency, and quality of the Volunteer Program's operations at IWM London

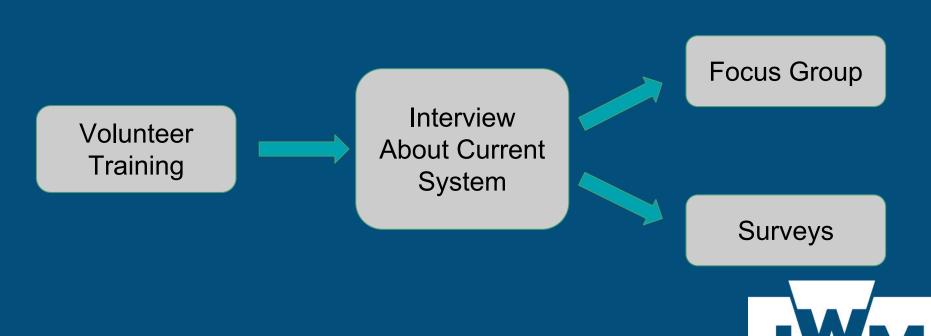


Objectives

- 1. Assess the state of paper-based system
- 2. Create a visual layout of the design
 - a. present to focus group
 - b. collect feedback
- Create a functional prototype
 - a. collect feedback



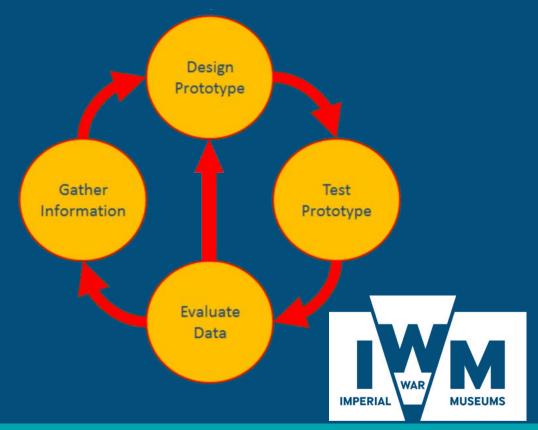
Methods Phase 1: Data Gathering



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Methods Phase 2: Preliminary Designing

- Cosmetic decisions
 - Layout
 - Program flow
- Iterative design steps
 - Focus group input
 - Re-evaluate and re-design



Methods Phase 3: Development

- Programming implementation
 - End goal: functional, digital prototype
- Technological decisions
 - ☐ Website
 - Content Management System Wordpress
 - Associated costs
 - Maintenance
 - Easy for not tech-savvy users





Timeline

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Volunteer Training	\longleftrightarrow						
Survey		\leftarrow	\rightarrow				
Focus Group		\longleftrightarrow					
Preliminary Designing	3		—				
Prototype Feedback		\leftarrow		\rightarrow			
Restructure Prototype							
Product Development						\longrightarrow	
Product Feedback					-	\rightarrow	
Presentation	130		2		0		*



Data and Analysis

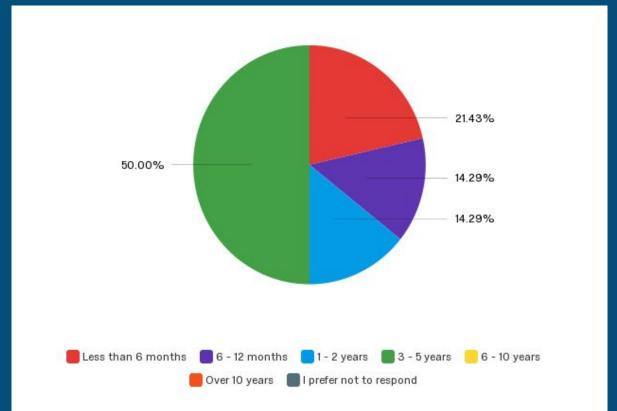


Data: General Volunteer Survey

- Purpose
 - Collect info about interaction volunteer body
 - Get suggestions for resource features
- Results
 - 14 completed responses
 - Small sample size but good distribution of results
 - Lots of suggestions

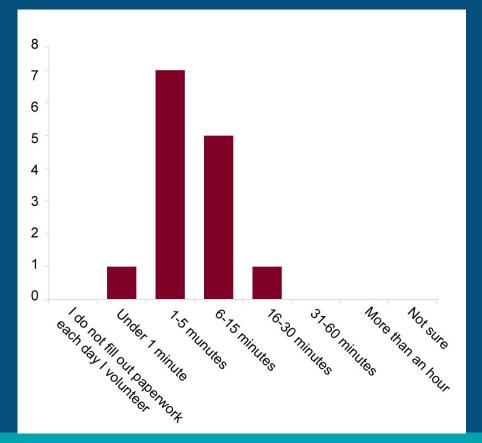


How long have you been volunteering at IWM?



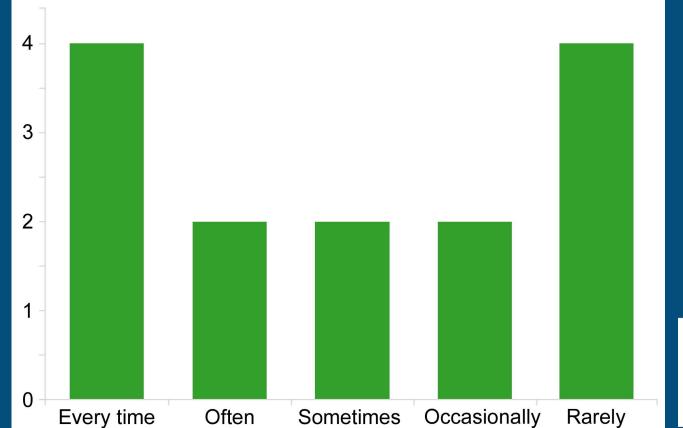


How much time do you spend filling out paperwork?



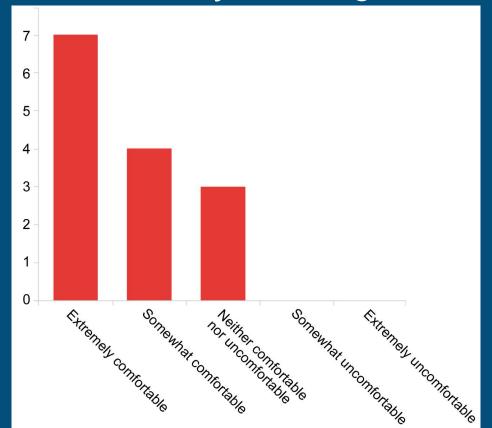


How often do you reference the support material binder?





How comfortable are you using a mobile device?





Analysis: General Volunteer Survey

- Experienced volunteers
 - Reference binder either rarely or very often
 - Shorter amount of time filling out forms
- Newer volunteers
 - Reference binder with varying frequency
- Overall
 - Comfortable with mobile devices
 - Ideal amount of time spent on forms



Data: Focus Group Interview

- Purpose
 - Collect data on current paper-based system
 - Get experienced viewpoint on volunteer program
 - Get suggestions for resource features
 - Show paper prototype
- Results
 - Insightful feedback



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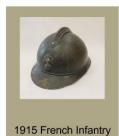
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1914 French Infantry Kepi

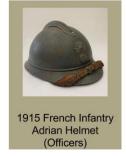


1914 French Officers Kepi



Adrian Helmet





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1914 French Infantry Kepi



Features:

- -Cloth cap with boiled leather peak
- -"Horizon Blue" wool in colour with Blue Cloth Cover
- -Some had a red crown
- -Colonial soldiers wore a khaki variant (Example set by French Foreign Legion)

Usage:

- -Basic headgear when not wearing tall crowned Shako
- -Adopted 30 July 1870 during Franco-Prussian War
- -Still worn by Army and French Police today
- -Worn by soldiers in American Civil War
- -Offered no protection from artillery shrapnel or fragmentation

Background:

- -Demoralised after huge losses in Franco Prussian War (1870-71) and Dreyfus Affair (1894-1906)
- -WWI being fought on their home soil
- -Poorly paid compared to the British
- -Good tactics on a unit level (Infantry)
- -French lost 1,000,000 men in the first year of the war (August 1914-15)
- -Adopted the Adrian helmet in 1915 (additional protection)
- -Famous French Generals (WWI): Philippe Pétain, Ferdinand Foch & Joseph Joffre



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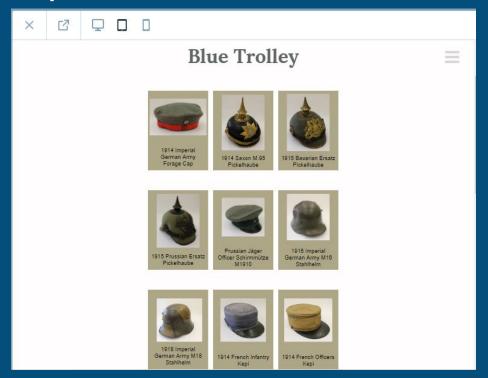
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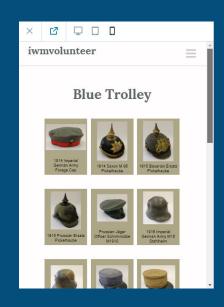
Analysis: Focus Group Interview

- Very comfortable using mobile devices
- Want simple interface, user friendly
- Current paperwork is simple but with difficulties
- Desired features:
 - Gallery of images
 - Historical events calendar
 - Facts/FAQ section
 - ☐ Blog posts
 - Social media integration (Twitter, Facebook, etc.)

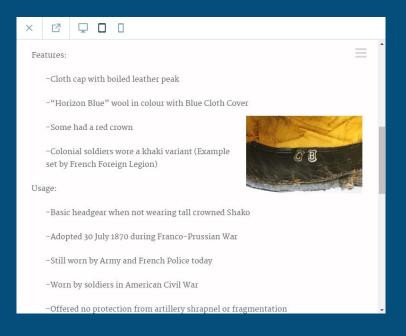


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Final Prototype

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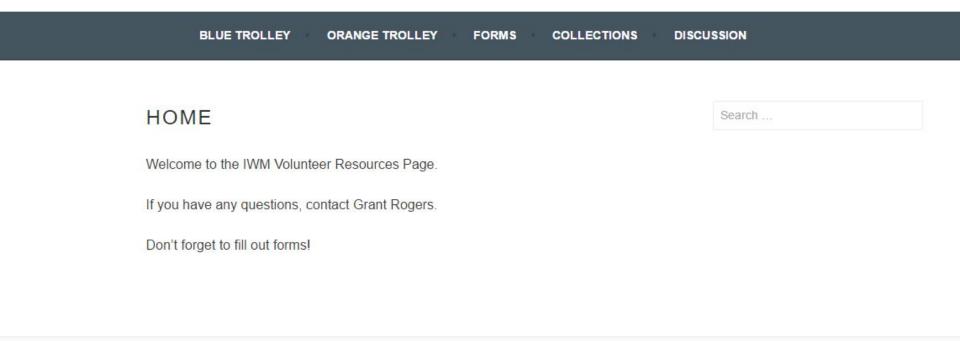


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If you have any questions, contact Grant Rogers.

Don't forget to fill out forms!

- BLUE TROLLEY -



Primarily includes helmets involved in the First World War.

- ORANGE TROLLEY -



Primarily includes helmets involved in the Second World War.

- DIGITAL FORMS -



View all forms, paperwork, and surveys.

How are you, IWM\ er Resources

IWM VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

BLUE TROLLEY ORANGE TROLLEY FORMS COLLECTIONS DISCUSSION

BLUE TROLLEY



1914 IMPERIAL GERMAN ARMY FORAGE CAP



1914 SAXON M.95 PICKELHAUBE



#bluetrolley

1915 BAVARIAN ERSATZ PICKELHAUBE



1915 PRUSSIAN ERSATZ PICKELHAUBE



PRUSSIAN JÄGER OFFICER 1916 IMPERIAL GERMAN SCHIRMMÜTZE M1910



ARMY M16 STAHLHELM

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1915 FRENCH INFANTRY ADRIAN HELMET

1915 FRENCH INFANTRY ADRIAN HELMET (COLONIAL)

1915 FRENCH INFANTRY ADRIAN HELMET (OFFICERS)





HUSSARS CAP



1916 BRITISH BRODIE HELMET (34TH DIVISION)



1916 BRITISH BRODIE HELMET (BATTLE DAMAGED)



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1915 FRENCH INFANTRY ADRIAN HELMET (OFFICERS)

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History:

- · -First Issued in 1915
- -Over 1,000,000 French casualties in the first year due to artillery
- -Expensive to produce with many different parts
- -More than 3 million produced and used by other countries

Features:

- Decorative while still being functional
- Blue or Green (Green worn by many French Colonial units)
- Ridge on top to deflect sword blows (Still thinking about cavalry defence on the modern battlefield)
- Similar design to to an English Bobby Helmet
- Republic of France = RF in Grenade (Greek Fire)
- Officers have a braided leather strap









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IWM London Volunteer Interaction Paperwork

3. Time:		
4. Tally the number	of adults interacted with:	
5. Tally the number	of younger visitors (16 and below):	
6. Comments:		
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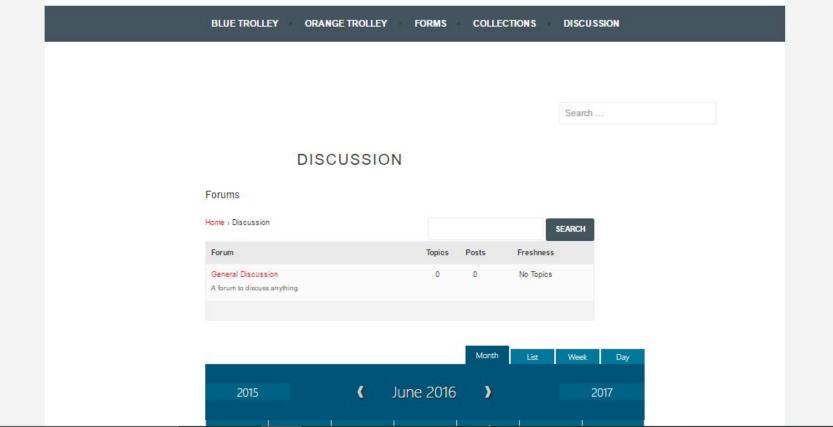
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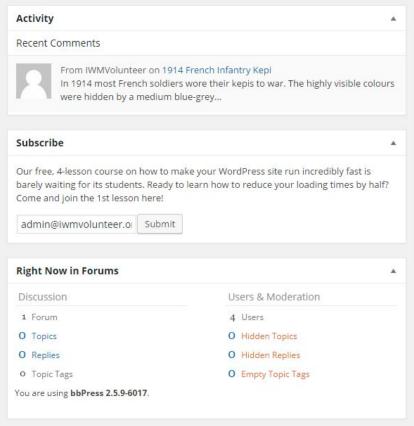
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Collapse menu

Dashboard



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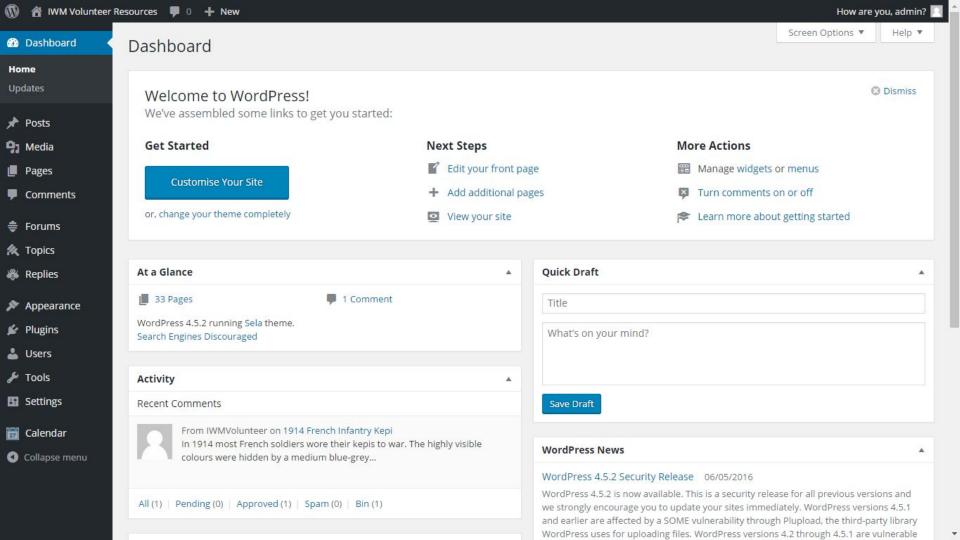
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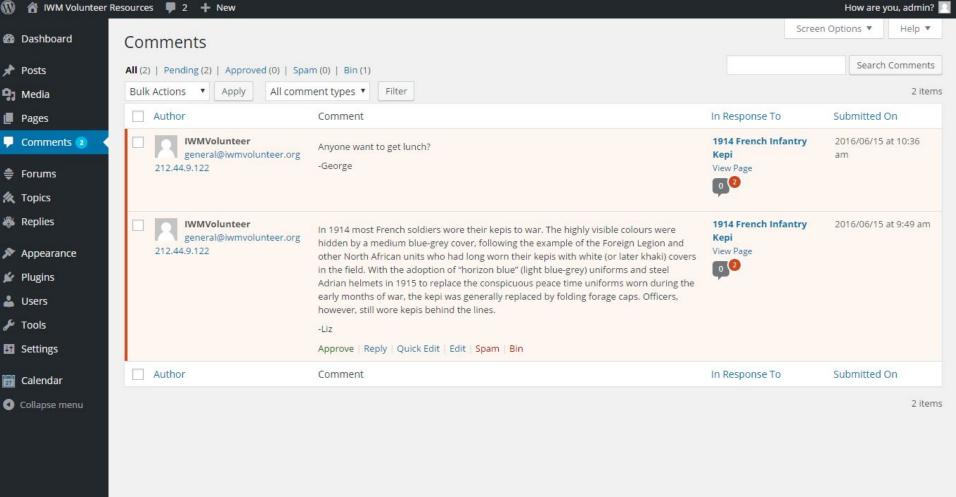
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Conclusions

- Useable prototype
 - Functional site
 - Accessibility
- Easy to add to and edit
 - ☐ Visual Editor
 - "How-To" Guide



Recommendations

- Continue web hosting
 - Migrate site to IWM servers
- Expansion to other branches of IWM
 - Incorporate other volunteer teams
- Investigate further designs and solutions
 - App vs Website
 - Commission a professional resource



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