

## Reimagining Content Creation

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What are we doing here?

- 1. I ramble for a while
- 2. Finally arrive at the point
- 3. Talk about design for a bit
- 4. Show work from people smarter than me
- 5. We all have a nice chat Questions & Conversation



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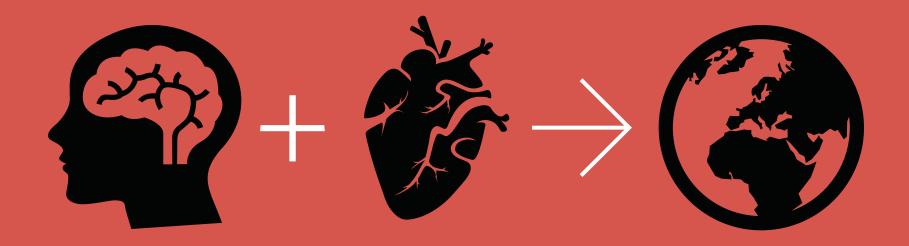




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# **TO DEMOCRATIZE** PUBLISHING THROUGH **OPEN SOURCE,** GPL SOFTWARE.

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### Where WordPress Fails

- 1. Encourages a waterfall approach to content
- 2. Content Strategy subject to dev process
- 3. Content limited to wysiwyg's & metaboxes
- 4. Every problem looks like a nail when all you have is a hammer
- 5. Rich relationships are difficult to communicate
- 6. Distances creators from the users



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I think Mashable is decoupled with the admin area for writing etc is WordPress but the frontend is Ruby On Rails.



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Yup – we are Ruby and JavaScript on the front-end and we use WordPress on the backend. We have an entirely different product that we use for our longform builder, which is one of the advantages of decoupling. We can develop and use new tools for content creation without having to give up our legacy CMS system editorial is comfortable using.



Reply

# **TEMPLATES SUCK. TEMPLATED THINKING** SUCKS HARD. **MODULAR THINKING IS BETTER.**

"Reid, I know you're not that smart. Where'd it come from?" http://bradfrost.com/blog/post/atomic-web-design/



# MODULAR DESIGN NEEDS TO SUCCEED ON THREE LEVELS

1. Visual Language/Aesthetics

2. Technology

3. Content Strategy



## **VISUAL LANGUAGE**

- Design must function as a system
- Start with the smallest units and build up
- Everything is reusable
- Initial deliverables become Pattern Libraries and Frameworks
- Design all the way through your process, but identify how components are assembled to make specific deliverables.
- Design the relationships.



### TECHNOLOGY

- Theme needs to be organized, modular, and flexible
- IDs should be a red flag
- You should be able to output Bootstrap or Foundation like frameworks for your projects relatively easily
- Admin User Interfaces that encourage best practices.
- Give them the right tools, not all of the tools.



# **CONTENT STRATEGY**

- Small components come together to form individual pieces of content The Verge Longform, Velocity Page, Aesop Story Engine
- Relationships between pieces of content can tell larger stories Snowfall, America The Gutted, Panel Builder, ACF Flex Content
- Content should continually push the abilities of the CMS Post Formats anyone?
- Stop thinking only in terms of taxonomy. Tell stories.

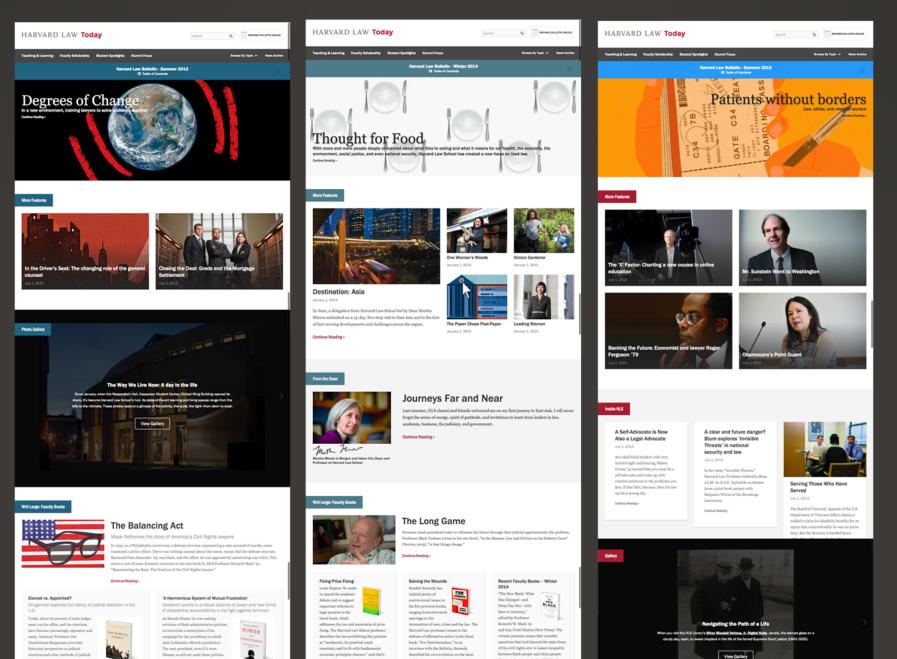


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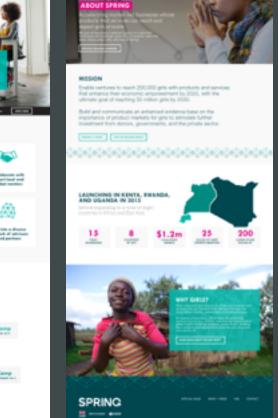
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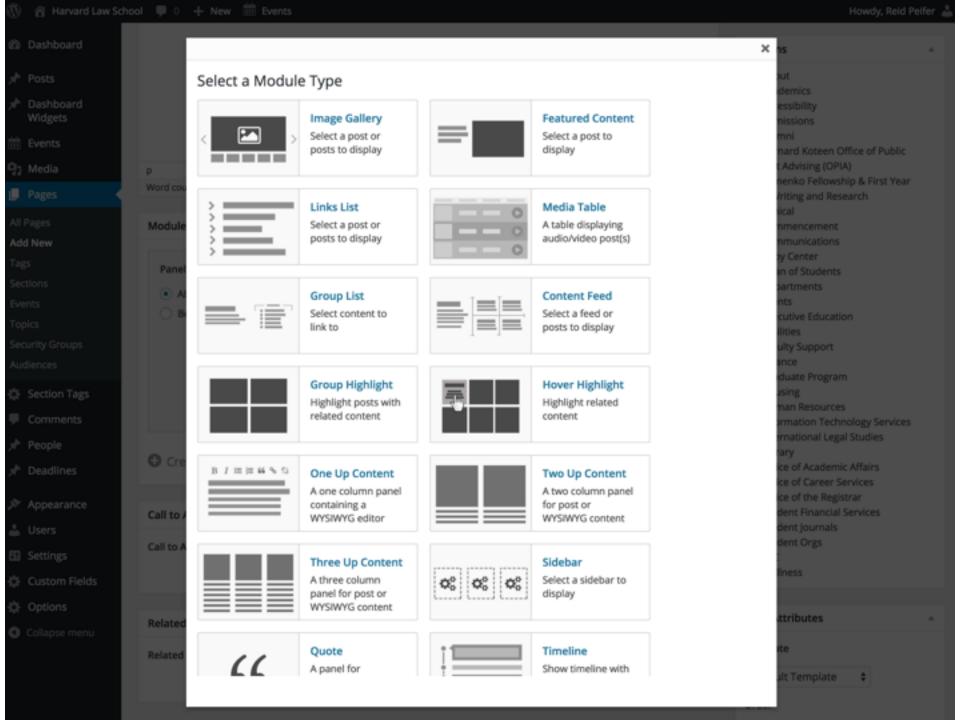






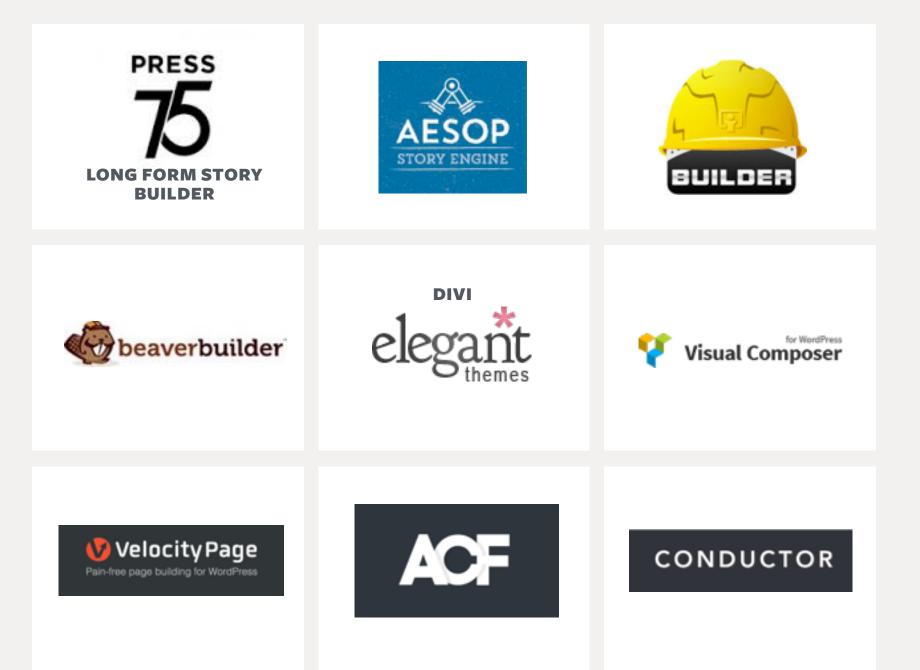


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The Times' <u>dialect quiz</u> was the most popular piece of content in the paper's history with more than 21 million pageviews — but projects like that and <u>Snow</u> <u>Fall</u> are not easily replicable. "We have a tendency to pour resources into big one-time projects and work through the one-time fixes needed to create them and overlook the less glamorous work of creating tools, templates and permanent fixes that cumulatively can have a bigger impact by saving our digital journalists time and elevating the whole report. We greatly undervalue replicability." They point out that competitors like Vox and BuzzFeed view innovating with their platforms as a key function and allow them to create products like BuzzFeed's quizzes — incredibly popular, but also easy to create over and over again. "We are focused on building tools to create Snow Falls every day, and getting them as close to reporters as possible," said Quartz editor Kevin Delaney. "I'd rather have a Snow Fall builder than a Snow Fall." (p. 36)

Let's agree to disagree and quietly resent each other.











Thank you!

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