Improving WordCamp.org Tools

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The themes chosen are not the best for an "event". They are lack of event information in one shut. Like the date have to be in the header image, better is a <div> with schema tags and on top so we can relocate anywhere and also can show there times.

Twitter Live timeline. There are many solutions for this, also is very used on events to promote de social participation inside the talks and from the net.

Active sessions. When a session is ON, show somewhere which ones are now and some "alert" information that help to inform the attendees speaker changes or track change.

Email alerts. Always is more easy the Event it self can manage the emails to the attendees.

Galleries template. One for videos and other for photos. After a gallerie is publish this automatically create a an status entry and also a widget can grab those albums.

Could be cool for a non experience WordCamper have some draft posts that a WordCamp will need to create and have like a "simple comunication strategy" that help the blogger in charge of the event site know how much entries have to publish.

I would like to suggest do on contribution day a #WCampersWCEU meetup so we can make a theme planning for future wordcamps. And I ve happy to help with! :)

The existing documentation on the planning site is fine, but I often find myself returning to it searching for these shortcodes. And some of the other volunteers on our team have done things the hard way, not knowing a certain shortcode existed.

It would be super helpful to have some if this documentation built right into the admin, especially a quick reference page for all the shortcodes.

In jetpacks cpt for portfolio etc you should have it be open ended so it can be a cpt for anything.

I think adding page templates would be a huge benefit.

I would suggest to empower trusted orgs to adopt a greater sense of autonomy in using third-party tools and solutions to achieve the stated outcomes. Different Camps have different needs, so permitting them to use the right tools for the job are critical.

It still feels like more of a hindrance, than a help, having all these rules and restrictions setup by the WordPress / WordCamp foundation. Running a large event with all volunteers and a challenge to make it worthwhile for sponsors who get almost no ROI on their investment. The burnout I experienced wasn’t related to event planning or work involved, but instead from battling the foundation over and over again to try to get everything we needed to run an event that doesn’t suck.

Thanks for all the efforts and attention here. I'm happy to see some progress on the topic.

It says much about the state of the actual tools that almost every WordCamp I've seen recently uses embedded Google Docs spreadsheets instead of the native tools. They're so kludgy as to be unworkable for the vast majority of functions they're intended for.
I'd love to see the WordCamp team at Automattic develop more conference management tools and offer them to WordCamp organizers. I know the theming is limited to what you can change via CSS against the Twenty-Fifteen or WordCamp-Base theme, though I think they are working on expanding these capabilities to support more themes.

Things I'd like to see:
- integration with Lanyrd, EventBrite, and 10times conference tools/directories
- integration with live video streaming companies
- push notifications for when a session has been accepted/rejected
- an archive or WordCamps I've attended, submitted to, spoken at, etc. tied to my wordpress.org account
- slide deck repository (also integrate with SlideShare, etc.)
- a virtual swag directory (and maybe offer swag for sale online before and after the event)
- better attendee directories (allow attendees to have robust bios, etc. — not just gravatars and links to their Twitter, sites, etc.)
- WordCamp mobile app(s) — I think the Android version is almost ready.
- Inline chat and messaging before, during and after the event.
- Session feedback controls (both anonymous and not; let the presenter choose)
- Session reviews and ratings
- Speaker reviews and ratings

One of the tricky things is theming the shortcodes. I would find it useful to have demo HTML output from the shortcodes to make it easier to write CSS. One that is particularly problematic is the cart/tickets shortcode which has many different states to test and it is hard to do that locally.

Yes, the locked down control makes it more restrictive and it's frustrating.

Also I want to be able to try out CSS changes to a live site without it being THE live site and NOT being a local on someone's computer or someone else's hosting. I'm asking for an additional site with the url of city.wordcamp.org/dev instead of the year. It would be one that's available all year (not necessarily public) and would be overwritten from year to year. Perhaps on a as-requested-basis and left to the lead organizing team to add/remove users to it.

Remove the nag: "Please send us the "about" text and banner image for your central.wordcamp.org page."

For me, it was an amazing experience. Hope I can share some of my knowledge to the next person setting up a WordCamp site in [country redacted].

We want to have a nice WordCamp site but don't want to spend hours getting it done because it's about the actual WordCamp and not the website so being able to clone from an existing one would be awesome.

Thank you to the Meta team for all the hard work you all do!

Thanks for all of your hard work!

No

The documentation improvements would be my #1 priority.

You guys rock for doing this!

none at this time

Even though it's a pain, I do find the challenge of making a nice looking and unique WC site fun :)

Having some additional themes might not hurt, but the blank WordCamp theme really does offer a ton of flexibility. With some additional page templates I think I'd be set.