Project Summary

This website will replace the current EBRCOA website. Primarily, the website will be used as a mechanism to post new "Platinum Record" magazine issues, lunch menu schedules and Senior Olympics registration information. Drupal has allowed us to make this website easily editable by employees of EBRCOA.

Tools needed:

- Internet Connection
- Web Browser

Website Structure:

Drupal handles all web page structure with its template based system. The user needs only to enter the title of the page, the menu text (if applicable), and the page's content. The main distinctions to make about the structure are between a Node, an Event and an iPaper. A Node contains the html for a web page; almost all of the website content that we created exists inside a Node. An Event is an item that appears on the calendar module at recurring times, based on a defined schedule. Lastly, an iPaper is a flash object provided by the iPaper module and exists inside of a Node. Once a magazine PDF is uploaded as an iPaper, it is stored on Scribd and zoomable/searchable on our website.

Project Statement

Title: Improving the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging website

Project: This project will put the necessary tools in place, allowing Jeremy to update the EBRCoA website without our help. Overall functionality and usability will be improved by adding features including an online edition of his existing magazine, an online registration form for the Senior Olympics and a generally more effective environment for the target demographic.

Problem: Some parts of the EBRCoA website need to be updated by non-technically inclined people. This is a common problem in web development. Jeremy's "Platinum Record" magazine needs to be available on the website so it can be more accessible. Also, Jeremy would like any registration forms to be processed via the internet instead of regular mail.

Impact: Our efforts will allow Jeremy to customize the EBRCoA website as he desires. Senior citizens will have services available through Jeremy's website that are not provided by other organizations. Also, traffic to the site can generate revenue through health care and AARP advertisements. Because our system will be customized for Jeremy, other organizations may not find is useful (without further customization, at least.)

Motivation: This website is important to us because the EBRCoA website is a place where senior citizens can get involved in their community. We'll be old one day too, so we hope there's a website like this for us. This website's target demographic is people over the age of fifty, which includes our parents, relatives and other people in our personal lives. Naturally, we want to make this website more useful for them as well.

Feature Overview:

- 1. Content management
 - a. "Platinum Record" magazine: integrated into the site, instead of downloaded pdf, making it searchable and viewable within the browser.
 - b. Calendar events: events can be added/edited by Jeremy and then placed into an HTML table, resembling a common calendar.
 - c. Other organization information pages: other pages, like the "About Us" and "Contact", can be edited by non-technical users.
- 2. User interaction
 - a. Senior Olympics registration: allow users to sign up online which will then notify Jeremy.

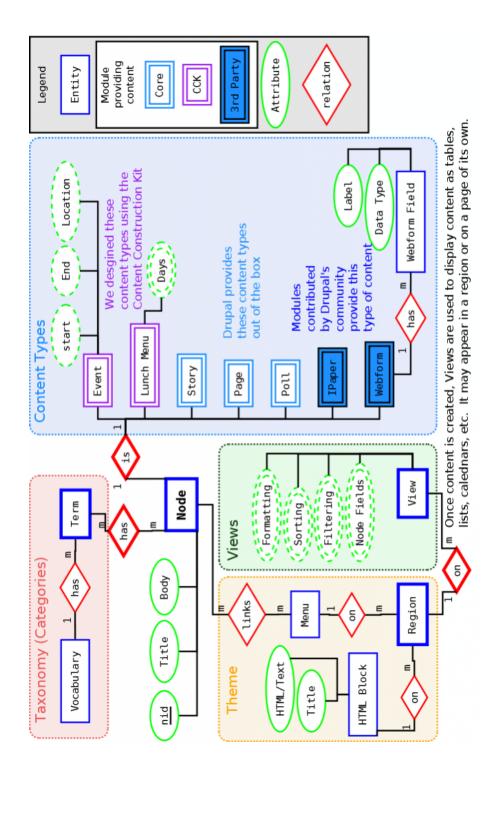
- b. Magazine subscriptions: after submitted online, will sign up a user for e-mailed magazines (or other publications)
- c. Feedback form: allows users to submit questions, comments, or other feedback to Jeremy and his staff.

Major Functions

Function	Description	Inputs	Outputs
"Platinum	Currently available in pdf	Text, pictures and	By Our Solution: Generated
Record"	form only, but will soon be	other media to be	HTML page(s) that can be
magazine	available on the website (as	published in the	edited later via control panel
	HTML)	magazine	
Event	Lists events pertaining to	Date, time, location	By Our Solution: Generated
Calendar	EBRCoA's operations		event within a calendar system
		relevant to each event	which can be edited or removed
			via control panel
	This includes pages like the	1 -	By Our Solution: Generated
Information	"About Us" and "Contact	for each respective	HTML page(s) that can be
pages	Us". These pages may need	page	edited later via control panel
	to be edited at any time.		
Senior	Allows visitors to register		By Our Solution: Output
Olympics	for the Senior Olympics on	sex, and many other	participants for each category in
0	the website	fields necessary for	groups based age.
form		registration used to	
		create the form.	By Us: Create an interactive
			web-based form that is uploaded
		We may also accept	to a database upon submission.
		CSV files for input of	
		multiple records at	
		once.	
	This includes any form that	, .	By Our Solution: Notify Jeremy
	will register a user for	,	of any feedback/new
forms	EBRCoA services or allows	2	subscriptions. Send emails to
	a user to send personal		mailing lists
	information to EBRCoA	respective form	
			By Us: Create an interactive
			web-based form that is uploaded
			to a database upon submission.
			Create a mailing list Jeremy can
			send emails through.

 $By\ Us$ means the result is something produced by us, such as the PHP and SQL to handle the form.

By Our Solution means that the output will automatically be generated by our program.



Meeting Agendas

Meeting 1

Date: Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Attending: Jeremy Theriot (EBRCoA), Franklin Davenport, Tim Kulage

Items Discussed:

- Putting publications, such as the "Platunum Record" magazine, on-line.
- Allowing Jeremy Theriot to edit pages on the website via page editor, without the help of a programmer.
- Getting the event calendar up and running, including the ability to create new events and edit others.
- Converting printed registration forms, like the one for the Senior Olympics, into interactive forms available on the website.

Meeting 2

Date: Friday, Sept.18, 2009 Time: 11:00-12:00pm

Attending: Jeremy Theriot (EBRCoA), Tim Kulage

Items Discussed:

- Verify plans to completely redesign website with Drupal. These plans are acceptable to Jeremy Theriot.
- Discuss details of Senior Olympics Registration Form. Obtained hard copy of original form, data from form should be sent back to Jeremy Theriot and not to some third party, details of submission price are specified, grouping of participants by age group into 5 year intervals specified, the registration page should give the user the option to submit money by check or be redirected to Paypal for payment.
- Discuss server access and facilities. Obtained e-mail address of Jeremy's existing IT guy who has passwords etc. for server, contacted him by phone to get permission to access server, provided a list of tools needed to work on server.
- One the main purposes of this meeting, beyond the topics of discussion, was to personally visit the facility. It only seems appropriate that we should know where it is and what is looks like etc. seeing as how we are doing work for them. We also consider it a sign of respect to visit our client in his own work environment.

Meeting 3

Date: Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 Time: 11:00-12:30pm

Attending: Jeremy Theriot (EBRCoA), Tim Kulage

Items Discussed:

- Discuss and finalize website design and implementation.
 Give brief walkthrough of new features on the website.