

# The Making of The Code4Lib Journal

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# A Short History

- As far as I can recall, first came up during a breakout session at Code4lib 2006
- The idea kicked around for a while with people offering to do certain parts
- Didn't take off until someone (Jonathan Rochkind) decide to take the ball and run with it

# Roy Tennant on Code4lib

“If you want to participate, just do it. If you want to lead, just do it. Don't expect anyone to appoint you to anything, because we won't. If you see something that should be done, simply step forward and do it.”



# Background

- Agile development' philosophy
  - Don't over-engineer complicated rules and procedures you might never need
  - Make it up as you go along
- Journal v. Blog

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# Journal Operations

- Who's involved
- What tools do we use?
- Choosing, Editing, & Publishing Articles

# Who's Involved?

- Authors
- Editors
  - Article Editors
  - Coordinating Editors
  - Technical Editors
- Public Listserv Readers
  - [c4lj-discuss@googlegroups.com](mailto:c4lj-discuss@googlegroups.com)
  - <http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-discuss>
- Readers
  - <http://journal.code4lib.org/>
- You?

# What tools do we use?

## Editing & Publishing

- Articles received & edited
  - MSWord
  - html
  - Google Docs
- Publishing
  - WordPress
    - private posts
    - public posts
    - public pages
- Analysis/Statistics
  - Google Analytics
  - Feedburner
  - del.icio.us etc.

## Other Business

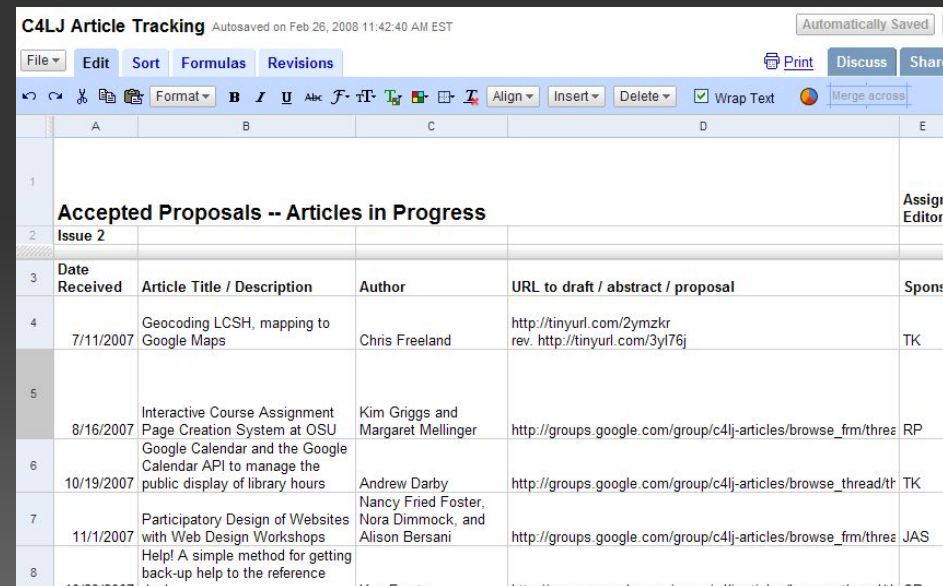
- 2 Google groups
  - public: [c4lj-discuss](#)
  - private: [c4lj-articles](#)
- Google groups 'pages'
- WordPress private pages
- wiki pages
- irc



# Choosing Articles

"The Code4Lib Journal exists to foster community and share information among those interested in the intersection of libraries, technology, and the future."

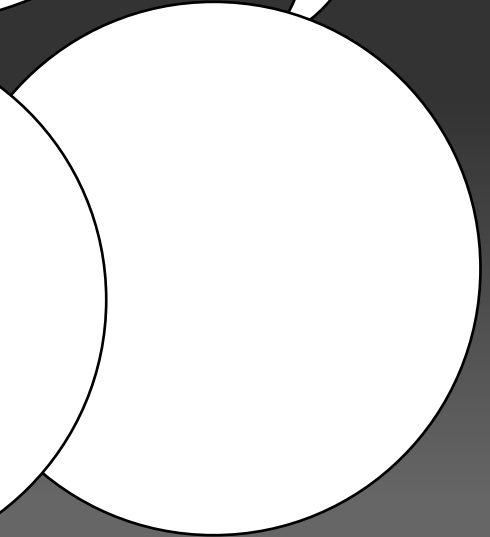
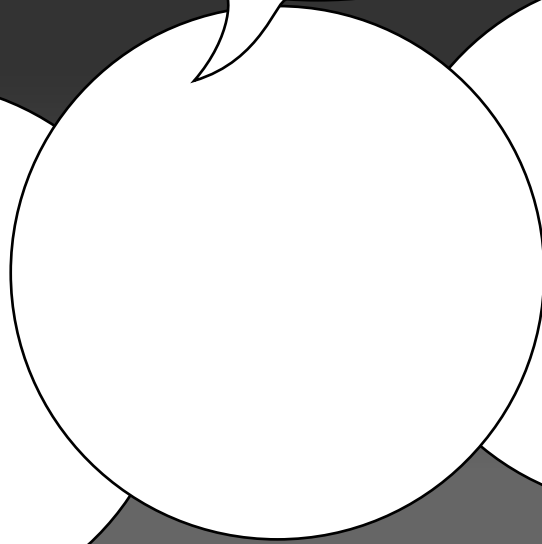
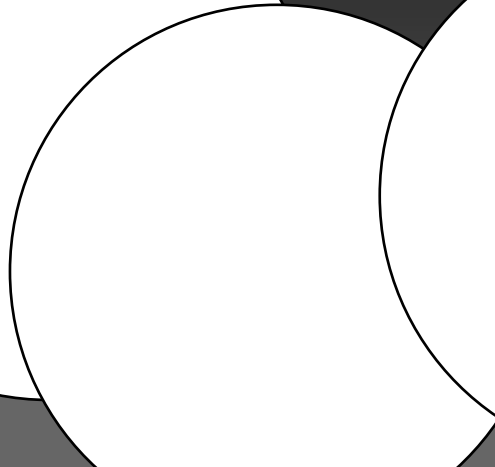
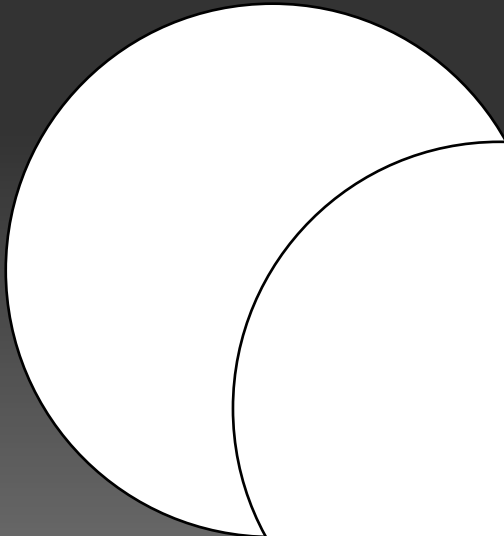
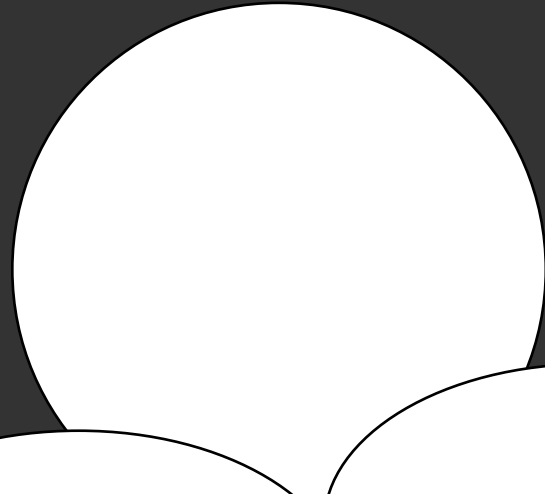
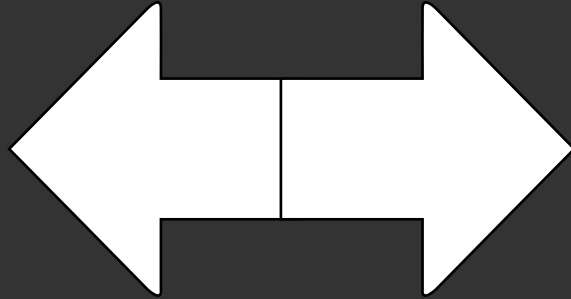
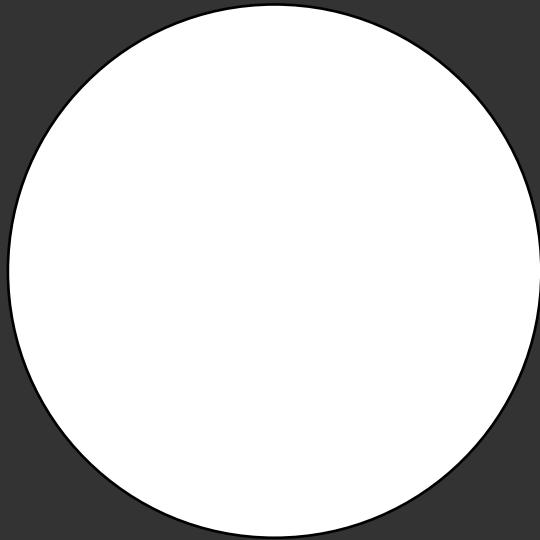
- Proposal received at [c4lj-articles@googlegroups.com](mailto:c4lj-articles@googlegroups.com)
- Coordinating editor sends acknowledgement
- Voting
  - Coordinating editor communicates rejections
  - Article editor communicates acceptance, deadline, ...



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Date Received	Article Title / Description	Author	URL to draft / abstract / proposal	Sponsor
7/11/2007	Geocoding LCSH, mapping to Google Maps	Chris Freeland	<a href="http://tinyurl.com/2ymzkr">http://tinyurl.com/2ymzkr</a> rev. <a href="http://tinyurl.com/3y176j">http://tinyurl.com/3y176j</a>	TK
8/16/2007	Interactive Course Assignment Page Creation System at OSU	Kim Griggs and Margaret Mellinger	<a href="http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-articles/browse_frm/thread/39e1b1e1e1e1e1e1">http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-articles/browse_frm/thread/39e1b1e1e1e1e1e1</a>	RP
10/19/2007	Google Calendar and the Google Calendar API to manage the public display of library hours	Andrew Darby	<a href="http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-articles/browse_thread/thread/39e1b1e1e1e1e1e1">http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-articles/browse_thread/thread/39e1b1e1e1e1e1e1</a>	TK
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# Editing



# Editing

- Author
- Article editor
  - Communicates with author
    - Acceptance letter and deadline
    - Drafts (multiple revisions)
  - Communicates with committee
    - Shares drafts with committee
    - Collects comments from other editors
    - Recommends article for publication
  - Marks up article in WordPress for publication
- All editors
  - Vote on provisional acceptance
  - Vote on final acceptance

# Making WordPress Work

- Don't look like a blog
- Don't get in the way
- Be helpful to our readers

# Plugins - Basics

- Stop spam
  - Akimset
  - reCAPTCHA
- FeedSmith

# Plugins - Metadata

- unAPI Server
- COinS Quicktags Button
  - <http://generator.ocoins.info/>

# Plugins - Workflow

- Role Manager
- FCKEditor

# Plugins - Presentation

- Syntax Highlighter
- Custom Category URLs
- Custom `the_author()`



# Plugins - Custom Category URLs

```
if (preg_match('%' . $bloghome . $catbase . '/*/(.*?)$%i',  
    $namedcatpath)) {  
    $result = preg_replace('%' . $bloghome . $catbase .  
        '/*/(.*?)$%i', $bloghome . $catbase . '/$1',  
        $namedcatpath);  
}
```

# Plugins Custom the\_author()

```
global $post;  
$custom_author = get_post_meta($post->ID, "author", TRUE);  
$custom_author = str_replace('& ', '&', $custom_author);  
return $custom_author;
```

# Where?

- <http://journal.code4lib.org>
- DOAJ
- Ebsco
- A blog near you
- Reports that articles have been brought up in large libraries

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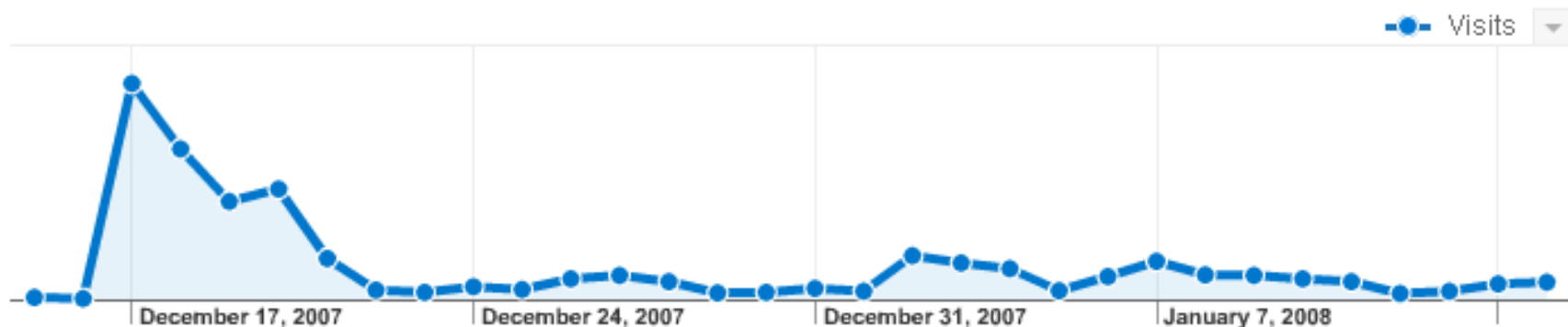
[Report Finder](#)

# Dashboard

Dec 15, 2007 - Jan 15, 2008

Comparing to: Site

Export | Email



## Site Usage



8,903 [Visits](#)



60.63% [Bounce Rate](#)



19,115 [Pageviews](#)



00:02:16 [Avg. Time on Site](#)



2.15 [Pages/Visit](#)



77.49% [% New Visits](#)

# How to get involved?

- Read and comment
- Participate in public mailing list: <http://groups.google.com/group/c4lj-discuss>
- Submit a paper proposal (Issue 3 deadline: March 14)
- Apply to be an editor (Deadline: March 10)
- Apply to be a Web/Tech Administrator

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