

List of URSUS html improvements

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-All html code is 100% up-to-date with the latest code available from Innovative.

-Several hundred pages were consolidated, simplifying upgrades and maintenance.

-Both Simple and Advanced Keyword Searches are offered to the patron

-Scoping integrity has been improved

-The scope limit drop down menu is available from within all searches

-Patrons may choose sort parameters for search results

-Content Café book covers have been added to search results screens

New URSUS html code and ADA compliance

The new URSUS html code is not 100% ADA compliant. System Office staff have made it as ADA compliant as possible according to W3C standards. It cannot meet 100% compliance because of the way the vendor, Innovative Interfaces, has written its code:

Details:

1. Files do not contain the DOCTYPE statement required for validation.
2. Specialized code, such as code generated by tokens and dynamically created pages, cannot be edited.
3. The Millennium Silver software release is huge improvement over the original code. We estimate that it is 95% compliant.

Remaining issues include:

1. Attribute values do not include quotes around values.

For example: `<option value=1>` vs. `<option value="1">`

(Code generated by tokens)

2. Input tags do not have ending "Dashes">

For example: `<input type="submit" value="Submit">` vs. `<input type="submit"`

`value="Submit" />`

(Code generated by tokens)

3. Form tags do not contain action attribute

4. Body tag contains no load statement

An example of such a report can be seen for the title search page at

<http://validator.w3.org/check?uri=http%3A%2F%2Fursus.maine.edu%3A2082%2Fsearch%2Ft>

5. We are unable to provide examples for dynamically created pages, because they do not have DOCTYPE statements, so no report is generated.

The System Office has alerted Innovative Interfaces of these findings and will continue to work with the vendor to seek enhancements that will lead to 100% ADA compliance.