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ATLAS provides software and consulting related to using technology in courses to enhance both the teaching and learning experience in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences.

ATLAS helps LAS faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants with both the technical and pedagogical aspects of instructional technology.

You might also be interested in our [Guide to Campus Teaching Resources](#).

Related ATLAS Services

- [Statistical & GIS Class Software Demos](#)
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Campus EdTech Resources

- [CITES Educational Technologies](#)
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We use *Silva*

- Developed and supported by Dutch company Infrae: www.infrae.com
- open-source, with paid support available
- built on Zope framework (like Plone)

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- Baldur helped with the search process
- graduated early in december, needed a temp job before going to grad school
- Now out of grad school, looking for a job

Mission: reorganize a Contribute website

- each division of ATLAS edited their own section of the website
- divisions did not coordinate content/style
- content was uneven and poorly organized

Why implement a CMS?

- ATLAS needs to develop experience in this area
- Since we were rewriting all the content, is a good time to put CMS in place
- Address deficiencies in Contribute site

CMS had to have best parts of Contribute

- provide facilities for multiple authors
- provide easy “word processor”-like editing
- provide templating and template protection
- versioning/rollback
- draft/publish model

CMS had to address Contribute deficiencies.

- per-seat licensing costs money and time
- installation/maintenance of client-side software costs time

Very important CMS features

- web-based editor for authors
- easy licensing, or no licensing hassles
- automatic content linking
- consume and provide RSS
- improved editorial approval/review
- scalability: can run a large site

Desirable features

- improved version control
- access and license to source code
- extended trialability
- API for integration with external data sources
- Good separation of content from presentation

Where to find CMS info?

- <http://www.cmsmatrix.org>: proved to be a useful site for getting a quick intro to a system
- download and do trial installations



CMS

I am in the process of looking for a decent CMS. This is where I will keep this information, and I will update it in here, whenever I find something out.

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Interesting Links

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