

Delivering a Better Experience by Using the Open, Collaborative and Flexible Grav CMS – Inside or Outside of your LMS

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🚀 Topics to Explore Today 🚀

1. What is Grav?
2. Grav Open Course Hub Project
3. Other Open-related Grav Projects
4. Next Steps

What is Grav?



BUILD **FASTER** WEBSITES

GRAV IS A MODERN OPEN SOURCE FLAT-FILE CMS

GET GRAV

STABLE VERSION **1.4.3** **NEW!** UPDATED **3 WEEKS AGO** • [CHANGELOG](#)

WHY CHOOSE GRAV?

Voted "Best Open
Source CMS" in
2016



Voted "Best Flat
File CMS" in 2017



Fast



Extensible



Open Source

Performance is not just an
afterthought, we baked it in from
the start

Grav has a powerful API and
sophisticated Package Manager to
make it super flexible

[GitPitch @ [github/hibbitts-design/gitpitch](https://github.com/hibbitts-design/gitpitch)]

Grav is Open Source, and all the
code is available on [GitHub.com](https://github.com)

Grav Highlights

- File-based
 - Fast performance (esp. smaller sites), simplicity, portability and generally more secure
 - File-based content also naturally supports version control
 - Grav can also be a front-end for any collaborative Git repository
- Markdown
 - A platform-independent format perfect for writing and the 5Rs

Grav Highlights

- Modular
 - Modular content is possible, along with custom content types
- Workflow
 - Supports an efficient edit and publish workflow (esp. Git-based)
- Customization
 - Powerful Blueprints supports Admin Panel customizations

Grav's Layered Conceptual Design



Open Course Hub Project

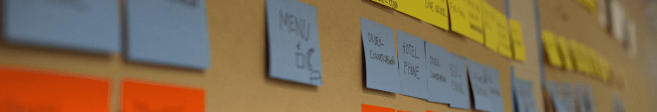


Grav Open Course Hub

Built using Grav, Open Course Hub with Git Sync is designed to give tech-savvy educators an open, collaborative and flexible platform that they can partner with their current LMS

Grav Open Course Hub

- Streamlined setup and configuration (incl. Git Sync)
- Supports open and collaborative content (via Git repository)
- Theme files synced to Git repository for collaborative authoring/assistance
- Example course hubs (incl. basic, intermediate. and advanced)
- Includes custom content type pages and Shortcodes (i.e. Embed.ly Web page preview cards, H5P and Swipe)
- Fully customizable Sidebar using Markdown or HTML



Important Reminders
✓ Usability inspection peer reviews due Oct 17th



Oct 4th Class Preparations

Required Reading
A Five-Step Process For Conducting User Research

Required Reading Quiz

Slides to be Discussed
User Research

Did you attend this class? [Share your one-minute summary](#) before midnight, the day of class.

📅 Week 4 (Sep 27 - Oct 3)



Presented Slides
User Interface Inspections

[View all of Week 4 \(Sep 27 - Oct 3\) ➤](#)

📅 Week 3 (Sep 20 - 26)



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Strategic UX Design

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The Process of UX Design

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[on.scoop.intel.com](#)



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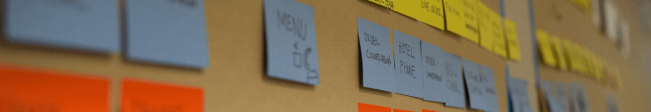


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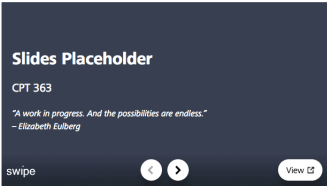


Summaries and Questions

Sep 27th Class One-minute Summaries

Presented Slides

User Interface Inspections (Download slides as PDF)



Supplemental Materials



Assignments

Usability Inspection (Peer Reviews Required for Grade)

Usability Inspection Report Template

Required Reading

UXMATTERS



An Overview of Expert Heuristic Evaluations

When experts conduct heuristic evaluations ... they do not usually attempt to map user interface problems directly to specific heuristics because the mapping of problems to heuristics is typically many-to-many, convoluted, and multidimensional. When experts conduct heuristic evaluations particularly outside academic contexts they do not usually attempt to map user interface problems directly to specific heuristics because the mapping of problems to heuristics is typically many-to-many, convoluted, and multidimensional.

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Quick Quiz

A heuristic evaluation is a task-based walkthrough of a user interface.

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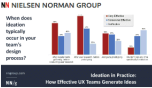
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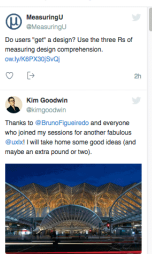
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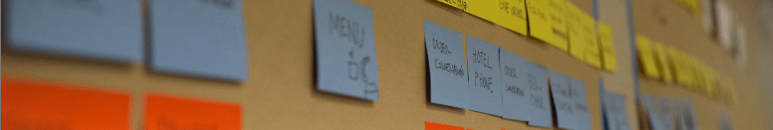
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UX Design Checklists

- [A Checklist for Designing Mobile Input Fields](#)
- [Mobile UX Checklist \(PDF, by Mobify\)](#)
- [One-Page Touch Interaction Design Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
- [Usability checklist \(Userium\)](#)
- [UX Project Checklist](#)

UX Technique Collections

- [Methods](#) | Usability.gov
- [Methods](#) | Usability Body of Knowledge
- [Usability Planner](#)
- [UX Techniques \(by UX Mastery\)](#)

UX Article Collections

- [The UX Bookmark](#)
- [User Experience Magazine \(UXPA\)](#)
- [UI/UX Articles \(Medium\)](#)

UX eBooks

- [50 UX Best Practices by Above the Fold \(email address required\)](#)
- [Bright Ideas for User Experience Designers](#)
- [The Fable of the User-Centered Designer](#)

UX Design MOOCs & Courses

- [Human-Computer Interaction](#) | Coursera
- [The Design of Everyday Things](#) | Udacity
- [Rapid Wireframing: Finding the Right Product Design](#)

UX Podcast Collections

- [Design Critique: Products for People](#)
- [Podcasts - UIE Brain Sparks](#)
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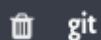
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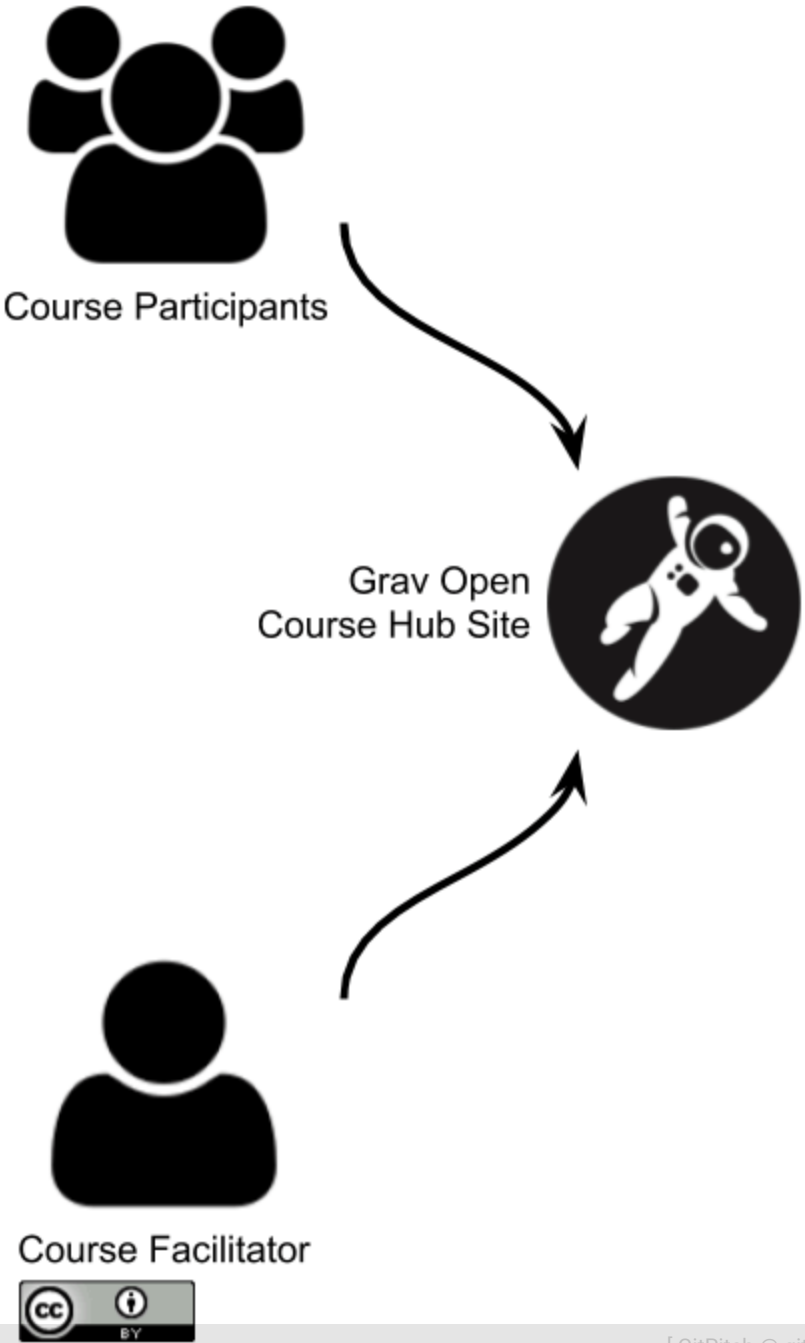
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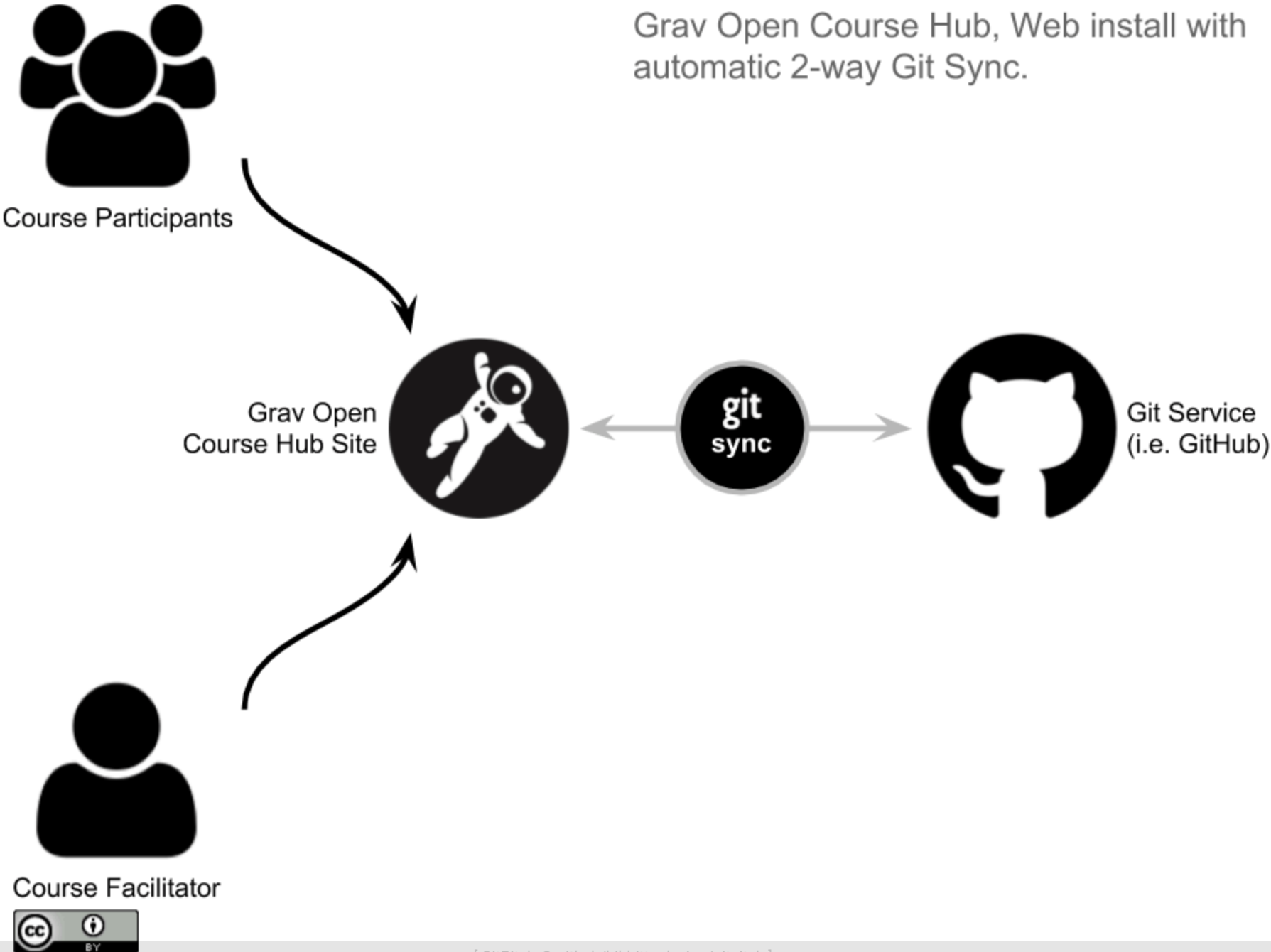
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 - Web server access
 - GitHub working knowledge (recommended)

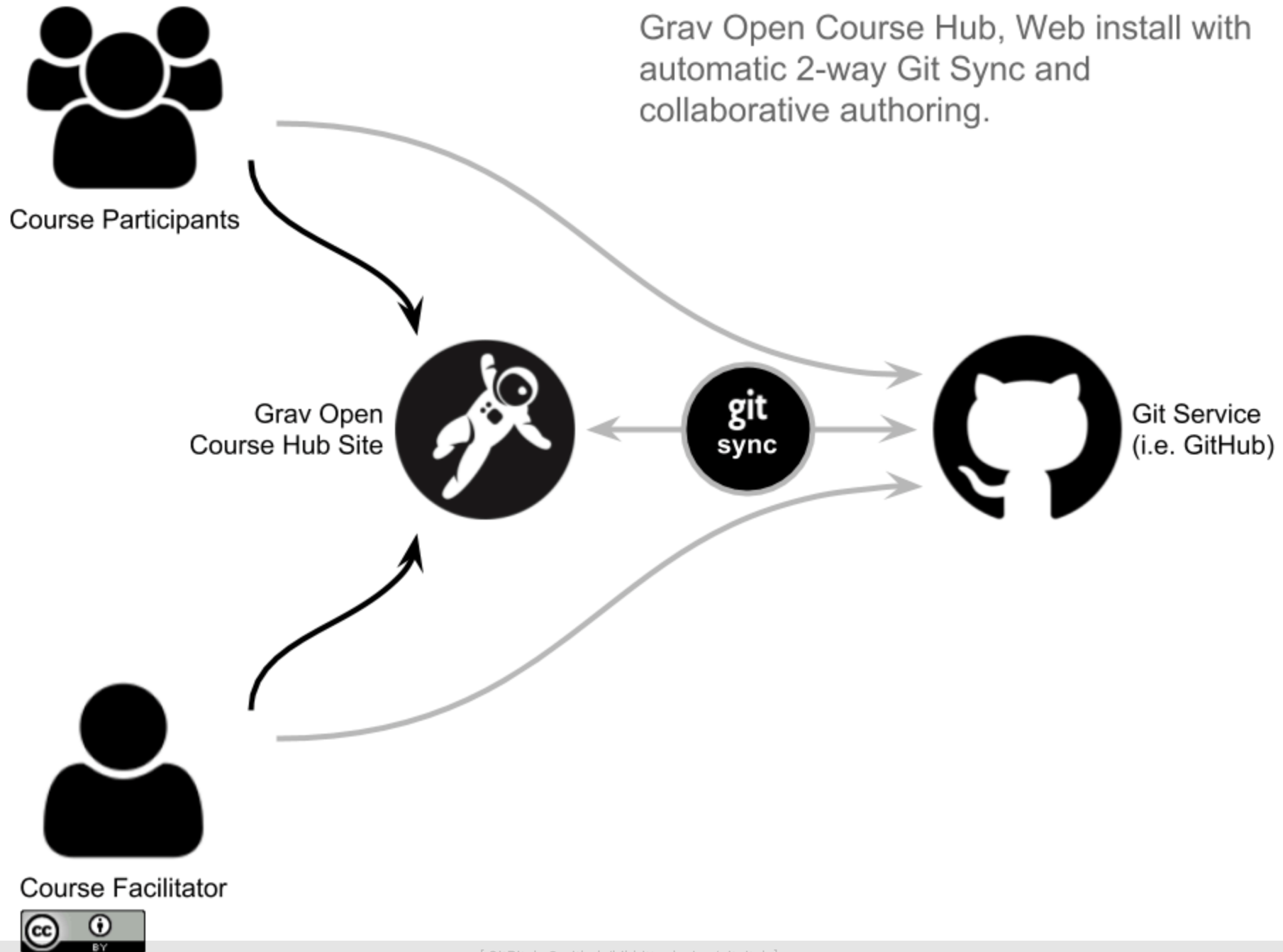
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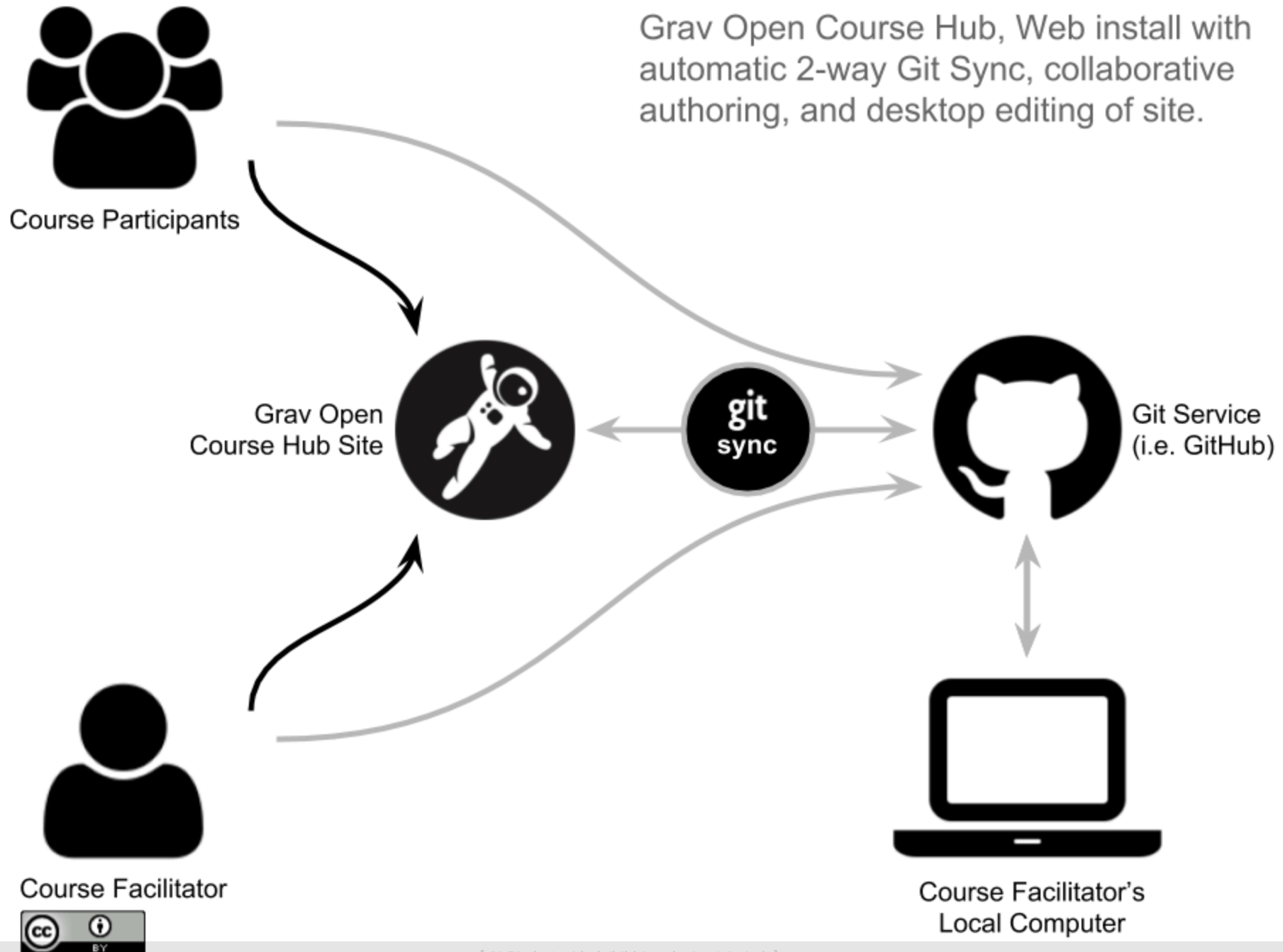
- Controllability
- Flexibility
- Portability
- Efficiency
- Openness
- Participation



Grav Open Course Hub, Web install with automatic 2-way Git Sync.







Problems the Course Hub Tackles



 **Want a User Quote?** 

“The Open Course Hub was easy to set up and get running and my students loved having a one-stop place to go to for their course content. I really love that it syncs with GitHub so easily and seamlessly. I was able to have an open, collaborative, easily updatable, fully version-controlled site up and running in little time, with fairly modest technical skills. On the student side, it is all beautiful and easy to use on any device!”

— Mark Coster (Associate Professor at Griffith University, Australia)

Enough Talk, Demo Time!

demo.hibbittsdesign.org/cmpt-363-173/

SFU CMPT-363 Open Course Hub, Fall 2017

How about *Inside* the LMS?

canvas.sfu.ca/courses/38847

SFU CMPT-363 Canvas Course, Summer 2018

 **Time for a Student Quote!** 

“The 363 Canvas course website does an excellent job of presenting only the current week’s relevant assignments and readings on the Home page. This makes using the site a breeze because no time is required to actually navigate the site – all the important stuff is there in one click!”

*— SFU CMPT-363 Student, Using Canvas LMS
partnered with Open Course Hub*

How About Other Open-related Grav Projects?

More Open-related Grav Projects

- Open Publishing Space
 - Share and collaboratively edit Markdown-based OER
- Learn2 with Git Sync
 - Share and collaboratively edit Markdown-based documentation
- H5P Shortcode
 - Display H5P.org and locally store H5P content
- Hypothesis Plugin
 - Display the Hypothesis sidebar on your Grav site

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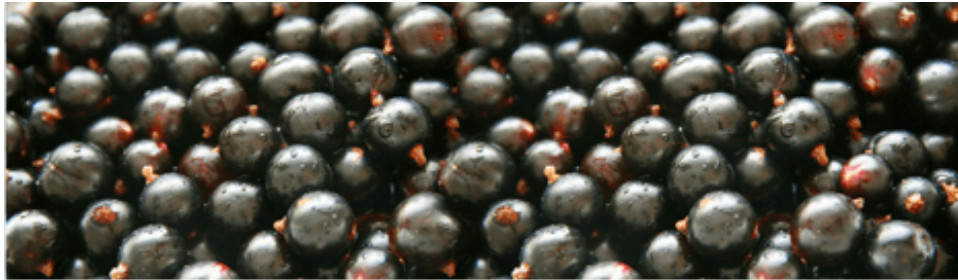


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H5P Shortcode

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What color does the blackcurrant berry actually have?

☐ Black

☐ Blue

☐ Very dark purple

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Hypothesis Plugin



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Grav CMS Official Site

getgrav.org

Markdown

[Learn the basics of Markdown in ten minutes](#)

GitHub Workflow

[Introduction - Git and GitHub for Poets](#)

[GitHub Desktop App](#)

! Pop Quiz !

Which of these “tech-savvy” skills are the biggest challenge?

- Text editor usage (e.g. Atom or Brackets)
- Markdown or HTML basics
- Understanding folder hierarchies (i.e. relative links)
- Web server access
- GitHub or GitLab working knowledge
- GitHub Desktop App (not needed if using Atom)
- ...or something else that you’ve seen today?

★ Thank you. Q&A Time! ★

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