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From: Pelzel, Morris

To: Rodrigues, Elizabeth, McFate, Mark

OK, should be ready to go ... <https://dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu>.

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Thanks, Mo, and I'm sorry about the jargon. A WARC is a [web archive file format](#) created through a process of crawling a site.

If we could clone the site to dg-dev directly, I think that would be our best bet for a next thing to try. Basically, we want to be able to crawl the site as it was originally published in wordpress.

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Hi Mark and Liz,

I'm back in town and taking a look at this. I'm trying to get clear for myself exactly what it is that you want to do, so it may be best for us to meet in person sometime next week to sort things out. When you refer to WP "modules" Mark, I assume you mean plug-ins?

In general, we handle redirects, backups, restorations, migrations, and the like, in cPanel, and not in WordPress itself. It's just cleaner and simpler to do it that way.

Perhaps the issue is that we set up the clone as a subdirectory instead of a subdomain. As a subdirectory, the clone remains part of the original domain, so the redirect cannot be removed. If we instead created it as a subdomain, then it would appear in the list of domains in the cPanel Domains module, and we could then remove the redirects for that subdomain.

But would it not be easier just to clone the site directly in dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu? We should be able to clone a WP site from one cPanel account (comms) into another (dg-dev). Then we should be able to turn off any redirects.

Let me know if I am on the right track here.

Also ... I do not know (and perhaps do not need to know) what WARC is.

Thanks,

Mo

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And I'd add that the pain point here is the redirect that Comm currently has set up. It doesn't appear to be changeable from within the cloned copy, and when Mark tried reconstituting the site on his own subdomain using Updraft, the homepage worked but all the links still pointed back to the cloned comm site with the apparently baked in redirect.

Is getting a copy with no redirect possible? Or does comm have to stop the redirect from within their own cPanel long enough for us to copy it?

By redirect, I mean comm.sites.grinnell.edu now redirects to <https://www.grinnell.edu/about/leadership/offices-services/institutional-planning/campus-plan>. We have confirmed that the WP site has unique content, and on top of that, WARCing the redirected address leads to WARCing the whole college site...as we learned.

Thanks for any insight you have!
Liz

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Good afternoon, Mo.

I've been waiting on some ITS changes to DG today and turned my attention back to comm.sites.grinnell.edu/clone for a bit. In that site's wp-admin I tried turning off, then deleting, the "Redirection" module, but that had no effect. So, I tried changing the site's "settings" to have it resolve to a different URL, and that didn't work. Then I tried changing it to resolve to my new <https://dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu> address, but that also failed.

Liz suggested trying the "Updraft" module to migrate the site and provided an article with guidance. Once I'd completed the prescribed backup process, I tried to restore the backup into dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu, but was warned that the free version of "Updraft" is for "backup only", and not to be used for "migration". The migration add-on costs extra, or one must purchase Updraft Premium. 8^({

Well, I didn't like that answer so I proceeded with the restoration anyway. The outcome was interesting... I got a copy of the old comm.sites.grinnell.edu home page at <https://dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu>, but all of the navigation was still redirected to their new site, and some nav elements didn't work at all. So, that was not a site that I can WARC as intended.

The other effect of restoring from backup was that I lost access to dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu/wp-admin, since that address always asked me to login and then took me back to comm.sites.grinnell.edu/wp-admin again. So, I opened the cPanel for dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu and uninstalled WordPress, and have since re-installed a pristine copy and I have wp-admin access there once again.

Through all of this we looked at different means of properly "migrating" the old WordPress site at comm.sites.grinnell.edu/wp-admin to my new domain

at dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu, but everything I've found so far suggests that there is no easy DIY process, there are only \$\$\$\$ options available. Even Reclaim's own discussion about migration suggests the same...

<https://reclaimhosting.com/migration-assistance/>.

So, I'm wondering if you have a recommendation for me.... How can we easily get the WordPress content that's in comm.sites.grinnell.edu migrated to dg-dev.sites.grinnell.edu?

Thanks for any advice you can offer. Take care.

-Mark M.

From: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>

Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10:44 AM

To: Pelzel, Morris <pelzelmo@grinnell.edu>

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Ok, thanks Mo. No worries, and no rush. Take care.

-Mark M.

From: Pelzel, Morris <pelzelmo@grinnell.edu>

Date: Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10:42 AM

To: McFate, Mark <mcfatem@grinnell.edu>

Subject: email

Mark,

I'm setting up the domain you requested. If you just received an email about your password, please ignore it...I accidentally left a check box checked (that should have been unchecked).

I'll send you more information in a moment.

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