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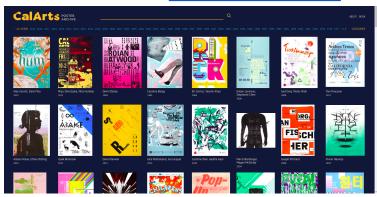
Introduction

An archive site for poetry readings, which has audio records since 2011. Database driven, serving info on audio recordings, poets and events, etc.

Design

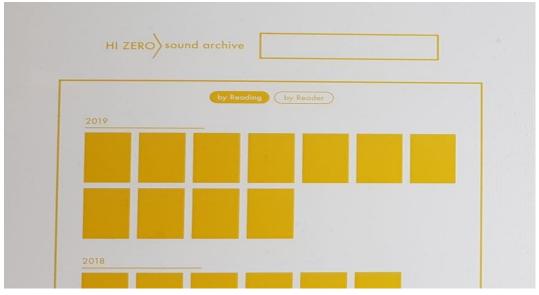
Front end

Poster-oriented similar to https://posters.calarts.edu/



Home page

List of poetry events grouped by year. A thumbnail with the poster from the event links to the event page. A search bar at the top.



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Readers page

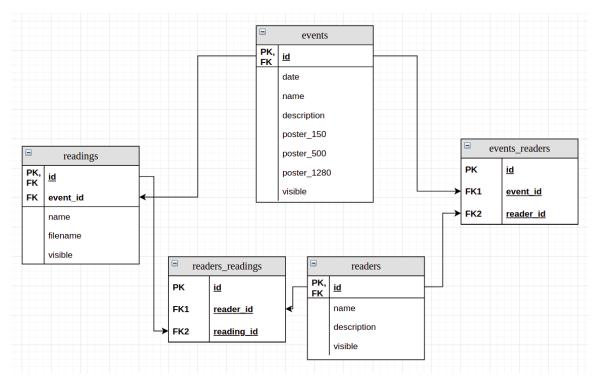
List of readers (poets) sorted alphabetically. Name links to the reader page.



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Backend

Back end using MySQL, PHP, and database admin tool PHPMyAdmin. No interface for users writing to a database.



Database schema

Implementation

File structure is as follows:

Public files

Pages/assets that should be accessible by user (i.e. reader.php), images, MP3 files, CSS stylesheet. A simplified way of describing page hierarchy is a page is either a list of records (i.e. events), or a record (event).

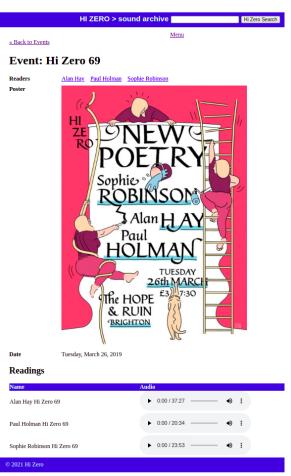
Private files

Elements called on each public page that don't need to be exposed to the user i.e. database.php to access the database, functions.php for PHP functions, query_functions.php for SQL queries.

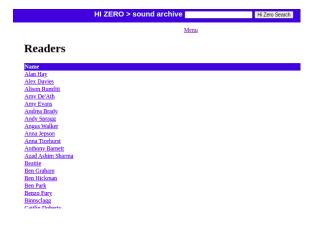
Home (Events) page



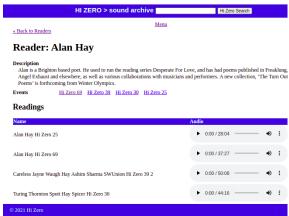
Event page



Readers page



Reader page



Search results page



Evaluation

Features

- Follows DRY (Don't Repeat Yourself) programming principle.
- Using just 5 PHP pages, a large amount of content can be populated on the site.
- Each page reacts dynamically based on the content available for that record.
- In addition to working as a sound archive, it also works as a poster archive.

Limitations

There's no public interface for users writing to a database. Any updates to the database will need to be done by an administrator via the PHPMyAdmin tool. Specifically, by importing CSV files. This limitation wasn't addressed as it was outside project scope.

Improvements

- Play MP3 in an overlaid element- would allow user to browse other pages of the site while listening to an MP3.
- Commenting system could be handled internally or externally via the Disqus service.
- Interface front end could be improved by a UX designer.
- Go live get hosting and domain name, and put this live.

Conclusion

The application demonstrates the main functionality outlined in the specification.