# OU-Combi18mmGS_Supps_WinProject Progress Report (Maintenance Course)

Course/project code and title: T215 Communication and information technologies

*Presentation date*: May 2014 (2014J)

*Section covered by this report:* ***WordPress installation for Block 3***

Date: 19 May 2014

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## Key contacts

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Summary

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| Project title | Status | Comment |
| T215  (WordPress) | **Green** | A test installation of the current latest WordPress version has been made available to Karen and Helen to explore. |

# Summary of LTS Production Resources

| Resource | IUPC hours 2013/14 | Hours used up to *17 April 2014* | Hours remaining | Hours used 2012/13 |
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| Editing | 35 | 44 | - | - |
| Graphic art/des. | 2.5 | 0.75 | 1.75 | - |
| Software | 35 | 36.5 | - | 29.25 |
| Media assistant | - | - | - | - |
| S & V | - | - | - | - |

Key issues/developments

Due to the fact that the WordPress installation upgrade has been delayed there are now two separate sections of notes and actions, for 14J and 15J.

14J will continue with the current installation of WordPress and this will go through its usual maintenance work (and any required fixes due to database server move).

Work will also still continue on the installation and setup of the new version of WordPress for 15J.

## 14J

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| Date change for upgrade of WordPress version | Use of the upgraded new version of WordPress is to be delayed to 15J presentation and not 14J. This will ensure that we can get the new version setup and tested fully, with any problems or issues sorted out.  The current (old) version of WordPress will continue to be used for 14J. Once the database has been moved on 3rd June as part of the Kingfisher server decommission, the current installation will be fixed to point at the moved database and made ready. |
| Issues | IT are decommissioning the server (kingfisher) on which the current WordPress installation is sitting and wanted to move the associated database fairly quickly. The current presentation of this module finishes at the end of July and because of this we have managed to delay the move until after this. The move will now take place on 3rd June, as agreed with Phil Rogers.  **Action:** Gareth will liaise with Phil Rogers in IT to get details of new location fed through to Howard.  **Action:** Howard to liaise with Jane to find out what work needs to be carried out to make it ready for the 14J presentation so that he knows what needs doing once the database move has taken place. (This will be the usual work carried out on each rollover)  **Action (post database move):** Howard will carry out the necessary work to make the current installation ready for 14J. |
| History | For previous installations and setups of the WordPress MU part of T215, work was carried out by Jamie Daniels and Jane Bromley. |
| Blogs | Nigel Robson in IT might know about WordPress blogs setup, via intranet – request a blog. |
| Plugins | The plugins currently in use include calendar, map, web-form sign-in, weather info etc. |

## 15J

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| Issues | We need to make sure that the new version of WordPress is compatible with the server PHP and MySQL versions  **Action:** Howard to check version of PHP and MySQL on the server holding this installation to make sure that it will work with the new WordPress version in 15J. |
| Test version | **Action (complete):** A test installation of the current latest version (3.8?) has been made available by Howard Davies. **Action:** Helen and Karen to evaluate and assess what, and how much, work needs to be carried out their end for reference content updates. |
| Themes | **Action:** Howard to investigate themes which are included in the new installation for 15J and whether that is enough or if we need to provide any additional free themes for student use. |
| Multiple User | Multiple users are now built in the standard version of WordPress and are part of a feature called Multisite. There will be approximately 20 colour-coded user groups divided into four sub-groups.  There are naming conventions for site names used by students. These site names include the name of the tutor and a group colour.  **Query:** Will the students be able to join themselves to the website or would a tutor need to do it?  **Action:** Howard to investigate the user grouping methods on the new version of WordPress. The new installation should be setup to match the current old version as much as possible, which will make the transition easier and minimise the level of content change.  LTS to find out how the wiki grouping is handled along with that for the forums and see if we can do the same for tutor grouping. |
| History | For previous installations and setups of the WordPress MU part of T215, work was carried out by Jamie Daniels and Jane Bromley. |
| Blogs | Nigel Robson in IT might know about WordPress blogs setup, via intranet – request a blog |
| Plugins | The plugins currently in use include calendar, map, web-form sign-in, weather info etc. |
| Editing | Once we know the level of content changes which need to be made for 15J due to WordPress re-versioning, we will be able to estimate how much LMD time is required to action those changes. |

Next meeting: tbc