

PRODUCT OWNER: CMS

Case Study | RevZilla's internally-built Content Management System



CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Challenge I The replatform and redesign of RevZilla required the ability to easily manage marketable assets across the top of the shopping funnel. Legacy's Admin structure couldn't account for the new landing pages, and stakeholders were reluctant to purchase a CMS.

Goal I Create an internally-built CMS that could kickoff the merchandising strategies for the site redesign and allow current employees to easily schedule and update assets on the landing pages. Account for reusable and one-time-use assets, one-off page layouts, and templated page layouts.

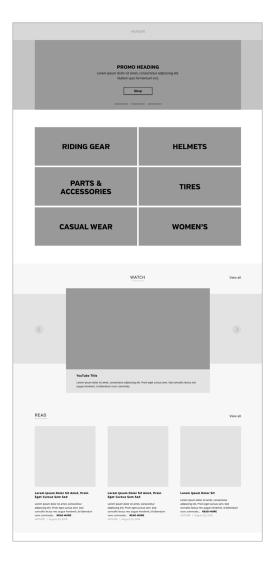
Strategy | Assess the direction of the top-level pages and define components along with the requirements necessary to implement a CMS. Utilize a UI Component Library and Framework to cut-down build and design time in order to reduce lift and launch the site replatform and redesign on schedule.



CMS Planning and Requirements Strategy

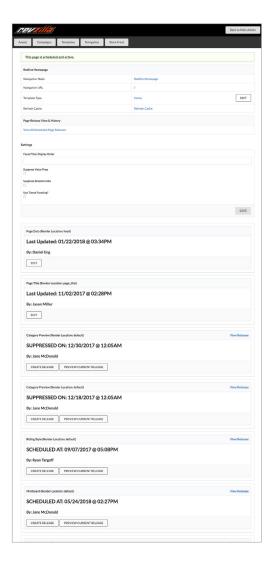
INITIAL HOME PAGE WIREFRAME

When creating the first-passes at top-level landing pages, it was necessary to account for 'components' that could be treated like reusable building blocks. Depending on the merchandising goals, components would be displayed (or not displayed at all) in different sections.



CMS PAGE BREAKDOWN

With a general idea of the design direction established, it was easier to identify component patterns and begin writing requirements for how the backend would need to function in order to support the display of the frontend. Each component on the site has specific optional and required fields. The backend system not only stores assets, but also serves up assets that are requested on the content page; it also captures versions of each page according to every new asset or component scheduled.

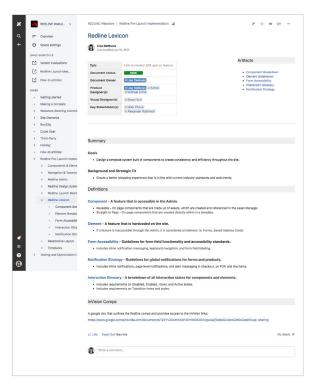


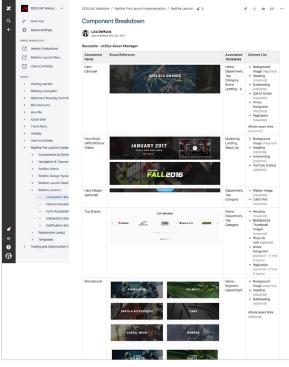


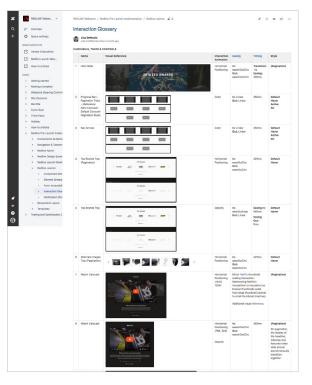
Documentation

DOCUMENTATION OF COMPONENTS

None of the sections on the landing pages existed in this manner before the redesign was launched. With hundreds of new features rolling out, it was important to attempt documentation for others to reference through launch. In an effort to keep everyone on the same page, a 'lexicon' was created and component attributes were captured.







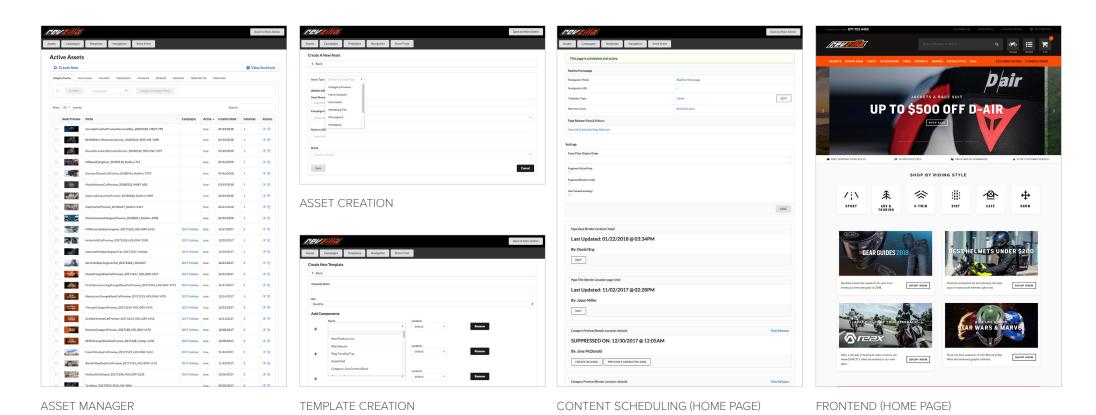
CMS LEXICON COMPONENT BREAKDOWN COMPONENT INTERACTIONS



Results

CMS: RELEASE 1

The initial, and currently standing, release of the CMS continues to serve up the content that is visible on top-level pages; these pages include anything 'above' a Product Browse page, as well as all of the support pages on the website. Pages have multiple managers, and users have different permissions according to the tasks they need to accomplish to perform their jobs.



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