

eTemplate.com/template/123abc

Template Title: Reduce Massachusetts' Carbon Footprint
Tags: [Climate Change], [Global Warming]
Location: [Cambridge, MA 02139]

To: gwer@gwer.com (x), asdfasdf@mit.edu (x), dnj@mit.edu
Cc: aaa@aaa.com (x)

[CLEAR ALL]

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Bcc:
Subject: Climate Change Action
Body:

Hello recipient,

My name is [name] and I'm from [Middlesex]. I am demanding that you change Massachusetts' climate change policies in order to limit our carbon footprint.

Here are the reasons I think you should change your policies:

[] Climate change is important.

[] We need to limit our carbon footprint.

[] Save the earth!

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,
[name]

[] Filter Buster (add random letters into words when you press Open in Mail button)

[[[Open in Mail]]]

Key Purposes / Social Need

- Empowering activists (with or without technical backgrounds) to easily create email templates for digital protests
- Encouraging widespread civic engagement regarding local issues
- Resource for sharing email templates online
- Resource for journalists to find email templates as primary sources
- Resource for general users looking for ways to communicate difficult topics (negotiating job offers, requesting recommendations, etc.)
- Social need - solves issue for finding mailto links for digital protests and other platforms, allows users to easily create e-templates for various reasons, allows users to find and share different templates based on locality and movement

Key Concepts

- E-Template
 - purpose
 - enable activists to create templates for emails to allow other people to send protest emails to representatives with low barrier-to-entry
 - allow customizing email templates for sender-specific information
 - structure
 - to, cc, bcc: sets of emails (where an email is a valid string)
 - can be empty
 - specified by creator
 - can be modified by users
 - subject: string
 - optional
 - body: string
 - optional
 - creator: in User.username
 - mandatory

- location:
 - country > city > postal code
 - mandatory
 - specified by creator
 - tags
 - mandatory
 - #tags >= 1
 - specified by creator
 - can be suggested by users
- actions
 - create
 - edit(to), edit(cc), edit(bcc)
 - edit(tags)
 - edit(content)
 - delete
 - share
- operational principle
 - creator pov
 - creator creates new template
 - creator personalizes template with suggested recipients, tags, and content
 - creator shares link of template to other users
 - user pov
 - user opens template
 - user personalizes content, subject, recipients
 - user sends email
- Tag (location, topics, filter words)
 - purpose
 - enable users to find templates of interest
 - structure
 - tagname
 - actions
 - filterByTag(tags)
 - search(query)
 - operational principle
 - user filters for tag
 - website returns templates with tags matching tag name
- User
 - purpose
 - Collect templates created by the same person and allow them to be edited by that person
 - Allow a person's templates to be browsed by other people
 - structure
 - username
 - password
 - templates
 - actions
 - create(user, password)
 - delete(user)
 - signin(user, password)
 - signout(user)
 - operational principle
 - User 1 creates account and then creates templates on that account

- Other users can look at User 1's profile and see their templates
 - User 1 can edit the templates they created
- Moderation (reporting abuse, etc.)
 - purpose
 - Address malicious or inappropriate use of the e-Template platform
 - structure
 - admins
 - reported
 - actions
 - report(template)
 - report(user)
 - resolve(report)
 - delete(template)
 - ban(user)
 - operational principle
 - user reports inappropriate template
 - admin deletes template, resolving the report
 - user reports malicious user
 - admin decides user isn't malicious, resolves report
- FilterBuster
 - purpose
 - ensure emails are received by their intended recipient
 - structure
 - template
 - actions
 - filterBust
 - operational principle
 - user selects filter buster option on email template
 - user sends email

Why This Project Is Cool From a Design and Technical Perspective

- Beyond CRUD, there's a lot of client-side functionality
 - editing/validating recipient emails
 - customizing templates
 - generating and opening mailto links
 - busting email filters
- Usually templates shared via social media is extremely scattered – design challenge is to make email templates easy to find
- Usually extremely high activation energy to create and send templates – design challenge is to make process as frictionless as possible for average person
- Website provides a centralized location for sharing email template resources
- Not similar to social media because it will not push for specific templates to be shared, but simply provide a resource via user searches