

Proposed Information Architecture

1. Site Information
 - About the site
 - Content tag and site jargon glossary
 - Review ratings explanation
 - Sign up
2. User Interactions
 - Artist/review request
 - Discussion forum/thread
 - User profile and activity history
 - User-created list
 - User-created piece
3. Authors' Content
 - Author bio and post history
 - Author-created list
 - Video/link share post
4. Primary Content
 - Artist profile
 - Movie/music review
 - Feature post

Explanation:

I came to the decisions for this IA based on the items that seemed to be most frequently together in the card sort. Based on the category names given in the card sorts, I came up with four standardized categories that I used to group the individual participants' categories. The "Standardization Grid" seen in the "results.png" image file was my primary influence in the IA above. I conglomerated some of the individual cards for simplicity in some cases.

Some items clearly belonged in a certain category ("About the site" and "Content tag and site jargon glossary" for example). Those that did not (like "Author Bio" and "Video Post") I categorized based upon my personal understanding of what the content would actually be.

I discovered some confusion with the names of cards, and I tried to take that into account as well. I renamed "Video Post" to "Video/link share post" in an attempt to more precisely describe what I had in mind.