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Website Modernization Program

The Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) website modernization program was created to ensure all state websites provide an accessible, trusted and secure experience for all Virginians. Specifically, the program looks to aid agencies in meeting the COV web standards.

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hub

Security Vulnerability Reporting

As we head into Cyber Security Awareness Month, let's start by talking about vulnerabilities.

All agencies supported by VITA now have access to Acunetix 360. This new tool is the source of truth for all scanned vulnerabilities. All critical and high vulnerabilities are to be remediated within 30 days of being scanned. And only after an issue has been flagged as "fixed" within Acunetix 360 will it fall off your report.

Why is this important? Vulnerabilities, especially critical and high, place your website

at risk to attack. The reports are being provided to the Governor's Office and any vulnerabilities over 30 days old will be flagged for escalation.

Step 1 is to remediate the issues. Step 2 is to update their status in Acunetix 360 to validate the fixes.

All information security officers (ISOs) and delegates, please log in to Acunetix 360 and assign responsible parties to domains and individual issues.

All responsible parties, please log in to Acunetix 360 and mark when an issue has been fixed so the system can validate.

If you need an Acunetix 360 account or have questions on accessing your account, please contact commonwealthsecurity@vita.virginia.gov.

If you have any questions on using Acunetix 360, keep reading!

Security office hours

Following the success of our accessibility office hours, we have established a similar series dedicated to Acunetix 360 and security vulnerabilities. Thank you to Juan De Paz Gonzalez from VITA's threat management team for leading these meetings.



Office hours will be held **every Tuesday at 10 a.m.** Join us starting Sept. 26.

Join Juan on Microsoft Teams using this link: [Click here to join the meeting](#)

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZGQzZjl4M2QtN2RmYi00ZTdILGxOTMtNjQ2NmQzZWQ2NDQz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22cdf12711-ba3e-4dfb-8a5d-9c62cecdf5c8%22%7d

Or call in here: 434-230-0065, Conference ID: 542 653 741#

Topics can include usage (how to assign issues, schedule scans, validate fixes, etc.), reporting, specific vulnerability concerns or any questions you may have.

Web Analytics



A big part of the Enterprise Architecture 225 web standards fits into one small section:

"WEB-37 – COV web systems shall employ web analytics to track, analyze and report on web system traffic. Analytics reporting shall be available to VITA for review."

As VITA teams have reached out about analytics data, we have seen the availability is not always consistent, especially for sub-domains and

applications. Help us help you!

The VITA contract with Siteimprove includes analytics. Navigate here to find the code snippet and information on how to implement it:

<https://my2.us.siteimprove.com/Settings/Analytics/Script>

By using Siteimprove's analytics module, you will have one location to see your analytics and accessibility data, *and* VITA will be able to automate reporting without having to bug you for reports.

Raise Your Hand

With all the tools and resources we are rolling out, there are several opportunities for you to be involved and help contribute!

Siteimprove Frontier – Excited about accessibility and want others to know about it? Siteimprove is creating several custom videos that will be incorporated into our accessibility training paths. Developers, designers, content creators, or just anyone with an interest in accessibility -- all are welcome!

Speaking roles for the videos will be very short, and we plan to film in the next couple weeks. Any and all volunteers are welcome! Volunteer responses requested by **Friday, Sept. 22**.



Google reCAPTCHA – Our technology partners are busy creating the administrative dashboard for our captcha solution. As a reminder, this is for the latest version of the tool - <https://cloud.google.com/recaptcha-enterprise>. No more “I am not a robot” or clicking on stop signs.

Anyone that does not have captcha already implemented, or anyone that is currently using an older version of reCAPTCHA, please send us a list of your domains so we can plan for your implementation.

Language translation RFP – Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the request for proposal (RFP) requirements! We are now putting together a small team to evaluate RFP responses, whether as a subject matter expert or scorer.

Being on the team will be a commitment. There will be demos, at least one all-day review session, and more possible, depending on the number of RFP submissions. That said, if you are passionate about language translation and will have time to commit to the process, please contact us today to join the team!

Next Steps

Don't forget to join us on **Tuesday, Sept. 19** at 10 a.m. for our next web modernization program update. [Click here to join the meeting](#)



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Contact webmod@vita.virginia.gov to take advantage of any of these opportunities or if you need help!



If you have questions or would like to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter, please contact webmod@vita.virginia.gov.



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