
Pachyderm Wishlist

Posted by pastori - 2010/07/13 11:52

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1. Tool or process to create new template formats.
2. Tool or process to modify the format of existing templates. They want to be able to tweak specific parts of the templates.
3. Instructions on how to install 3rd party templates into the existing group of templates so that they show up as an option when first creating a presentation.
4. Ability to lock presentation, during development, by author so only creator can make changes to a presentation.

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1. The audio and video players could use Rewind and Fast Forward buttons so customers can review or skip forward as needed.
2. Ability to click on web page pictures to go to the next template, in addition to the zoom button which is already there.
3. Need a return button on timeline type links so customer returns to point on timeline where they originally clicked. Currently, they have to click the back button which takes them back to the beginning of the timeline links and then have to scroll forward to what they were viewing. This is very tedious and time consuming when there is a time line that is the equivalent of two, three or more display screens long.
4. Need a button on the web page that takes a customer directly to a Transcript page when Transcript information is available.

Finally, so that I can become familiar with the internal coding of templates, I need access and tools to view their source code so that I can assist in modifications to how templates display.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Re:Pachyderm Wishlist

Posted by ssayre - 2010/07/13 13:06

Hi John-

See my notes below.

pastori wrote:

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SS - We are currently down to one developer and hope to schedule a web-based seminar on this topic.

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SS- We will be posting the source code FLA's for all of the 2.1 templates shortly. This will allow Flash developers to change the look and feel, but will require more technical skill if your developers want to add more data.

3. Instructions on how to install 3rd party templates into the existing group of templates so that they show up as an option when first creating a presentation.

SS- There are not any 3rd party 2.1 templates to date. Once there are, we will publish this.

4. Ability to lock presentation, during development, by author so only creator can make changes to a presentation.

SS- I'm unclear on this. Only the author can ever change a presentation unless they give their password away. If you are referring to "Save As" functionality, we are working on that for version 2.1.0.2

The following items are functionality changes that will help our customers use our presentations more effectively:

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SS- This is not in the current spec. If you have \$\$ or developers to work on this, lets talk.

2. Ability to click on web page pictures to go to the next template, in addition to the zoom button which is already there.

SS- This is problematic since almost all picture areas can also play video and the current standard for video is that you click on it to play it. We can not do both. Any ideas?

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SS- Timeline? There is not a timeline in 2.1. Are we talking about 2.0?

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SS- This is standard in 2.1 whenever a transcript has been added to the media item's metadata.

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SS- See my answer to question #1.

All best,
Scott

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