

HSLI Website report

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HSLI Newsletter and Server Migration

In June of 2011, the Blog Engine software became corrupted and could not be recovered. To obtain a more stable blog platform, the HSLI website was moved from a Windows server to a Unix server to take advantage of WordPress. Unlike Blog Engine, WordPress software is upgraded periodically by Network Solutions.

The server migration process was not without complications. URLs are case insensitive in Windows, but case sensitive on Unix. Several directory names were capitalized, which caused links to break. Directory names were made uniformly lower case and redirects were set up for /Conference and /Directory. There is also a slight difference in the syntax used for server side includes between Unix and Windows. As a result, all pages needed to be edited to restore the menu bar on the left side of the screen.

WordPress seems to be functioning correctly. A benefit of moving to the Unix environment is that nightly backups are automatically made of all content on the server. All posts from Blog Engine were moved to WordPress. Images were more difficult to migrate. Photos of people were given priority over conference logos in the migration.

Usage

From October 20, 2010 to July 20, 2010, pages with tracking installed on the HSLI website were viewed 5,405 times. Of those, the Newsletter home page was viewed 1,029 times. Individual newsletter stories were viewed 2,569 times. Conference pages were viewed 2,886 times.