The UT iSchool Website

A brief overview of the iSchool website, the Drupal Kit CMS, and the Forty Acres Theme.

Overview

The School of Information Web site is designed within the accessible University-branded content management system (CMS) known as the UT Drupal Kit (UTDK). This Drupal-based CMS was designed by UT's central IT department, Information Technology Services (ITS), and adheres to UT brand guidelines and accessibility requirements and is used by nearly all colleges and departments at UT Austin. The website's theme is called Forty Acres and colleges and departments are invited to create sub-themes of Forty Acres in which they can customize, or not, specific elements of the ITS designed theme. There are two major versions of the UT Drupal Kit. Version 2 is built using Drupal 7 and is the Drupal Kit version for the iSchool Web site at this time. The iSchool is currently in the process of migrating and updating to UTDK Version 3, which is built using Drupal 10. The underlying technical components of the Web site are managed by the Information Commons team (e.g. Web server, database server, custom code) and the content is managed by the iSchool Web and Communications team (e.g. layout, interaction, architecture, content updates).

Requesting Web Updates

iSchool Directory Profiles

To request a new profile be added or to update an existing profile in the iSchool Directory, please complete and submit the iSchool Directory Onboarding form.

Syllabus or Class Notes

To upload a class syllabus or notes for a given class, please complete and submit the iSchool Course and Notes Uploader form.

Page Content, Navigation, Architecture, Interaction, UX/UI Feedback

Please email help@ischool.utexas.edu and your ticket will be transferred to the Web and Communications team.

FAQs

I found some outdated/incorrect/misspelled/grammatically incorrect information on the iSchool website, who do I notify?

help@ischool.utexas.edu

The website is down or broken, who do I notify?

help@ischool.utexas.edu

Who manages the website?

The Web and Communications Team under the direction of the Dean.

The iSchool teaches UX/UI and I wish our website had better...

A school that teaches UX/UI design is naturally going to have MANY of its stakeholders reacting to the site's design, ranging from interaction, content, accessibility, architecture, graphics, and much MUCH more. Fortunately, our expertise in information design also informs our understanding of the many complexities of designing for multiple stakeholders, audiences, legal requirements and within an organizational structure. Please offer your feedback as much and as often as you can, it is HIGHLY encouraged, but remember too that:

- the design and functions are built within a framework designed outside the school,
- custom interactions via Web application programming require development expertise outside the school.

Related:

- Promote an iSchool Event
- Emails, Newsletters, & Listservs
Where can I learn more about the design elements, architecture, and other template features built-in to the Drupal Kit and *Forty Acres* theme?

UTDK Version 2 Page Building Documentation