## Building a Better Website

How to Do it For Less





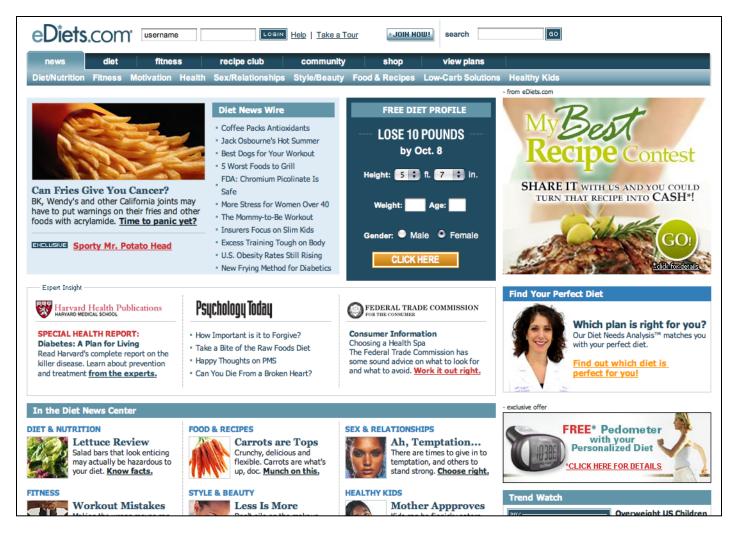
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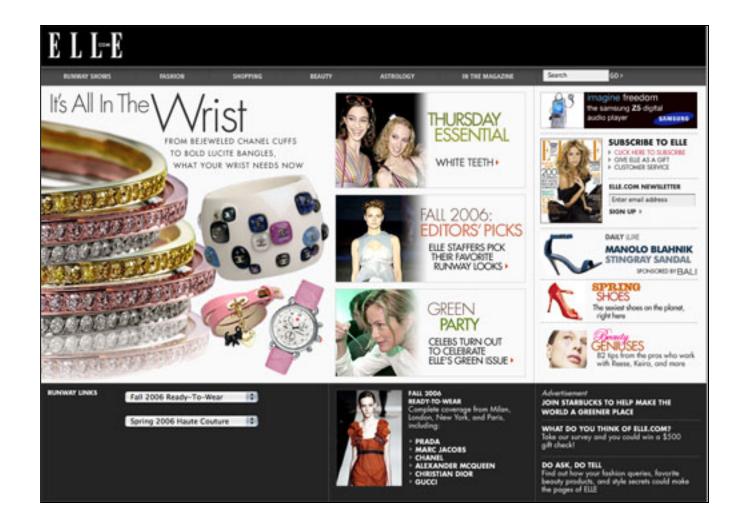
#### **The Jammed Packed Website**







#### **The Flash Website**







#### **Operators vs. Agencies**







#### **Development Strategy**



Framework1 960 hours



WordPress Core 2,700 hours



LAMP Core 4,600 hours

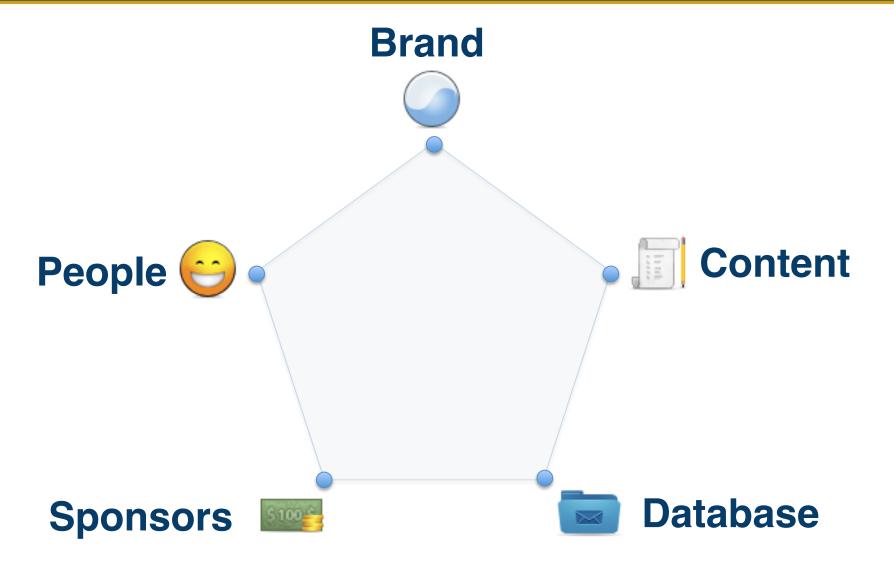




## **Brand Strategy**



#### **Complete Asset Inventory**







#### **Visual Brand Strategy**

#### **OFFLINE**

#### IN PERSON

#### ONLINE





















FREE eBOOKS







#### **Website Brand Strategy**













#### **Alternative Brand Strategy – Single Brand**

#### **OFFLINE**

#### IN PERSON

#### **ONLINE**







## The **Economist**





**AUDIO** 







#### **Alternative Brand Strategy - Portal Brand**



#### **Alternative Brand Strategy - Hybrid**

#### OFFLINE







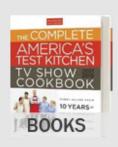














**MEMBERSHIPS** 



COOKING SCHOOL



## **Selecting Mentor Sites**



#### **Mequoda Open Content Standards**

#### CONTENT-DRIVEN



#### SUBSCRIBER-CENTRIC



#### GOOGLE-FRIENDLY



#### **MULTI-PLATFORM**







Search

Google

Content



Commerce





#### **Publisher Revenue Goals**





HYBRID 50/50



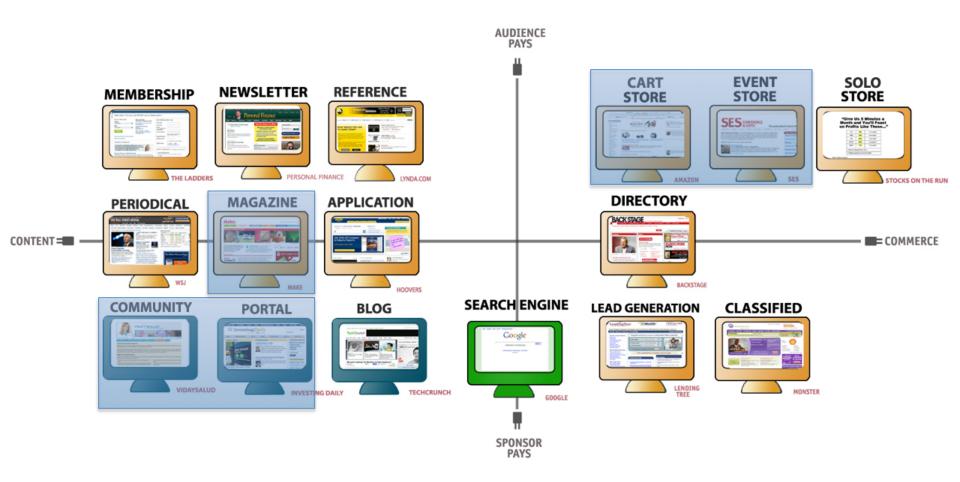
### 100% COMMERCE -DRIVEN







#### 16 Special Interest Media Archetypes





#### **Portal Mentor Selection**

# Best Practice Platform Codebase



## 3 Mentor Sites











## **Platform Strategy**



#### **Key Attributes of a Codebase**

- Codebase Portfolio
- Operating Environment
- # of Extensions
- Portability Options
- API Structure (100% WordPress)
- Compatibility
- License Fee





#### **Haven Publishing System Codebase**

- Mequoda/WordPress Master Codebase
- 16 Working Systems
- Incorporates API Protocols
- Illustrates Multi-Brand Strategy
- Leverages WordPress 3.2 Core
- Utilizes 37 GPL Extensions
- Incorporates 17 Mequoda Plug-ins
- Illustrates Current Mequoda Best Practices





#### **Portfolio Leverage**



































# Make or

Buy?





# Creating Homepage Mockup and Style Guide



#### **Portal Mentor Selection**

# Best Practice Platform Codebase



## 3 Mentor Sites



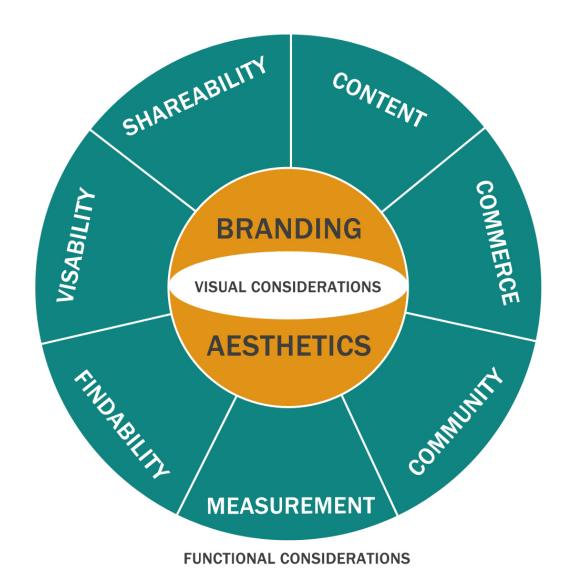








#### Visual Considerations vs. Functional Considerations







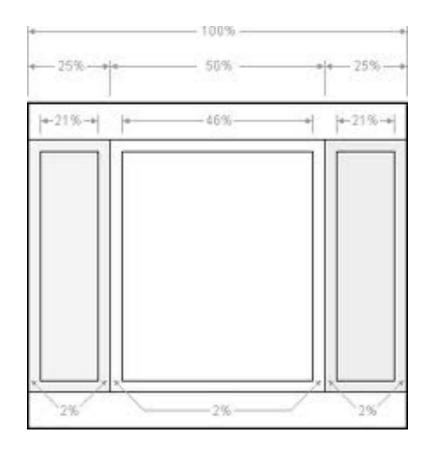
#### **Creating Website Style Guide**



Georgia headlines

Helvetica body copy, menus

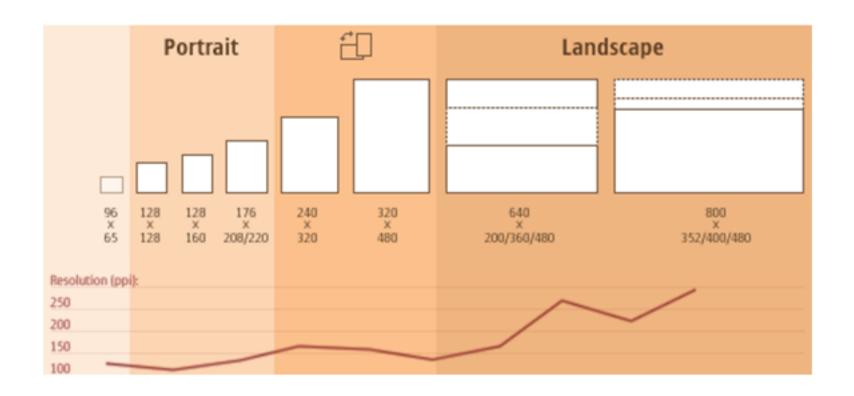
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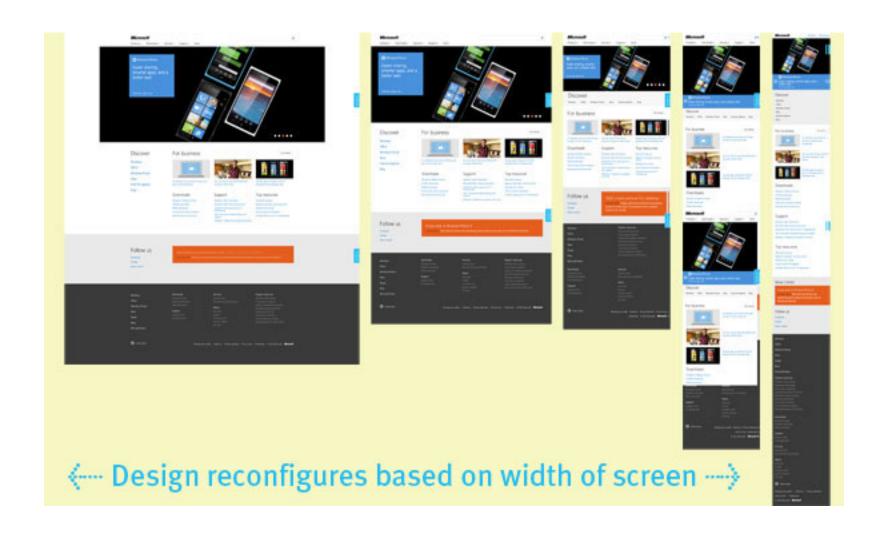
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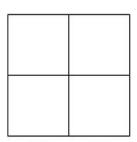






#### **Functional Considerations**

## **Task priority**



**Navigation** 



Readability



**Affordance** 







#### **Operational Stakeholders**







**Lead Editor** 



**Graphic Designer** 



Audience Manager



Ecommerce Manager



Advertising Manager





#### **Agency Stakeholders**













Aimee Graeber

Lowell Allen **Lead Designer Information Architect Graphic Designer** 

Paul O'Connell

Norann Oleson **Keyword Specialist** 

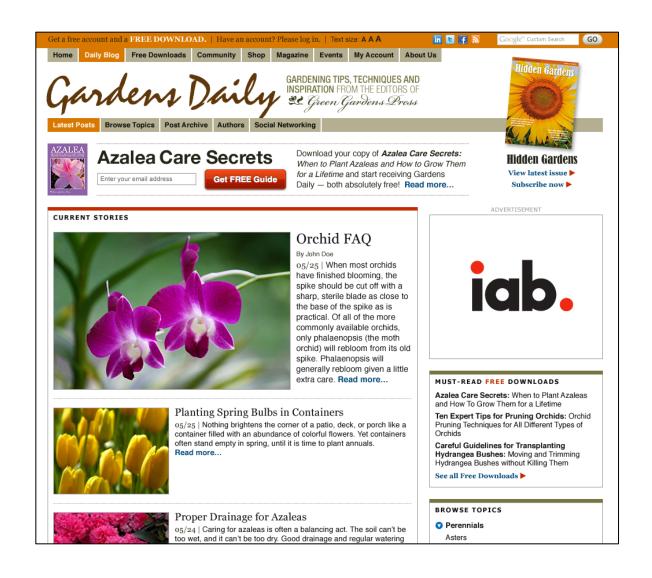
Amanda MacArthur **Content Specialist** 

Nancy Horan **Project Manager** 





#### **Blog Homepage Mockup**

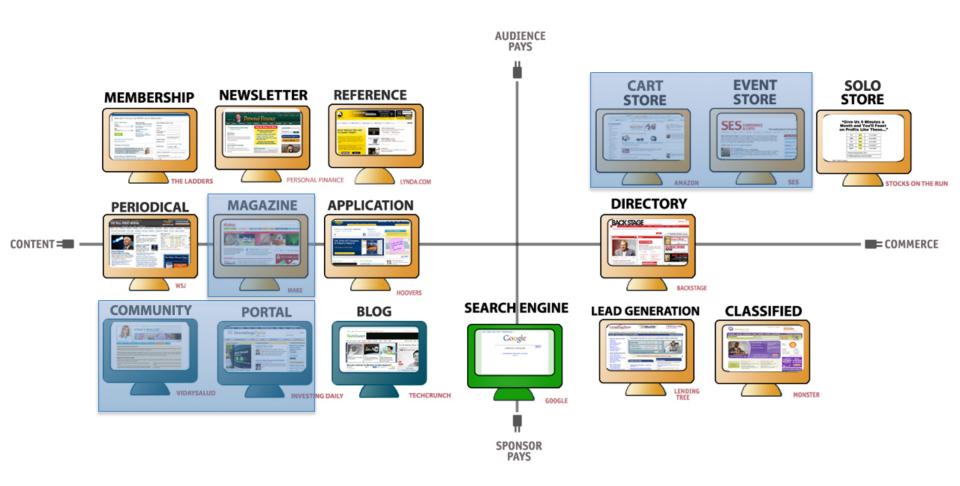




## Rolling Out Your Design



#### 16 Special Interest Media Archetypes







### **Designing Your Blog**



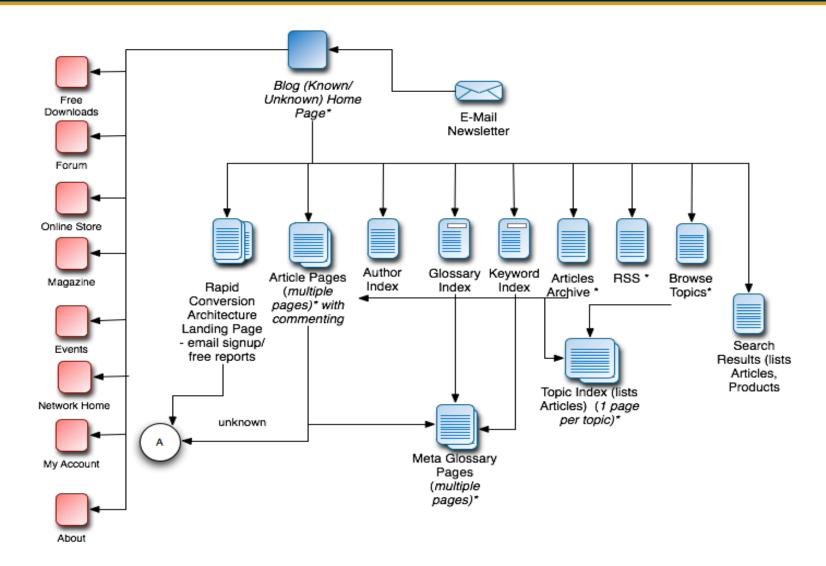
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Gardens Daily
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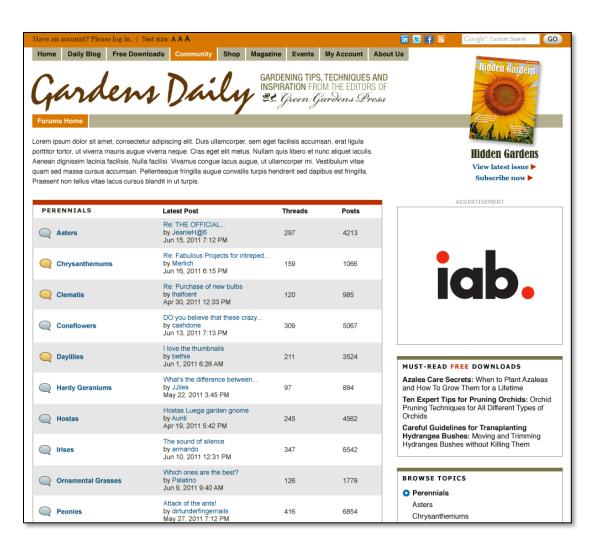
### **Blog Sitemap**







### **Designing Your Community/Forum**

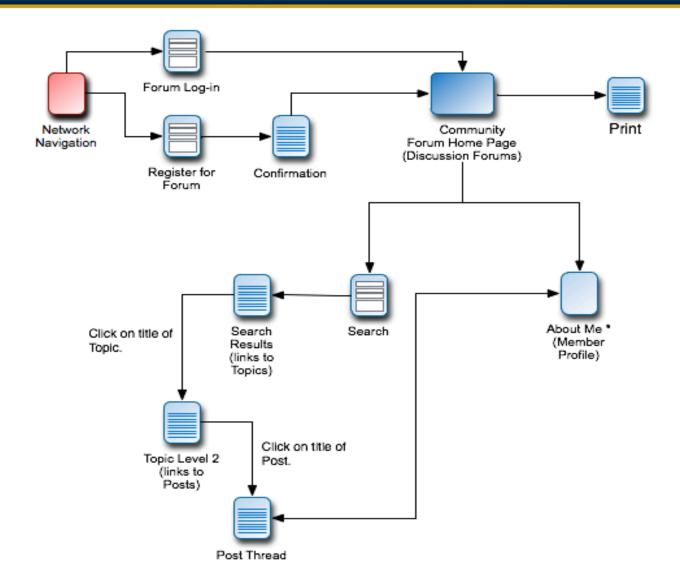


- Unknown User
   Forum Home Page
- Known User Forum Home Page
- Login/Signup
- Topic Page
- Post/Reply to Post Page
- Search results Page
- Profile Page



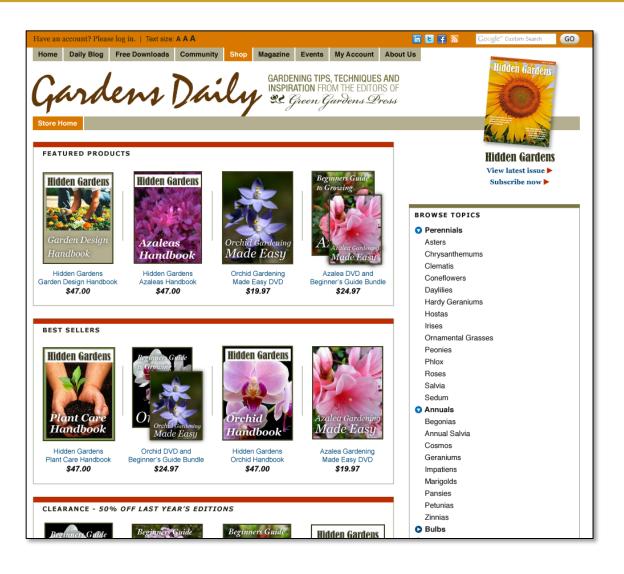


## **Community/Forum Sitemap**





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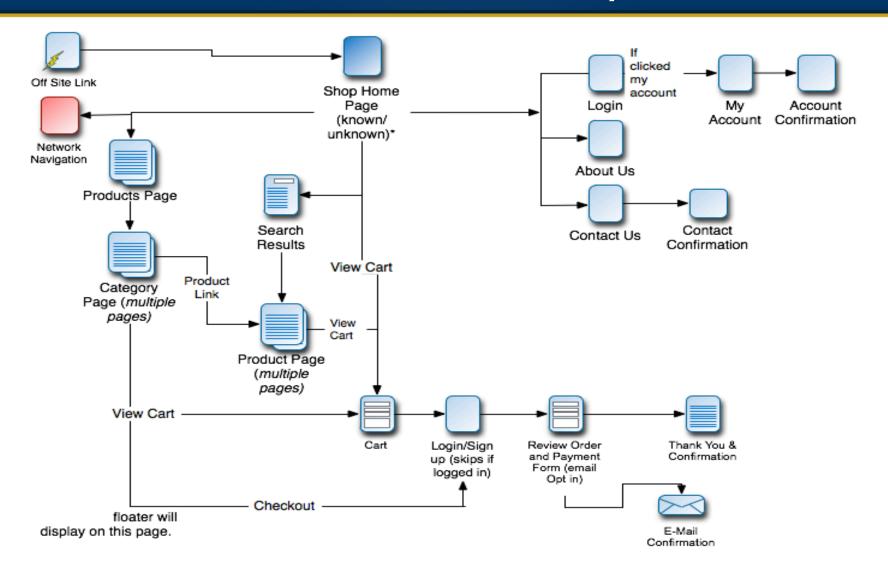


- Unknown User Home Page
- Known User Home Page
- Products page
- Search Results
- Category page(s)
- Product page
- Cart
- Login/Signup
- Review Order/Payment form
- Thank You/ Confirmation page
- Email Confirmation





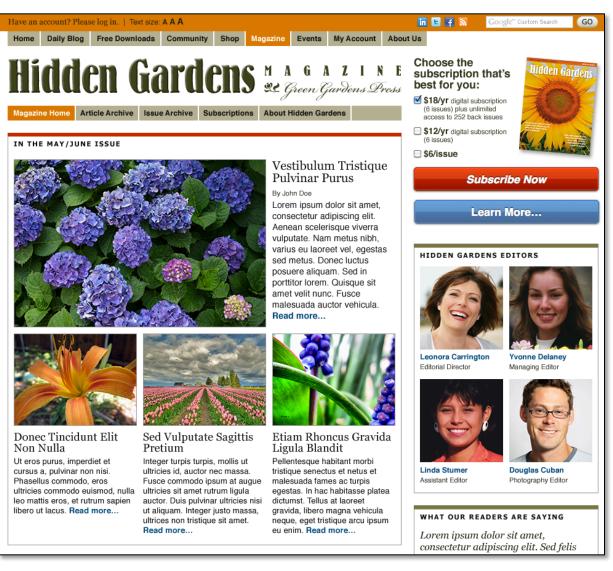
### **Online Store Sitemap**







### **Designing Your Magazine Website**



- Homepage
  - Known User
  - Unknown User

#### Article Archive

- Main page
- Topic page
- Article page -3 versions

#### Issue Archive

- Main page
- Issue page 3versions

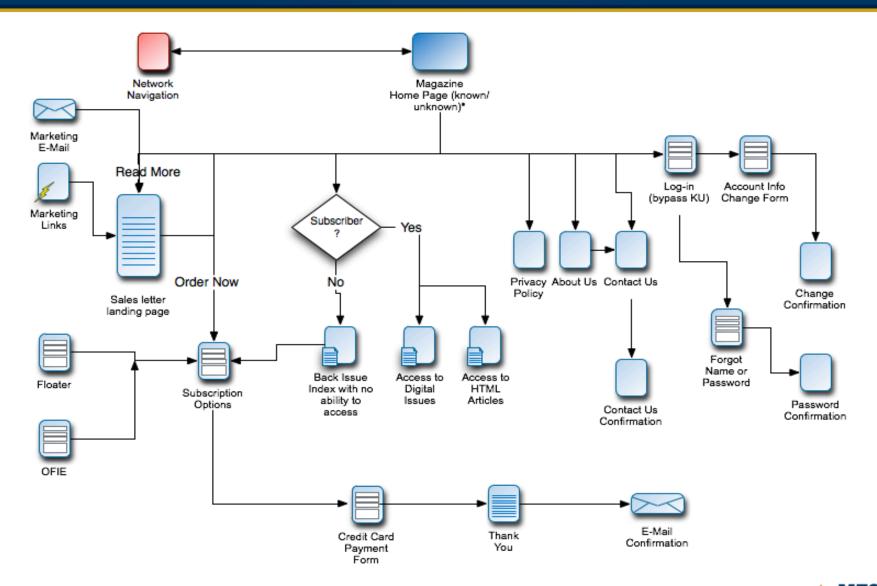
### Subscription Page

- New Subscription
- Gift Subscription
- Renew AccessChallenge
- Renew Known user
- Account Page 3 pages
- About Page





## **Magazine Website Sitemap**





### **Designing Your Events Website**

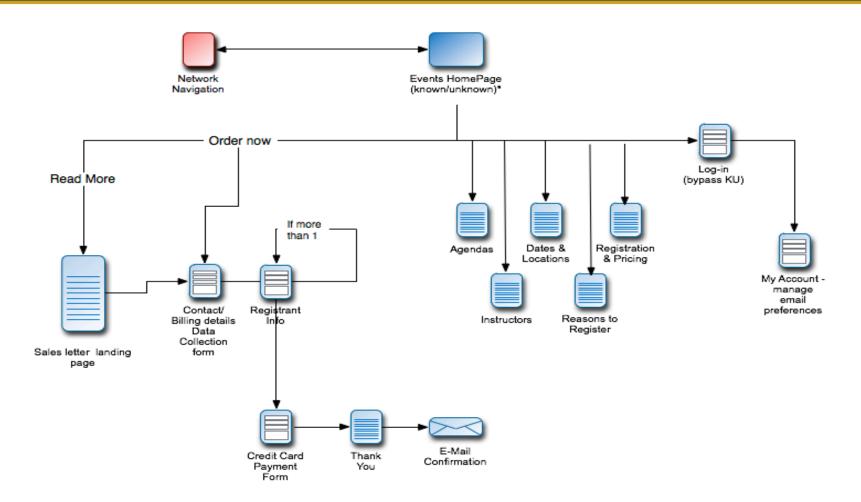


- Events Marketplace page
- Sales Letter Landing page
- Contact / Billing Address
   Data Collection page
- Registrant Information
- Credit Card Payment Page
- Thank You page
- Email Confirmation
- Agendas
- Instructors
- Dates and Locations
- Reasons to Register
- Registration & Pricing





### **Events Sitemap**





# **Choosing Your Network Scheme**

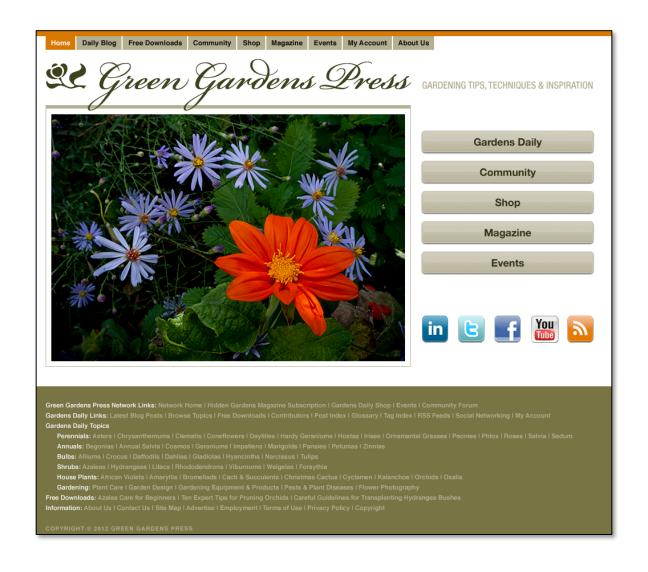
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### **Network Homepage**







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