BUILDING & MAINTAINING A SITE FOR COURSE MATERIALS

WebLearn

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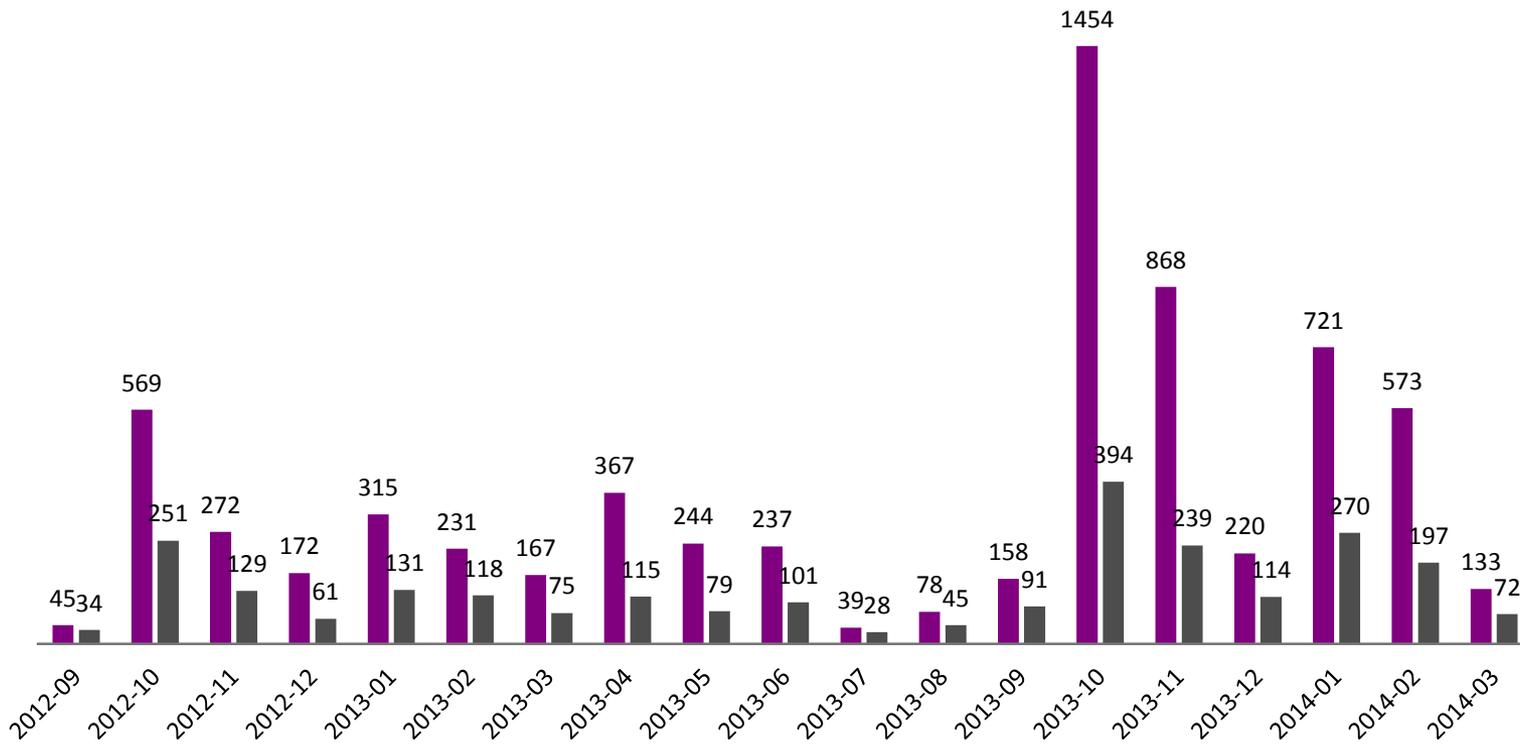**March 2014**

SSL eReadings: some context

- Launched in Michaelmas 2012
- Hosts scans of chapters and articles on readings lists supported by the SSL
  - Currently over 600 scans
  - Across 17 degree programmes
  - 328 scans uploaded since August 2013
- Site traffic
  - Oct-Dec 2012
    - Visits: 1013
    - Unique visits: 441
  - Oct-Dec 2013
    - Visits: 2542
    - Unique visits: 747

Site traffic

SSL WebLearn site visits

WHY WEBLEARN?

- CLA Licence specifies that scans must be hosted in a secure Virtual Learning Environment

- Other benefits
  - Ability to set folder permissions
  - Customizable copyright alert
  - Statistics
  - Search tool
  - Plus…
- We can create our own webpages

WHY USE WEBPAGES?

📂 Up one level

Introduction to politics

📄 **Barry - Is democracy special?**
Barry, B., 1979. 'Is democracy special?'. In: P. Laslett and J.S. Fishkin (eds), Philosophy, politics and society : fifth series : a collection. Oxford : Blackwell, pp. 155-96. SSL Shelfmark: JA71.PHI

📄 **Berlin - Four essays on liberty - Ch 3**
Berlin, I., 1969. Four essays on liberty. Oxford : Oxford University Press, pp. 118-72. SSL Shelfmark: JC585.BER

📄 **Budge - 'Direct democracy'**
Budge, I., 1993. 'Direct democracy : setting appropriate terms of debate'. In: D. Held (ed), Prospects for democracy : North, South, East, West. Cambridge : Polity, pp. 136-55. SSL Shelfmark: JC423.PRO

📄 **Cohen - 'Deliberation and democratic legitimacy'**
Cohen, J., 1989. 'Deliberation and democratic legitimacy'. In: A. Hamlin and P. Pettit (eds), The Good polity : normative analysis of the state. Oxford : Basil Blackwell, pp. 17-34. SSL Shelfmark: JC325.GOO

📄 **Cohen - History, labour, and freedom - Ch 1**
Cohen, G.A., 1988. History, labour and freedom : themes from Marx. Oxford : Clarendon Press, pp. 3-29. SSL Shelfmark: HX39.5.COH

📄 **Deakin - In search of civil society - Ch 3**
Deakin, N., 2001. In search of civil society. Basingstoke : Palgrave, pp. 57-83. SSL Shelfmark: JC337.DEA

📄 **Dunleavy - Democracy, bureaucracy and public choice - Ch 2**
Dunleavy, P., 1991. Democracy, bureaucracy and public choice : economic explanations in political science. London : Harvester Wheatsheaf, pp. 13-44. SSL Shelfmark: JA77.DUN

📄 **Dunn - Rethinking modern political theory - Ch 4**
Dunn, J., 1985. Rethinking modern political theory : essays 1979-83. Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, pp. 68-86. SSL Shelfmark: JA71.DUN

📄 **Fishkin - Democracy and deliberation - Ch 1**
Fishkin, J.S., 1991. Democracy and deliberation : new directions for democratic reform. London : Yale University Press, pp. 1-13. SSL Shelfmark: JC423.FIS
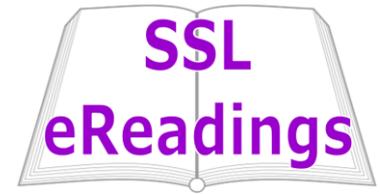
📄 **Green - 'Liberal legislation and freedom of contract'**
Green, T.H., 1991. 'Liberal legislation and freedom of contract'. In: D. Miller (ed), Liberty. Oxford : Oxford University Press, pp. 21-32. SSL Shelfmark: JC585.LIB

📄 **Green - Pathologies of a rational choice theory - Ch 1**
Green, D.P., 1994. Pathologies of rational choice theory : a critique of applications in political science. London : Yale University Press, pp. 1-12. SSL Shelfmark: JA73.GRE

📄 **Gutmann - 'Freedom of associaton'**
Gutmann, A., 1998. 'Freedom of association : an introductory essay'. In: A. Gutmann (ed), Freedom of association Chichester : Princeton University Press, pp. 3-32. SSL Shelfmark: KF4778.FRE

WHY USE WEBPAGES?

- Consistency
  - Branding
    - We wanted our students and course tutors to know that it was the library providing this service
    - Consistent colours with our Bodleian website & news weblog
  - Course pages with scans look the same as our service information pages
- Present extra information alongside scans
- Reduce the number of clicks through a folder hierarchy
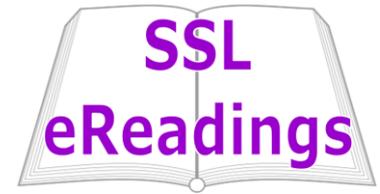
BUILDING THE WEBPAGES

- **WYSIWYG** or **C**ode **I**t **Y**ourself?
  - **H**yper **T**ext **M**arkup **L**anguage (html)
    - Describes the structure of a webpage
  - **C**ascading **S**tyle **S**heets (css)
    - Describes the presentation of a webpage
- Why CIY?
  - Had completed a module on building webpages at Library School
  - Saw an opportunity to put this knowledge into practice
  - I find it easier to work with html & css directly than using WYSIWYG programmes
  - Some things can't be done with the WebLearn WYSIWYG
    - i.e. forms

CIY: Making things easier

- Make it readable
  - Space things out and indent
  - Insert comments so you know what you're looking at
- Copy and paste
  - Only type your code out once
  - Create building blocks
  - Insert these blocks where you need them
- Use Notepad++
  - Or similar text editor (gedit, vim, &c…)
  - Syntax highlighting
    - Makes code even more readable

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- How does the webpage look on…
  - Firefox?
  - Chrome?
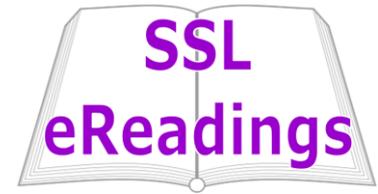 - Internet Explorer?
  - Opera?
  - Safari?
  - Mobile devices?

SSL eReadings

Demo

WHERE TO GET HELP & LEARN HTML/CSS

- http://www.w3schools.com/
  - World Wide Web Consortium
    - One of the organizations that specify web standards
  - Tutorials
  - Reference pages
  - Webpage validator
- http://www.codecademy.com/
  - Interactive tutorials
  - Projects
- IT Services – "Feedback from your site" (web forms)
  - https://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/web/html/index.xml?ID=feedback
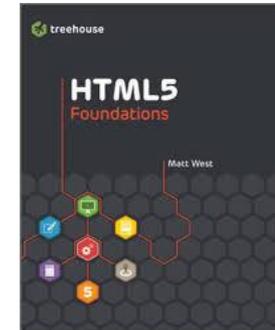- Google

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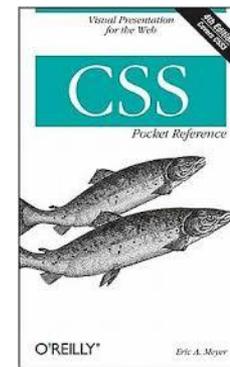- Treehouse Web Foundations
  - WEST, M., 2013. *HTML5 foundations.* Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley. ISBN: 9781118356555
  - LUNN, A.D., 2013. *CSS3 foundations.* Chichester, West Sussex : Wiley. ISBN: 9781118356548

- Reference books
  - NIEDERST ROBBINS, J., 2013. *HTML5 pocket reference.* 5th edn. Beijing : O'Reilly. ISBN: 9781449363352
  - MEYER, E.A., 2011. *CSS pocket reference.* 4th edn. Farnham : O'Reilly. ISBN: 9781449399030

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

- Any questions?

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