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What Can Guide on the Side Do For Your Library?

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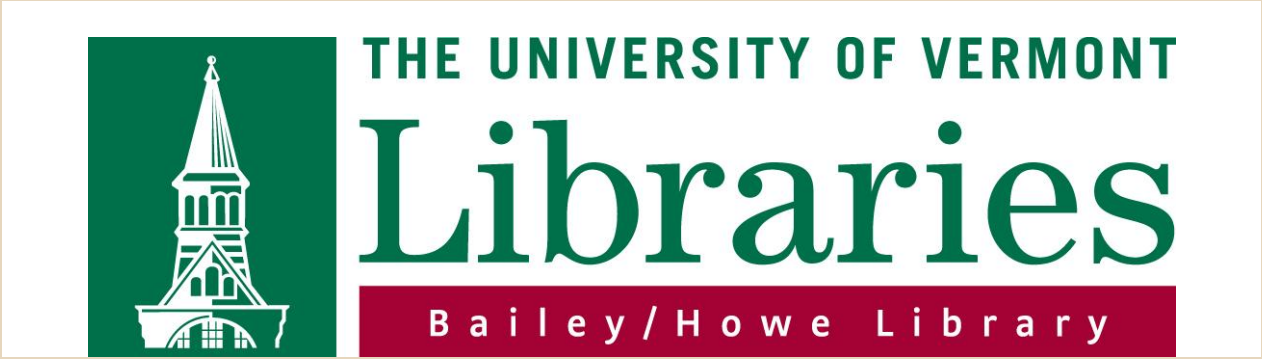

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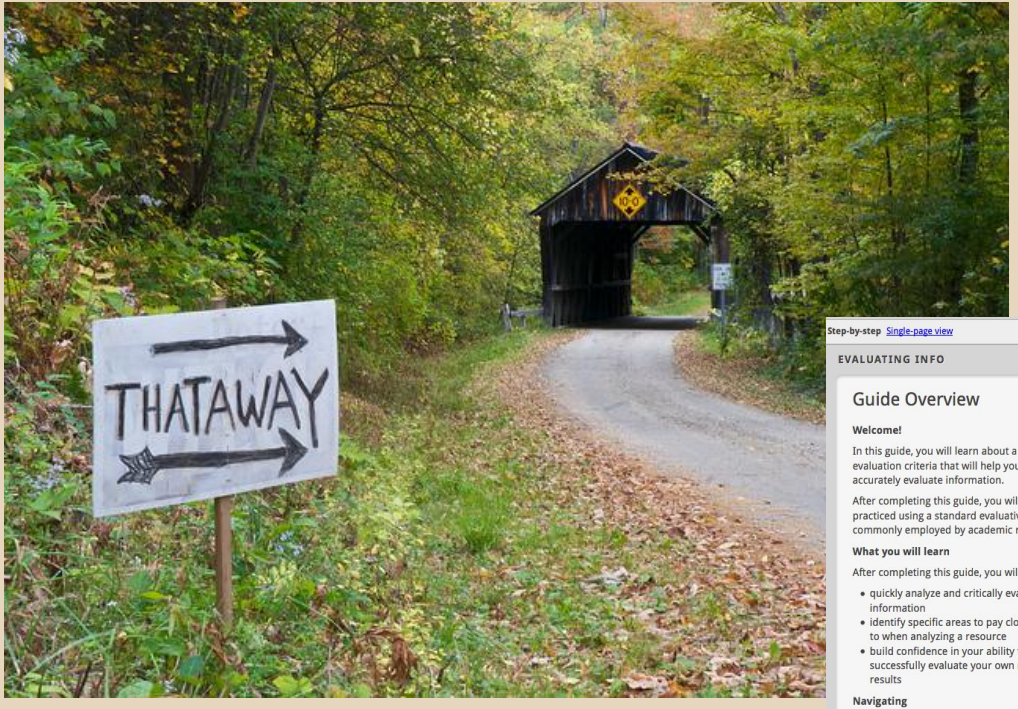
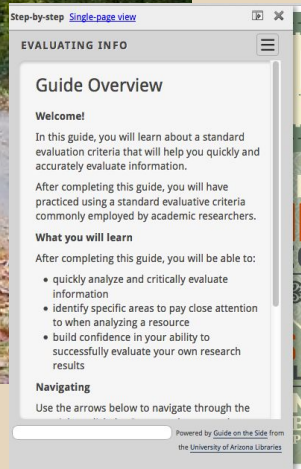
What is GOTS



Guide on the Side (GOTS)

An interactive tool that enables students to learn through exploration and at their own pace.



Why we use GOTS

Building Capacity
Provide opportunity to enrich student experience either before class or as reinforcement.

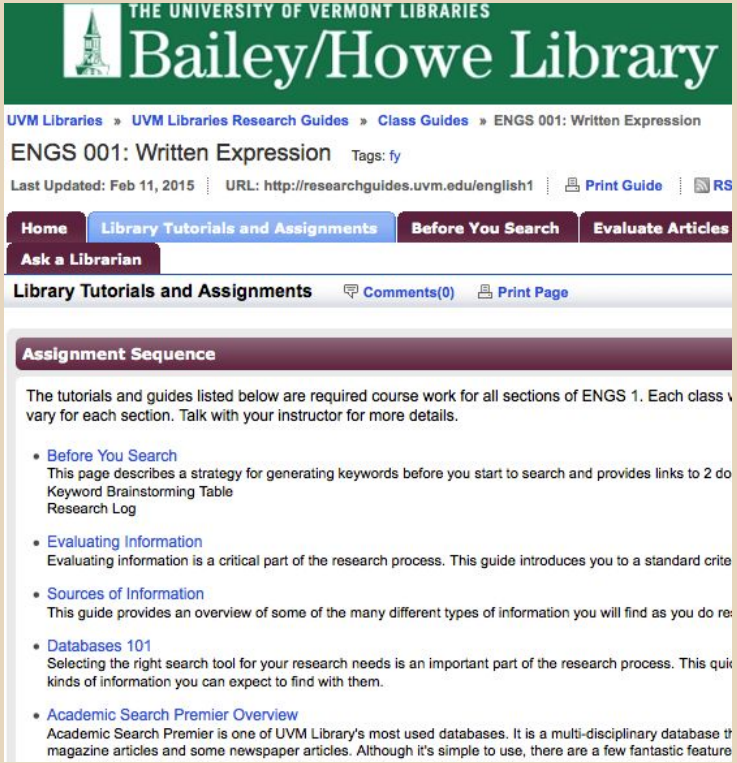
Interactivity
Exploration as a means of learning is reinforced through formative and summative quizzes.

Flexibility
Guides can easily be edited to reflect changes in emphasis or context.

How we Use GOTS

Pre-assignments for Working with Librarians

- Students are not encountering content for first time in class.
- Enable us to spend more class time on difficult concepts



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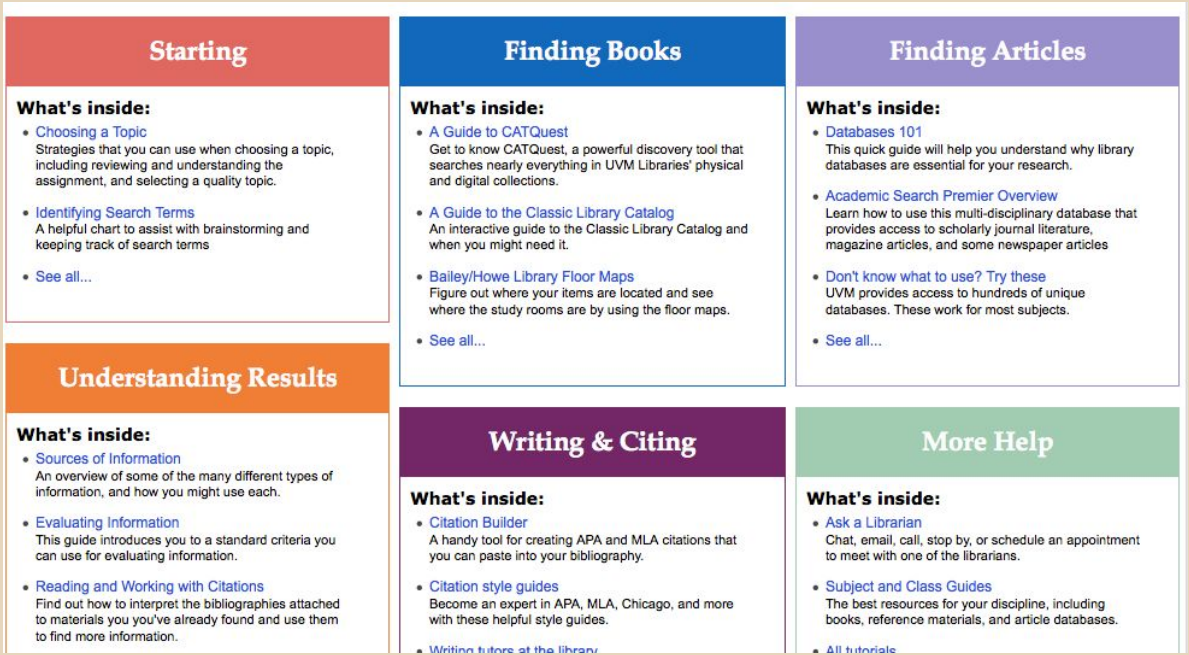

Starting

What's inside:

- Choosing a Topic
  Strategies that you can use when choosing a topic, including reviewing and understanding the assignment, and selecting a quality topic.
- Identifying Search Terms
  A helpful chart to assist with brainstorming and keeping track of search terms
- See all...

Finding Books

What's inside:

- A Guide to CATQuest
  Get to know CATQuest, a powerful discovery tool that searches nearly everything in UVM Libraries' physical and digital collections.
- A Guide to the Classic Library Catalog
  An interactive guide to the Classic Library Catalog and when you might need it.
- Bailey/Howe Library Floor Maps
  Figure out where your items are located and see where the study rooms are by using the floor maps.
- See all...

Finding Articles

What's inside:

- Databases 101
  This quick guide will help you understand why library databases are essential for your research.
- Academic Search Premier Overview
  Learn how to use this multi-disciplinary database that provides access to scholarly journal literature, magazine articles, and some newspaper articles
- Don't know what to use? Try these
  UVM provides access to hundreds of unique databases. These work for most subjects.
- See all...

Understanding Results

What's inside:

- Sources of Information
  An overview of some of the many different types of information, and how you might use each.
- Evaluating Information
  This guide introduces you to a standard criteria you can use for evaluating information.
- Reading and Working with Citations
  Find out how to interpret the bibliographies attached to materials you you've already found and use them to find more information.

Writing & Citing

What's inside:

- Citation Builder
  A handy tool for creating APA and MLA citations that you can paste into your bibliography.
- Citation style guides
  Become an expert in APA, MLA, Chicago, and more with these helpful style guides.
- Writing tutors at the library

More Help

What's inside:

- Ask a Librarian
  Chat, email, call, stop by, or schedule an appointment to meet with one of the librarians.
- Subject and Class Guides
  The best resources for your discipline, including books, reference materials, and article databases.
- All tutorials

http://researchguides.uvm.edu/jumpstart

Library Jumpstart

- Students select guides they want to use.
- Promoted to faculty for use in their courses whether or not they work with a librarian.

A Quick Tour

Databases 101

This quick guide will help you understand why library databases are essential for your research.

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Learning Outcomes:

Students will be able to:

- Prioritize information on a website and identify where higher-priority information can be made most visible.

- Identify strategies for making information on a website easy to find and read.

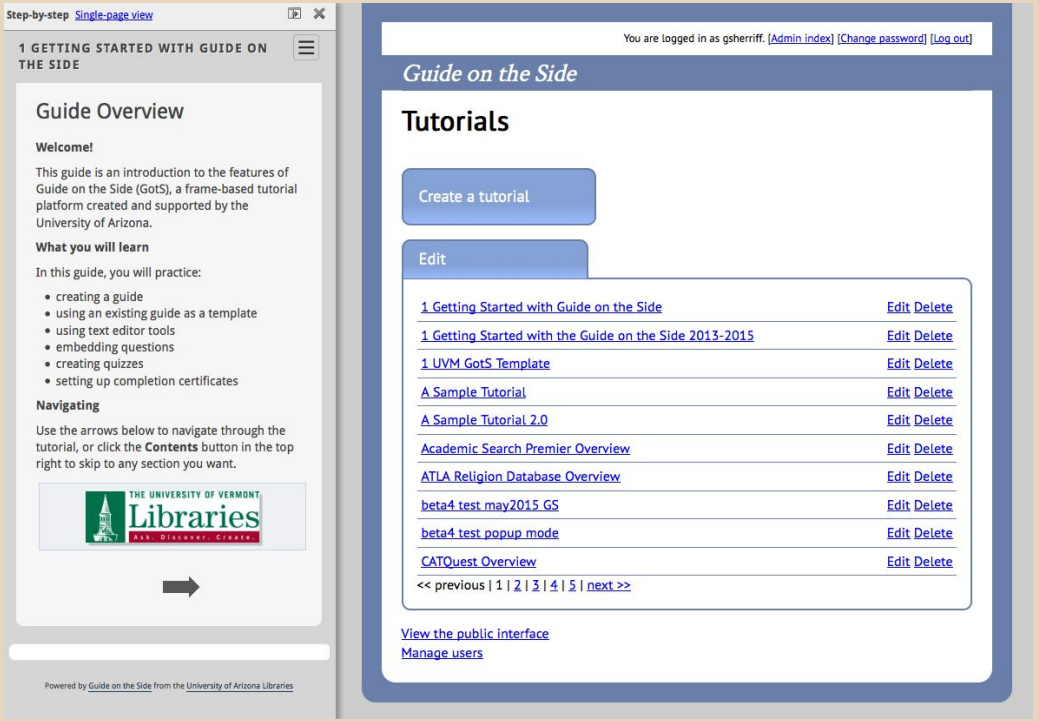
Getting started

A simple text editor:

- WYSIWYG
- simplified editing options

Learn the features:

- UA Creator Guide
- UVM's "Getting Started with Guide on the Side"



Things to follow

Examples

- AZ libraries hosted by UA
- UVM

Templates

House style

- UA Style Guide
- stay above the fold
- write for the web
- what is your library's voice?

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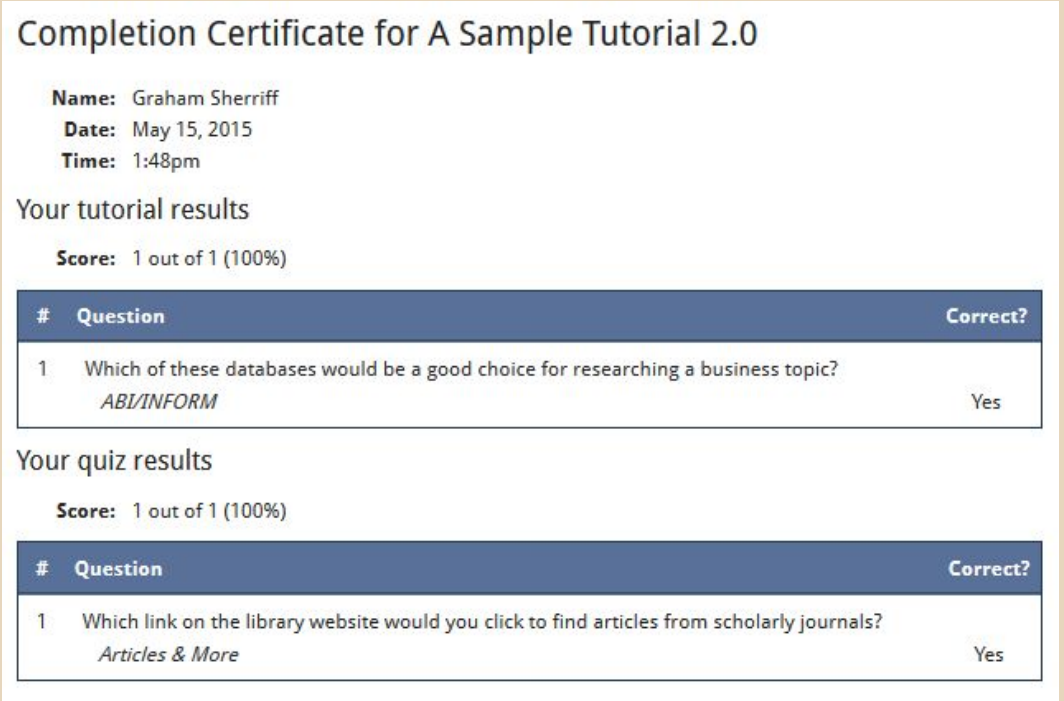
Managing data

Certificates:

- where should they go?
- will you respond?
- what will you do with the data?



Completion Certificate for A Sample Tutorial 2.0

Name: Graham Sherriff
Date: May 15, 2015
Time: 1:48pm

Your tutorial results

Score: 1 out of 1 (100%)

#	Question	Correct?
1	Which of these databases would be a good choice for researching a business topic? *ABI/INFORM*	Yes

Your quiz results

Score: 1 out of 1 (100%)

#	Question	Correct?
1	Which link on the library website would you click to find articles from scholarly journals? *Articles & More*	Yes

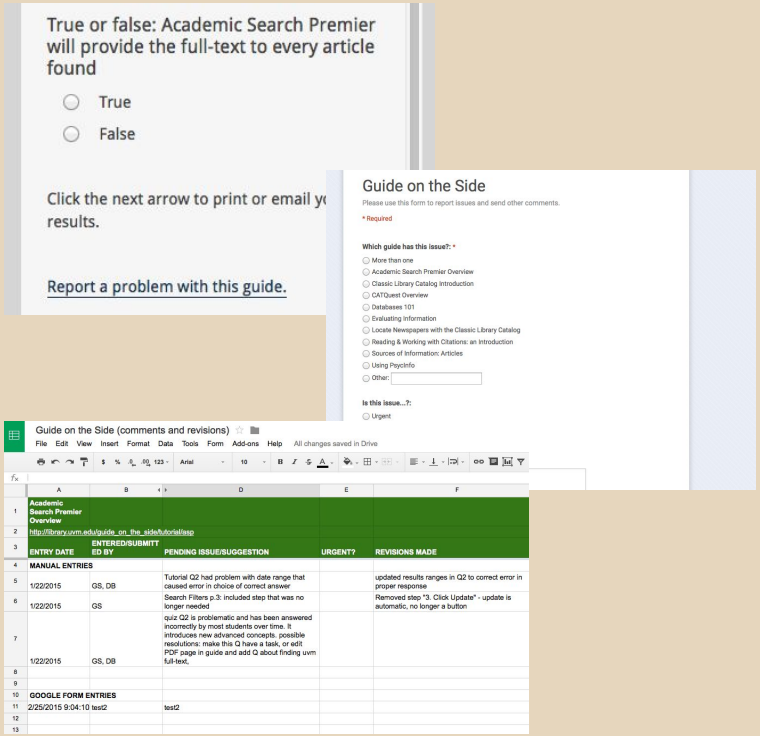
Maintenance

Technical: staying functional

- Google Groups discussion group
- occasional upgrades: currently beta4

Content: staying current

- check links, labels,
  database content, question answers
- regular, systematic reviews



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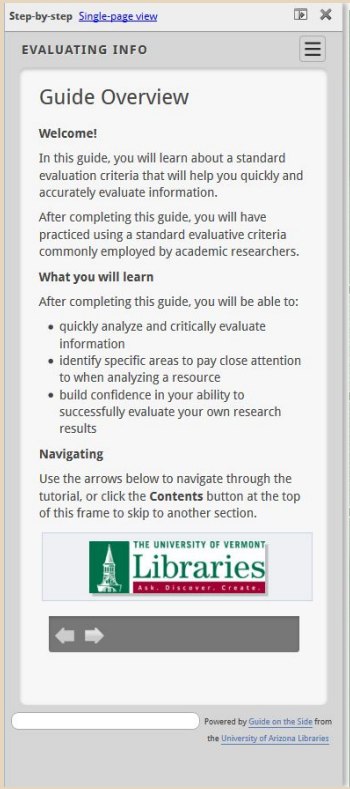
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