# Your Digital Workplace – Working With What You Have

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#### About me...

- Award-winning expert in digital communications
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#### Let's assume...





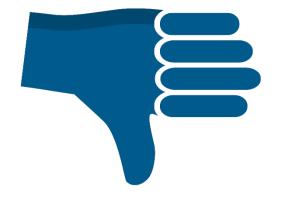


- No approved budget for new platforms or tools
- No approved budget for additional staff—and your function is currently understaffed
- Cautious to conservative corporate culture
- Diverse workforce
  - Multiple generations
  - Varied skills & experience
  - Different employment status (employee, contractor, partner)
  - Distributed locations (office vs. remote workers)
  - Dissimilar global cultures

So...

You're eager to improve your digital workplace...

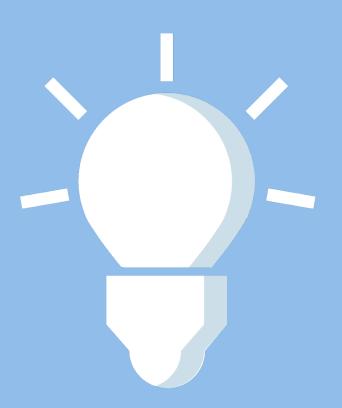




...but have limited resources and organizational support to make major changes

Q: What can you do?

A: Work with what you have—regardless of platform—to improve the user experience.



#### User experience in three words







#### Access

- Simplified sign in
  - ✓ Anytime
  - ✓ Anywhere
  - ✓ Any device
- Appropriately secure

#### **Usability**

- Simplified info architecture
- Easy to find what's needed
- Easy to complete tasks
- Accessible to people with disabilities

#### **Usefulness**

- Simplified content
- Accurate
- Relevant
- Task-oriented



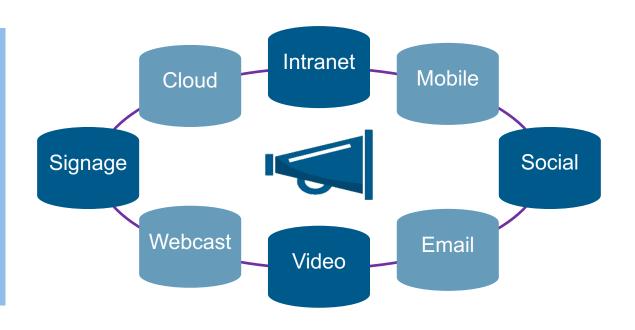


## Define your delivery channels for communications & collaboration, then...

Integrate them to support content reuse

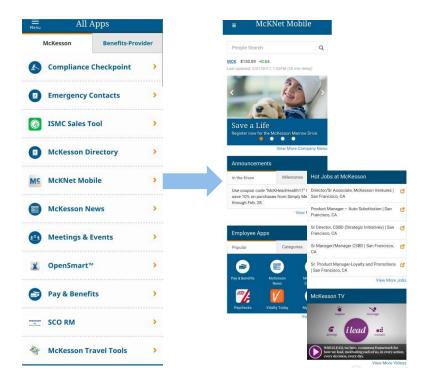
Let users choose their preferred channel(s)

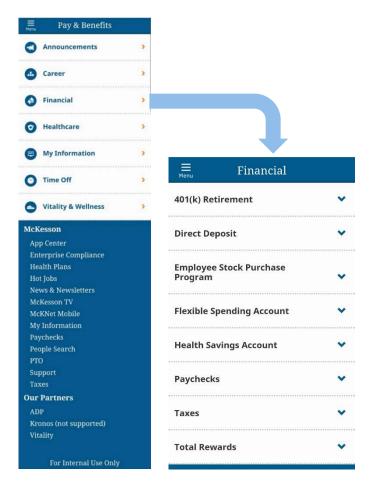
Advocate against tool proliferation within your enterprise





# Create simple Web apps & leverage vendor apps





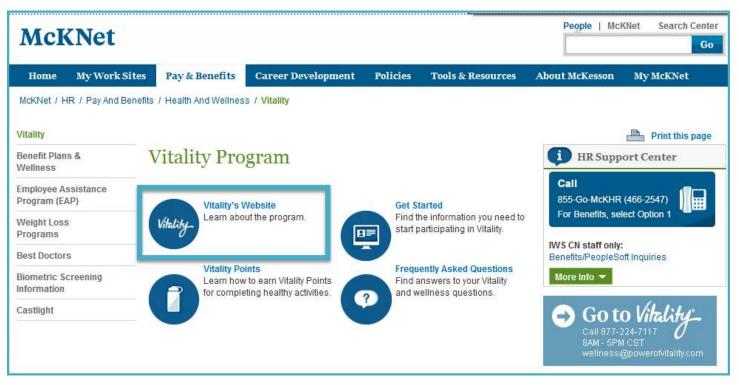


## Create a guest experience for unrestricted content





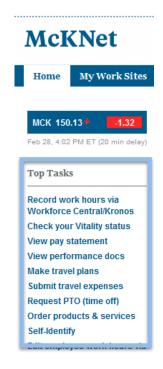
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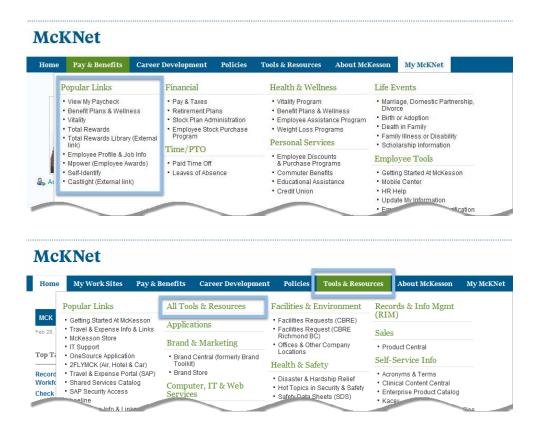






#### Follow the clicks to popular content







### Increase findability of people & content



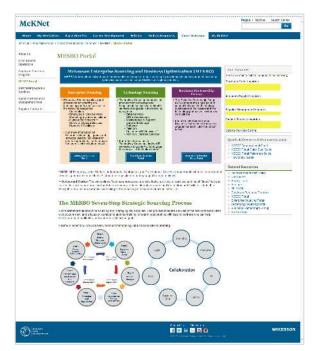
- Add metadata
- Establish & enforce file naming standards (no version IDs or run-on words like "PayandBenefits")



- Add expertise
- Add badges
- Add employee pictures (no emojis or pets)



## Simplify content & page structure; reduce layout options





Before

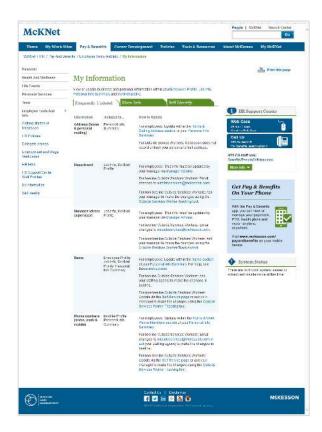
**After** 



### Perform basic usability testing



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## Keep your content R.O.T.\* free

#### Annual Content Audits

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<sup>\*</sup> Redundant, Obsolete, Trivial vs. Relevant, Useful, Accurate



### Keep content simple, task-oriented & accessible

#### **Check Your Fleish-Kincaid Score**



High school reading level: 10-12

General public: 8 (target score)

Web Accessibility

Web Content Accessibility
Guidelines (WCAG) specify how to
make content accessible, primarily for
people with disabilities.

Easy way to start: ALT text





Task-Focused Info

"About Us" Info

"Readers can understand short, simple text content on mobile devices just as well as on computers, but they slow down when reading difficult text on mobile."

**NN**/g Nielsen Norman Group

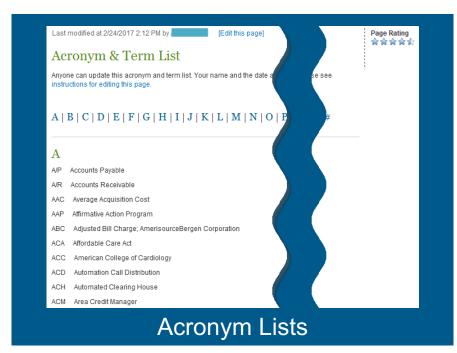


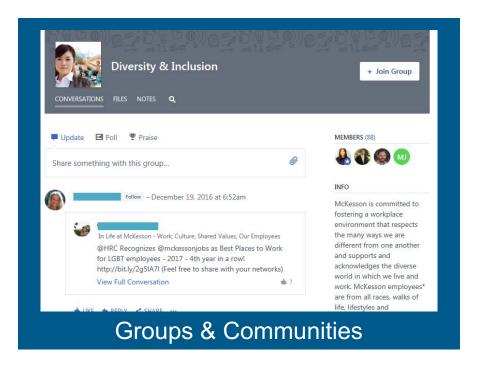
## Personalize your content





#### Involve your users







## Considering culture

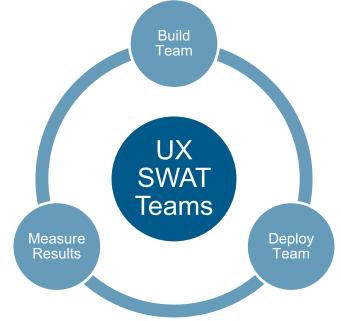


## Build & deploy UX SWAT teams

- Business process analyst
   (Six Sigma if possible)
- Human factors engineer (usability expert)

Technical architect

Change manager



- Objective measures: usage metrics
- Subjective measures: satisfaction surveys

- Select high-impact projects
- Reduce business process complexity
- Ensure technical feasibility
- Test & refine user interactions until they're training free
- Promote new tools & enhancements



# Create cross-functional governance for digital channels

- Assemble the right stakeholders
- 2. Identify risks & pain points
- 3. Solve problems
- Manage up & down to promote achievements



#### So...

Q: If you don't have a big budget or team, what can you do to improve your digital workplace's user experience?

A: Simply enhance the 3 pillars of user experience:

- Access
- Usability
- Usefulness



Make the digital workplace a reason to join your company—and never a reason to leave it.

## Thank you!

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