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You've got your website going, you are not a web developer, you don't have a lot of time to keep it up-to-date but you know it is important to keep your members or website viewers informed. A form or template-driven website is probably something that would interest you.

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If you have been around personal computers since their creation you, like me, have seen some interesting things evolve in the way technology works and the way that we work with technology. Remember the first word processors. They were a machine, not just a piece of software. The next generation of full-featured word processors had you entering in all the tags yourself, a tag for bold, indent, font size etc. Jump ahead to when Word Perfect ruled on the PC, remember when you saw all those little codes around your text. Today you don't see the "tags" anymore. Now when you want to write a letter or envelope a memo or even a resume, you just pull up a template and fill in the blanks. Life is good.

They say history repeats itself. In the case of web pages, it certainly does. Like early Word Perfect, there is another markup language that is used to make documents for the world wide web, HTML (Hyper Text Markup Language). When it first came into wider use, everyone that wanted a web page had to put in all the codes for HTML by hand. Soon editors that helped you with the tags came, then WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get - WizEEwig) editors were introduced to the chagrin of HTML code developers but these editors opened the web to the masses. Just like Microsoft's Word brought WYSIWYG editing to the masses.

If we follow the history, the next step was templates. These made it even more simple to create complex formatted documents. In modern websites, templates work in a similar way. Once a web page is established it can be set up so you can use a template or a form to update it. There is no HTML and no complex editors, just fill in the blanks. Websites that have this type of updating ability are often called template or form-driven web sites. The main advantage is that anyone can then manage the web site content. Special features can also be included to archive information automatically or move things from one page to another after a given period of time or on a certain date. This type of web site control is particularly effective for web sites that have a lot of dynamic information, like news stories. Template-driven web sites, life is good.

If you are interested in obtaining more information on form driven websites then please contact Leverus at e-mail, info@leverus.com or (613) 789-0728.

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