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## Drafts galore

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**Sam Lloyd**

Fri, Jul 27, 2012 at 4:04 PM

To: Nelson Fritsch <nelsonfritsch@gmail.com>

Hi Nelson,

You've no doubt noticed that I've created a lot of drafts on Macgamescout the past couple of days! I just found it a more visual means of keeping a to-do list for the games we haven't reviewed yet. I'm not claiming them in advance or anything like that; you should feel free to write a review for a game even if (especially if!) I already created a draft for it.

I've also made a couple "scheduled" reviews to be automatically posted on a particular day. If you would prefer that the reviews be posted immediately, that would be fine, just let me know. I think it's fun to have the reviews coincide with related holidays, and it also takes off some of the pressure to be constantly posting games.

I've noticed a few things on the website that could be enhanced, although again, I realize this is just a hobby project so these are just ideas, and I'm not placing any pressure on you to implement them. I have enough experience with programming to realize that it's much easier to talk about features than to actually add them!

Search optimization - we're on page 5 for "free mac games" when we should be #1! But we were at the bottom of the page last week, so we're moving up. We're #3 for "freeware mac games" though so that's awesome! Adding the keyword "downloads" takes us off the map :(

Search by multiple filters at once (this is something I haven't seen many other mac software sites do!)

Sections for Staff Picks and other categories (e.g. there's no category for [Wineskin](#) right now)

Expandable comments (abridged by default to avoid making a long page, e.g. [OpenMW page](#))

Developer on the review sidebar (although it would be a ton of work to go back and look them all up.. so maybe not)

Mutable star ratings so a user can change their rating- I don't know if this is possible or if you'd want this though. It is pretty cool how good the site is at preventing multiple ratings from the same user.

Links back to MGS on the pages with specific reviews.. right now there's no way to get back to the main site without typing in the URL or pressing the back button. (E.g. either of the links above)

Looks like there's a "no results" for unsuccessful searches, but it disappears once the page has fully loaded.

OK thats all for now XD Let me know if I can help with anything. I'm really keen to help MGS be the best it can be!

Sam

PS. Did Salil stop writing? Or has he just been out of touch for a while..?

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**Nelson Fritsch** <nelsonfritsch@gmail.com>

Fri, Jul 27, 2012 at 4:58 PM

To: Sam Lloyd

Thanks a lot for your massive input!

Yeah I noticed your drafts and left them untouched, I like the idea of scheduling them and automatically/periodically posting them.

It is much better to for having daily posts, so users can come back and dont find a new posts just a week later.

Search optimization: I am surprised that we are on 3/5th place. This must be a local algorithm of google, well if I do the exact same search, I get other results (at least no MGS on 3rd/5th). I noticed that awesome rank already while randomly looking at the statcounter entries. However, you are right- unfortunately I am not that into the mechanics of optimizing the results, but I have a friend in university who knows how to fix this (he is doing also little jobs with wordpress).

Search by multiple filters: Yes, this is ridiculous, because wordpress already has this feature integrated. Though, there aren't many examples on the web how to make good use of it (or make it more user-friendly). If you remember the last design, I implemented filters on the left bottom corner, however I didn't find it useful enough, it was more irritating than helpful. Nevertheless I think it is a good feature to have and I will keep searching for a good solution.

Sections: Yeah, when I created the new theme I thought about a "carosel" (<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/2629908/sandbox/fluid-css-carousel/index.html>) with staff-picks. I forgot about this, when caring about bigger problems and functions of the theme. It would be easy to add it to the tag menu (which is obviously not quite done yet :D ). The only problem is, that I have to add new tags manually (this was unfortunately not possible automatically). But I think especially the Staff pPicks should be presented more attractively.

Expendable Comments: Great! I quickly wrote it (should be working I think, WP is sometimes slow to update its cache).

Developer: Good idea, but like the new "Download"-link integration like you have already figured out, that is a lot of work. If I find a solution how to hide the link if there is no URL I will add it to the site.

Mutable Star Ratings: I am glad the engine is working so good that it doesn't allow multiple ratings. However its based on GD Star Rating, apparently the only "good" rating system for wordpress. I hate it, it has too many menus, too many options, too hard to customize. I got sick of trying to make two ratings (one from the author and one for the users) - I never managed to do it. But I will look into it and research, I guess this could be possible.

Links back: I know, It is one of the worst "bugs" at the moment. If you are on the front-page and click on a link it automatically loads the post content with AJAX into the current site without loading a new URL. The problem is that once I implement the menu-bar or a back-button into the post-content it will be shown on the dynamical front-page as well, which would be very irritating. I am still working on a solution, but for the moment a simple back-button would be a fair solution of course.

No results: Didn't know about this, I will give it a look and fix this.

Thanks for your support, this is helping me (and of course all visitors) much!  
I don't know what happened to Salil, I will write him on Facebook as I wondered myself too that he is so "quiet".

Cheers

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**Sam Lloyd**

Wed, Aug 1, 2012 at 12:55 AM

To: Nelson Fritsch <[nelsonfritsch@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonfritsch@gmail.com)>

Thanks so much for your hard work Nelson!! I'll be making more entries in the days to come. The comments look awesome now, except it seems that one can't create a comment on a post that has no comments yet? OK I won't complain any more :)

Sam

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**Nelson Fritsch** <[nelsonfritsch@gmail.com](mailto:nelsonfritsch@gmail.com)>

Wed, Aug 1, 2012 at 6:40 AM

To: Sam Lloyd

I dont recognize it as complains but as positive criticism ;) Thanks for reporting bugs to me, I will have a look into it later.

Cheers!

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