A Summer Migration

How we moved our research guides to a new website.

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Hitting the Trail

The Oregon Trail (Apple II, 1985)
What are LibGuides?

- UVM Libraries' platform for publishing research guides
- A licensed content management system (CMS)
- A site for subject guides, class guides, research tool or method guides, collection guides

Time to migrate!

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Goals & challenges

**Why did we need to move on from v1?**

- fixes, but no significant development
- sub-optimal legibility: dense content, small type, chunky boxes
- diminishing support

**What is the appeal of v2?**

1. enhanced features: mobile-first design, on-page editing, flexible options for presenting content
2. customized design:
   - v2 examples
3. active development
Goals

- complete the upgrade in time for summer instruction
- minimize disruption of service
- support liaisons: workshops, "ambassadors"

Challenges

- time!
- pre-migration: weeding and prepping
- post-migration: cleaning up
- organizational structure: integrating Bailey/Howe and Dana guides
- look and feel

Life in v2
We made it!

Play the Oregon Trail

- The Oregon Trail
  Play the 1990 version of the Oregon Trail on the website of the Internet Archive.

What now?

- mastering the features of v2

- ongoing support through documentation, best practices, workshops

- considering development: usability testing, studies and examples, libraries' feedback