The PANTOTO Concept

- PANTOTO is an online community builder that can be used to support existing communities. PANTOTO can be customized to meet the information needs of any community.
- It uses information architecture tools to allow communities to manage and nurture a repository of community knowledge.
- It encourages information-centric communication between community members.
- The software is user friendly, has a light footprint and works in a browser-based environment.

Objectives of PANTOTO

- Provide support to communities
- Provide an online platform where people can interact and come together for a common cause/interest
- Support a well-organized information repository for the community.
- Provide an online presence and representation for its members.
- Facilitate information-centric communication
- Can be customized to suit the needs of any community
- Allow communities to create a cost-effective online presence

The Results

Put simplistically the outputs of PANTOTO are:
1. An online community
2. A community knowledge repository.
3. A web presence

With these three basic outputs a community can create any out-put. The out-put would depend on the information needs of the community and how they choose to structure and manage information. To allow communities to create outputs that are meaningful to them is precisely what PANTOTO facilitates.

Functionality

- Construct your own online space customized to meet the needs of a particular cause/interest/activity.
- Provide online tools that support communities.
- Create your own online forms that can be used to build a repository of community knowledge/information.
- Create multiple personas for yourself, to help you manage your relationships within the community.
- Communicate with other members of the community.
- Contribute to an information repository through Pagelets. Pagelets are structured web pages that are easy to publish as filling out a form.
- Structured searches that yield highly relevant and accurate results.
- Categorize your information.
- Easily update and/or modify web pages to allow information evolution.
- Collaborate to create, disseminate and act-on community information/knowledge
- Disseminate and publish community knowledge.

What are the technical skills that you require to do all this??
You must know how to use a web browser!

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