WEBSITE CHANGE DETECTION APPLICATIONS

UPDATE

~~WEBSITE WATCHER AND SOME ALTERNATIVES~~

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Testing Versionista

PHASE ONE
IDENTIFYING WEBSITE MONITORING TOOLS ON THE MARKET

Summer 2021

A LITTLE BACKGROUND

- Metadata Services monitors ministries, agencies, think tanks, and any other organization that produces publications we may want to add to the library collection

- The Challenge:
  Some websites (i.e. Ontario.ca) don't have a single page that lists all of their newly added reports. Instead, the reports are scattered across the website

Over 1,400 webpages monitored

WEBSITE CHANGE DETECTION APPS TESTED IN PHASE ONE

ChangeTower

fluxguard

PAGECRAWL.IO

visualping

Versionista

PHASE TWO
TESTING

Summer 2023

THE TEAM

- 3 METADATA SERVICES TECHNICIANS
- 2 DATA SERVICES TECHNICIANS

GOAL

TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE **VERSIONISTA** AND SEE IF IT FITS OUR NEEDS

SCOPE

TESTED A SAMPLE OF 57 URLS

EVALUATION

RATE FEATURES ON A MATRIX

EVALUATION
MATRIX
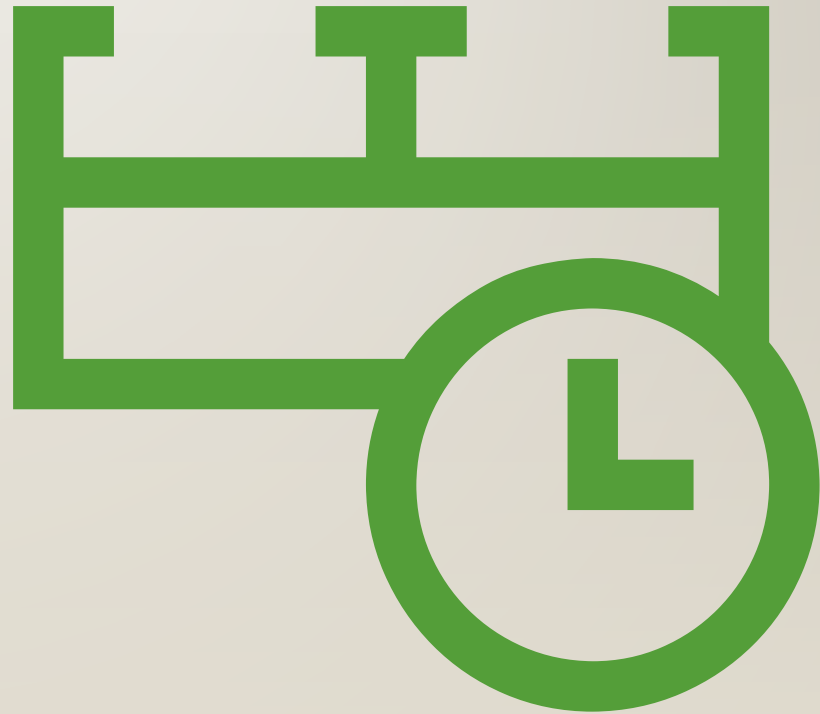
FEATURES	Great! Better than WW	It was okay. Same as WW	Not satisfactory. Worse than WW
Include/exclude specific page elements/Visual Selector			
Sharing bookmarks			
Crawl frequency			
Email notifications			
Finds new URLs on webpage			
Browser-based			
Dual colour highlighting			

TIMELINE

- 1 MONTH TRIAL (MAY 18 – JUNE 29)
  10 MINUTES PER DAY FOR STAFF

- 3 MEETINGS (EVERY OTHER WEEK)
  KICKOFF, CHECK-IN, FEEDBACK

FINDINGS

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Crawl frequency	🟢	🩷	🟣🔵🟡
Email notifications	🟢🩷	🟣🔵🟡	
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NEXT STEPS

- BACK TO THE MARKET

- TEST ANOTHER TOOL

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?

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