The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Cuts the Time to Build Website IT Components from One Day to One Hour with Progress Sitefinity

The FAO has hundreds of websites across six languages under management and needed a modern and sustainable solution to improve usability, security, and support. It tapped Sitefinity, the Sitefinity Cloud and Progress Professional Services. It can now configure the IT components of websites in an hour versus a day, enabling the website owners to manage the content and the information architecture. Technology is no longer an obstacle.

**Challenge**

As a result of FAO’s global audience, its 700 websites under management and tens of thousands of news articles in its newsroom are in at least six languages. Its IT division team of 10 had been leveraging an open-source content management team for a decade, but it lacks support and a clear roadmap, requires IT skills to manage the platform and new versions of the WCMS released generally become incompatible with previous versions.

**Solution**

- Used Multisite Management to configure different languages for different sites
- Implemented Sitefinity & the Sitefinity Cloud to host its websites and its Content Delivery Network
- Worked with Professional Services to build customized components that could be aggregated to build websites in record time

**Results**

- The ability to configure the IT components of new websites in an hour, versus a day
- The ability to build on top of existing infrastructure and modules, versus building from scratch
- Content editors can build and disseminate content with predefined corporate templates, without involving IT

"Sitefinity gives the content owner the ability to build and disseminate content and the freedom to build websites as they like with templates, with almost no knowledge of IT. The best part is that it takes just an hour or two to configure the IT components of the website. Technology is no longer an obstacle and the feedback from our content owners is very positive."

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