Road to Nowhere

The Nowhere Lab Website

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Goals

- Provide a web home for the lab
- Lower the barrier to contribution
- Support distributed, asynchronous contribution
- Minimize administration
- Keep costs low

Current domains

The main site nowherelab.com (all roads lead here...for the moment)

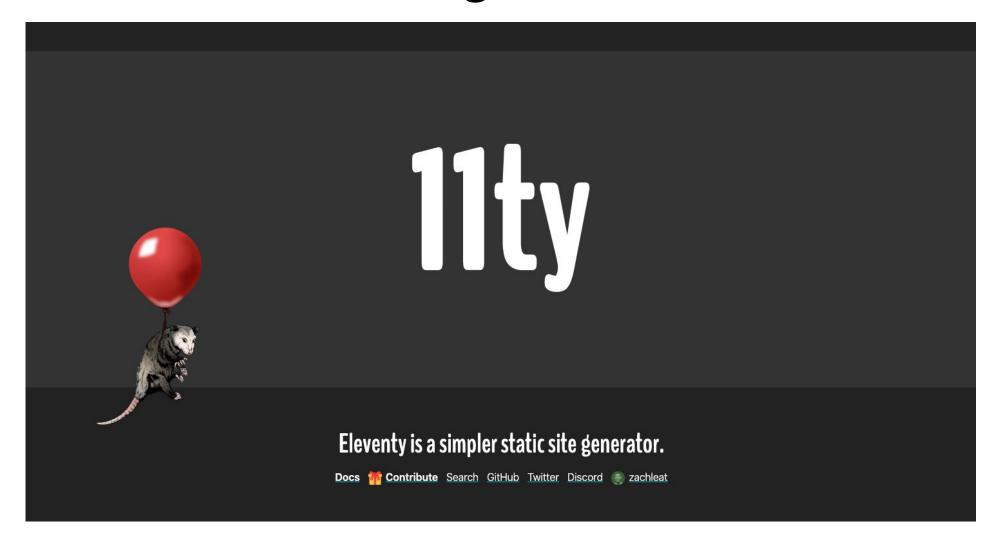
These are just reservations for now. To be updated if and when needed.

- nowherelab.org
- nowherelaboratory.com
- nowherelabpodcast.com
- thenowherelab.com
- thenowherelab.org
- thenowherelabpodcast.com

tools

Site built with a static generator

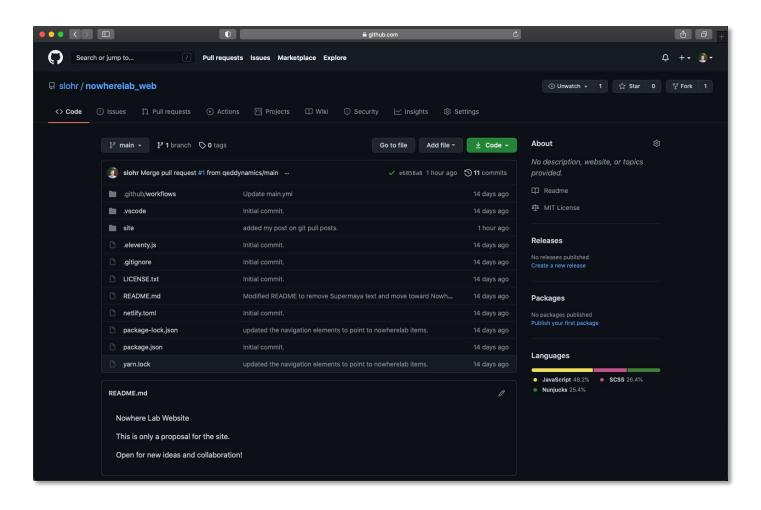
https://www.11ty.dev/



Automates the HTML generation to simplify contribution

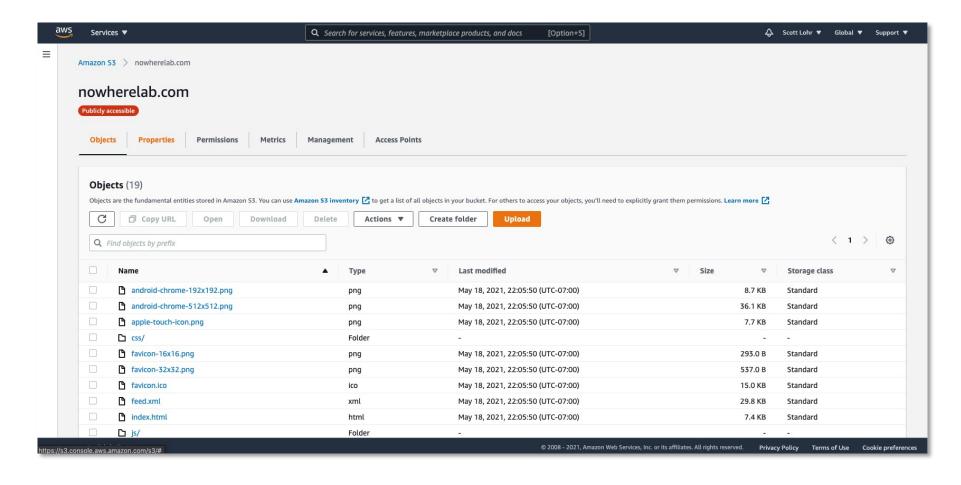
Code hosted in Github

https://github.com/slohr/nowherelab_web



The use of source control allows collaborative development on any schedule or continent

Site served from AWS S3



workflow

Workflow in general

Site Developers

- Change layout
- Change structure
- Add "features"
- Publish content

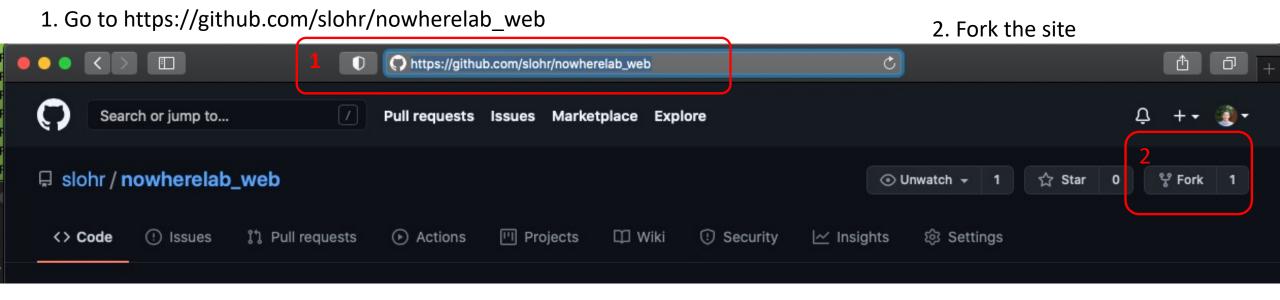
Content Creators

- Add pages
- Add posts
- Edit copy

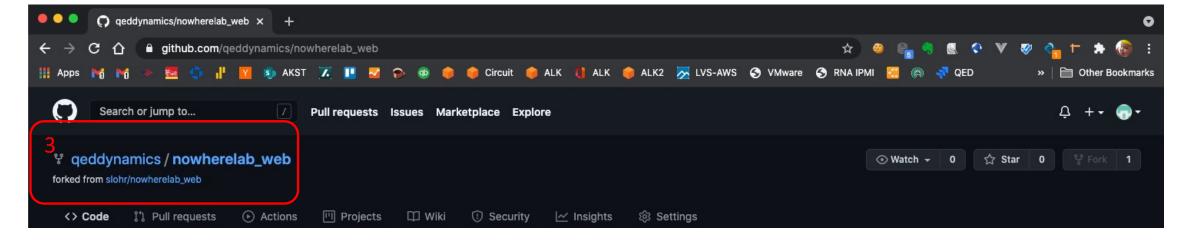
Anyone can be a Content Creator

Site Developer could be a shared role or a position someone holds for a set period of time

Content creation workflow



3. Work in your own version of repo



Content creation workflow

git clone https://github.com/<your_user_name_likely_here>/nowherelab_web.git

Follow guide on: http://nowherelab.com/posts/getting-started/

Add pages or posts likely by:

- 1. Copying existing
- 2. Rename to new
- 3. Edit the content

Then:

1. Run local server



2. Verify content



. Edit content

Then:

- Git add <new_content_file>
- 2. Git push
- 3. Make pull request

Publishing workflow

For posts and pages

1. Review pull request

2. Merge request

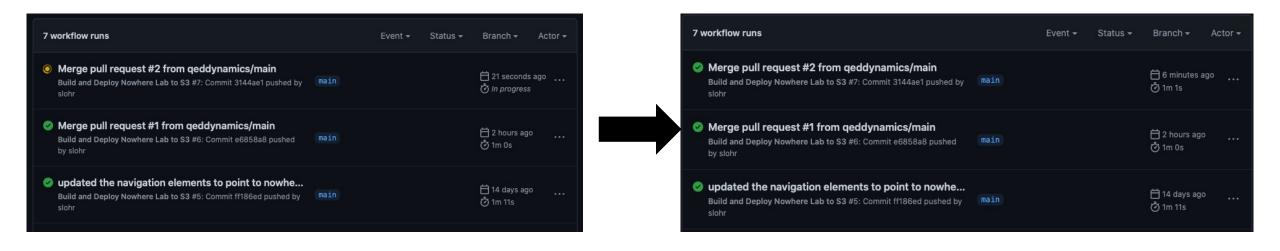
--OR--

For extensive changes

- 1. Clone repository
- 2. Merge requests locally
- 3. Verify in local server
- 4. Commit changes

In either case the main github repo will automatically deploy to AWS S3

Automatic unless it breaks





Here you'll need to verify this commit can actually run locally then push again But the site will not be touched until it turns green!!!

demo

Future work

- Create Slack channel to capture ideas and content (in addition to the code)
- Possibly move master repo from slohr account to a nowherelab account
- Volunteers!
- learn adjust repeat

Q&A

