

IPRO 311  
OPENING THE  
DOOR TO THE  
USHMM  
ARCHIVES  
WITH THE  
INTRANET  
MEDIATOR

# IPRO 311: Our Purpose

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## The Meaning of IPRO

- Major Diversity
- Team Oriented

Goal Changes 1st Day!

Students at Start of Semester = 13

End of Semester = 7

## A Mediator for USHMM Archivists

1. User Manual
2. User Queries
3. Update IM Website
4. New Poster
5. PR for IM Support
6. User Studies
7. Demonstrate IM
8. Mobile Display



"I graduated from a special school. Auschwitz was the name. Four years I spent there...all my days were nights. Everything that was near and dear to me they took.

There is only one thing worse than Auschwitz itself, and that is if the world forgets there was such a place."

—Henry Appel (Holocaust survivor)

# The Holocaust: A Brief Introduction

Als die Nazis die Kommunisten holten, habe ich geschwiegen; ich war ja kein Kommunist. Als sie die Sozialdemokraten einsperrten, habe ich geschwiegen; ich war ja kein Sozialdemokrat. Als sie die Gewerkschafter holten, habe ich geschwiegen; ich war ja kein Gewerkschafter. Als sie die Juden holten, habe ich geschwiegen; ich war ja kein Jude. Als sie mich holten, gab es keinen mehr, der protestieren konnte.

"First they came for the Communists, and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me."

—Reverend Marin





"It was horrible what was done to the people.  
Remember it. Peace is the only thing what I wish."  
—Author unknown





"The things I saw beggar description...the visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering.... I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to propaganda."

—Eisenhower, April 15,  
1945, after visiting Ohrdruf



# The Intranet Mediator User Manual

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From Code to Search Engine





# The Intranet Mediator User Manual

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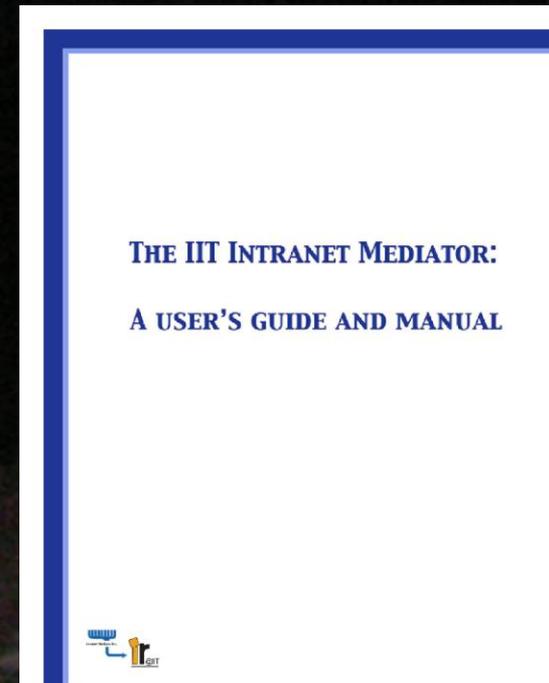
From Code to Search Engine

Manual

- User Overview
- Coding

LaTeX

- Tutorial and Template for Manual



# A User-Friendly Mediator

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Queries → Search Questions and Keywords

## User Studies

- 14-80 Age Range
- Testing Mediator Usability →
  - Find Information Using Mediator
  - Did the Mediator supply relevant and valuable information?
  - Prefer Keyword or Natural Language Search?
- 33% Satisfied, 46% Somewhat Satisfied, 21% Not Satisfied···0% Disliked

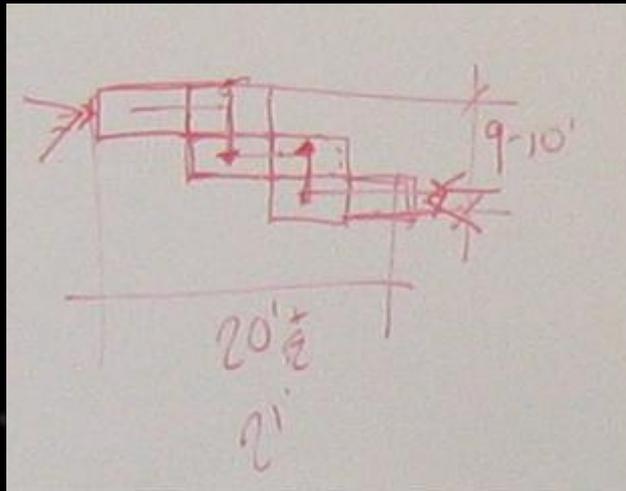


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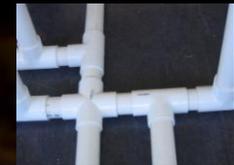
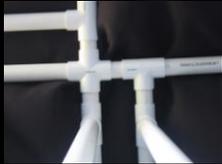
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Display Structure → The Holocaust In Miniature

- Mobile Simplicity
- Materials → PVC, Black Cloth



Display Structure (Walls Removed)



# Building and Assembling

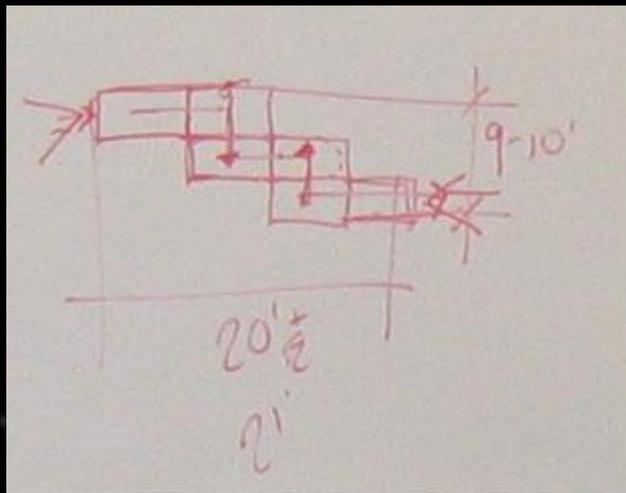


# The Presentation

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Display Structure → The Holocaust In Miniature

- Mobile Simplicity
  - Materials → PVC, Black Cloth
- Short Films
  - Timeline
  - Slideshow



Please stop by  
our display and  
experience it for  
yourselves.



# Conclusion

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Overcome problems → Teamwork!

- Dedicated to Cause
- Play to Strengths → Best Major for Each Task
- Communication is Key
  - Thursday Nights on AIM
  - Sub-group Meetings
  - Zchor Bulletin Board

Any Questions?

"[The USHMM can] access information that cannot be found anywhere else...[with the Mediator, it can] help people in search of their roots..."

How can we find a name out of 6 million?"

–Gideon Frieder (Holocaust survivor and archivist for the USHMM)



## Credits

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- Slide Photographs

- Sidney Blau

- Wilhelm Brasse

- Joseph Carbon

- Carolanne Rife

- Jordan

- Wilberding

- Quote Sources

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