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Terminology Task Force

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General Updates

- XSEDE.org/Terminology - list has been split
 - Industry terms – Computing, software, and hardware terms that the industry is committed to replacing
 - Professional communications terms – Terms that have slipped into the vernacular and tend to be used in oral communication
- XSEDE.org/Terminology –23 suggestions have been processed since May 1, 2021
- SC21 BoF: Words Matter! Promoting Inclusion through Language in Advanced Research Computing
 - 55 attendees
 - 8 organizations represented
 - Productive discussion

JIRA Plans

- 2.1 CEE
- Website and XUP: Susan Lindsey
- Training materials:
 - HPC Monthly Workshops – John Urbanic
 - YouTube – John Urbanic
 - Badges – Sandie Kappes
 - CI-Tutor – Sandie Kappes
 - Roadmaps – Manu Shantharam
 - CVW – Susan Mehringer
 - General (New staff guide, new user training, etc) – Susan Mehringer
- Campus Champion materials: Dana Brunson
- Broadening Participation, including student program materials: Linda Akli
- 2.2 ECSS
- Educational materials: Kate Cahill
- Software with baked-in terminology: Jay A and Sergiu S
- Other ECSS materials; Jay Alameda
- 2.3 XCI:
 - All XCI materials, Shava Smallen and Tabitha Samuel
- 2.4 Ops
 - All Ops materials, Greg Peterson
- 2.5 RAS
 - All RAS materials, Stephen Deems
- 2.6 Program Office
 - ER materials, Dina Meeks
 - SP&E materials, Lizanne DeStefano
- Wiki/Program documents/Reports, Deb Nigra

Software Tools

- Software chosen: sitebulb.com
- 25 licenses: For JIRA task assignees and others as needed
- Training: Two training sessions will be scheduled (w/ doodle input) after we have the licenses
- There will be problems! E.g. materials that are hard to search or terms that are difficult to replace. Discuss at our bi-weekly meetings or send email to terminology@xsede.org
- SiteBulb demo

Discussion: Should XSEDE deprecate the use of the term 'user' in our communications?

From xsede.org/terminology:

Term	Replacement	Bias	Context	Source
User (context-dependent)	customer	Implicit Bias	The phrase is criticised for its negative connotations and outdated use, and many argue that it has no place in a modern UX terminology or in broader business language.	UX terminology: Is it time we dropped the term 'users'?

- 2 of 3 Oxford dictionary definitions for 'user' have negative connotations
- 'user' is standard in UX terminology, change may cause confusion. Ok in context?
- Alternatives? Customer, Researcher, Individual, Person, Entity...
- When should we replace, and with which term(s)?

<https://www.parkersoftware.com/blog/ux-terminology-time-dropped-term-users/>