

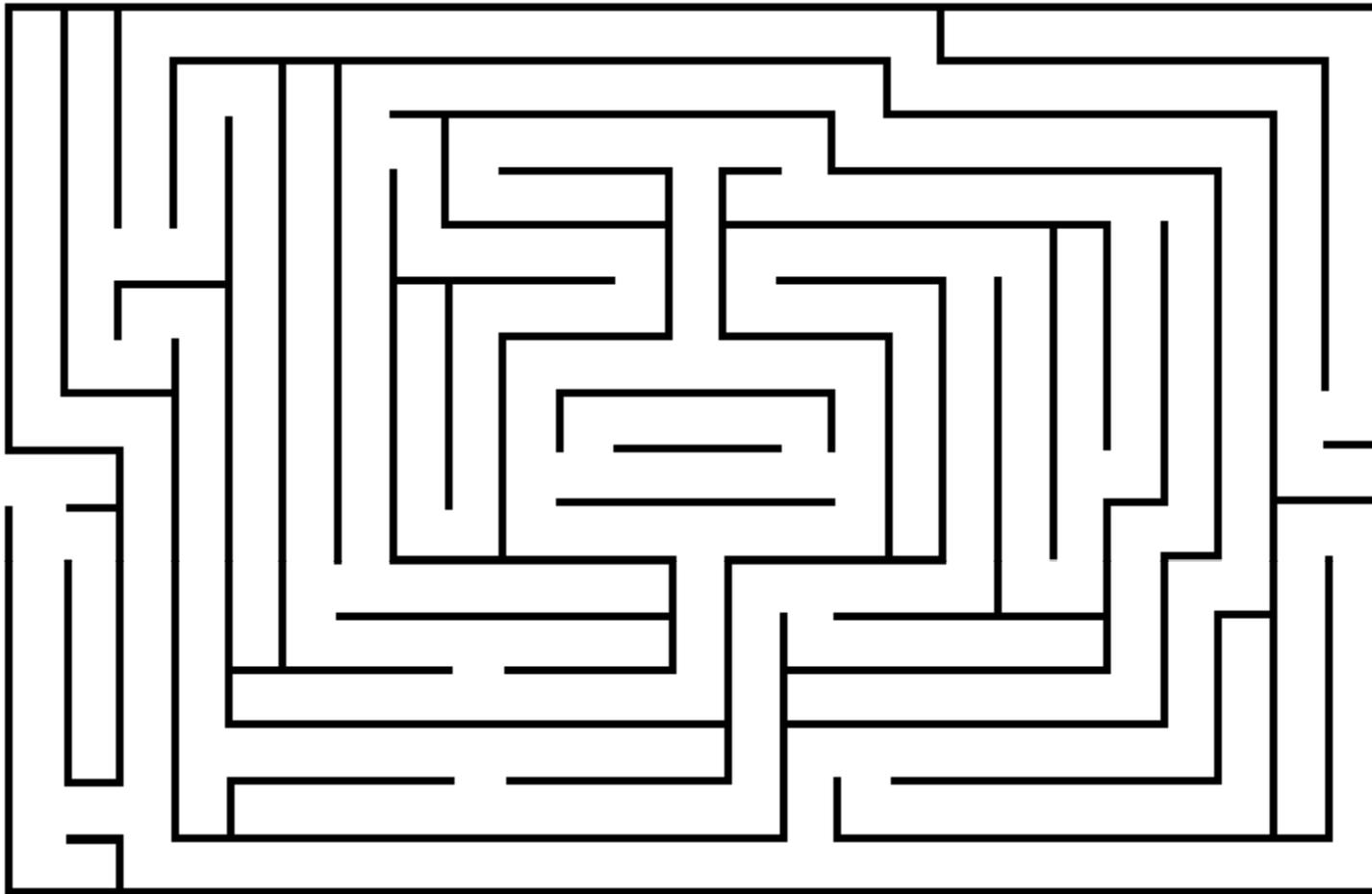
I hate group work.

Tips for surviving design-by-committee



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EXIT 



Simple, shallow, appropriately branded site through which users can access the digital materials of both the State Library of North Carolina & the North Carolina State Archives

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The steps



Separately
compiled DL
sites we
~~could copy~~
thought
worked well.

Collectively
isolated site
features that
appealed to
the group,
supported our
goal.





Created a mockup
using isolated features.



Refined
mockup
through
committee/
staff input.

Popular Collections



Archives' Treasures



Black Mountain College



NC Family Records



Civil War 150



Raleigh History



Swimming with the Current
State Government Publications

View a [list](#) of all of our collections.

Search All Collections

Search input field

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Featured



The Civil War 150 collection features letters from soldiers and their loved ones. In one letter, Martha Poteet writes her husband, Francis Marion Poteet who was stationed in Virginia, that their newborn daughter still needs a name and sends him a tracing of the child's hand.

The North Carolina Digital Collections feature digitized and born-digital materials held by the Archives & Library of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources.

All Collections



Archives' Treasures



Black Mountain College



Carolina Christmas



Civil War 150



Era of Progress & Promise



GIS Data



Health Publications



NC Awards



NC Census Data



NC Family Records



NC MOSAIC



Public Library History



Raleigh History



Swimming with the Current



Travel and Tourism Photos



Urban Development

Other Resources



Browse by ...



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Place



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Browse by Place

Click on a link below to view items related to that place.

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| Akins, S.C. | Arkansas |
| Akron (Summit County, Ohio) | Arlington (Northampton County, Va.) |
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| Albemarle (Stanly County, N.C.) | Asheboro (Randolph County, N.C.) |
| Albemarle County (historical), N.C. | Asheville (Buncombe Co., N.C.) |
| Albemarle County, N.C. | Asheville (Buncombe County, N.C.) |
| Albemarle Sound (Currituck County, N.C.) | Ashwood (Bladen County, N.C.) |
| Albertson (Duplin County, N.C.) | Athens (Clarke County, Ga.) |
| Alexander County, N.C. | Atkinson (Pender County, N.C.) |
| Alexandria, Va. | Atlanta (Fulton County, Ga.) |
| Alexandria (Mecklenburg County, N.C.) | Atlantic Beach (Carteret County, N.C.) |
| Aley (Henderson County, Tex.) | Atlantic City (Atlantic County, N.J.) |
| Alleghany County, N.C. | Augusta County, Va. |
| Altapass (Mitchell County, N.C.) | Aurora (Beaufort County, N.C.) |
| Alvarado (Johnson County, Tex.) | Avery County, N.C. |
| Anderson (Anderson County, S.C.) | Ayden (Pitt County, N.C.) |
| Andrews (Cherokee County, N.C.) | Ayrshire (Scotland) |

Browse by ...



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Place



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Contact Form

Questions? Comments? Need Help?
We'd love to hear from you.

Note: all fields are required

Name:

Email:

This is about:

Comment/Question:

Additional Contact Information

Want more contact options? Feel free to contact either the [Archives](#) or [Library](#) about the Digital Collections, and we will make sure you get in touch with the right people.

The following collections contain items from the State Archives:

- Archives' Treasures
- Black Mountain College
- Civil War 150
- GIS Data
- NC Family Records
- Raleigh History
- Travel and Tourism Photos

The following collections contain items from the State Library:

- Civil War 150
- Era of Progress & Promise
- Health Publications
- NC Awards
- NC Census Data
- NC Family Records
- NC Mosaic
- Public Library History
- Raleigh History
- State Government Publications
- Urban Development

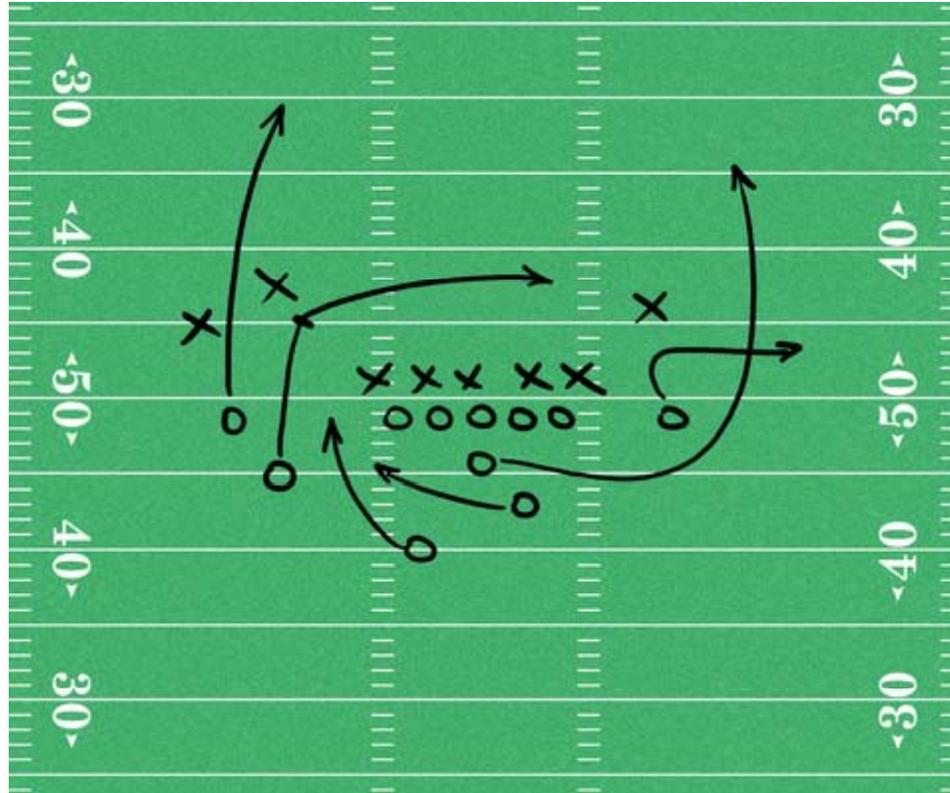
The tips



ONE person should
oversee things.

Come to each meeting with a discrete set of discussion points.





Have action items in mind for the next meeting.

Give them choices.



“The Power of Comparison: How it Affects Decision Making” (UXmatters) <http://bit.ly/e0yJDM>



Timing
matters.

Be ready for the color debate.





146e90 - head/foot, e6aa17 - accent, f6cc62 - left box, e63b17 - right





You will have to
compromise.

“User Interface Design- Taking the Good with the Bad” (Digital Web Magazine) <http://bit.ly/duTjq>



Criticism will happen.

To recap

- One person should oversee things
- Come to each meeting with a discrete set of discussion points
- Have action items in mind for the next meeting.
- Give them choices
- Timing matters
- Be ready for the color debate
- You will have to compromise
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Two to go:

“Death to Design by Committee”

<http://bit.ly/b93Lml>

“Why Design-by-Committee Should Die”

<http://bit.ly/9RrmyO>

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