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CHALLENGE

When we asked DOI how was Federalist making their jobs easier and more efficient, **compliance stood as having the greatest impact.** Because of Federalist's built-in compliance, DOI's digital team didn't have to worry about deployment compliance and configuration. The DOI team also appreciated Federalist's ability for **continuous integration.** This allowed the team to manage their code and content in GitHub, which Federalist takes care of the rest (basically, Federalist adapts to the DOI workflow, rather than the other way around). Finally, coded prototypes were very easy to share, review, and evaluate in the form of branch builds and previews so the whole team at DOI can participate in the review process and can test changes with users

"I am a huge fan of Federalist. When we wanted to move to Gatsby, the team set up a staging Federalist environment for us when we needed to test. We can focus on the content and features and coding and not the deployment. We can focus on our users and product - that's a huge win!"

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CHALLENGE/PROCESS:

In 2014, the Department of the Interior (DOI) employed 18F to build and maintain an informational data website that was compliant with federal standards and capable of working with DOI's existing systems. After the website was created by 18F (one of the very first 18F projects), DOI needed an internal team to manage the operational needs of the site. With the help of 18F, DOI hired a small digital team that would continue to maintain and work on the site.

At the time, Federalist had yet to be established. Once Federalist became a complete product, DOI's site was automatically transferred over to the Federalist platform since many of the scripts originally built by 18F were compatible with Jekyll.

