

Project Summary Education Revamp

Web Strategy



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Executive Summary

Education Revamp

To improve navigation and comprehension, reduce calls, update look & feel

What we accomplished

- Ease of use with header *sub-site navigation* on all pages, including View Central
- Customer Service link and dynamic contact information on all pages
- Login bar and/or My Account links (when logged in)
- Course search form on every page
- Many options for browsing for courses and course sequences explained on Main.
- Upfront links for FAQs and Terms & Conditions (also added to every page)
- Room for improvement (business to-do list)
- Add videos to the LMS and to learning paths
- Add delivery type to title of all courses (i.e. WBT, ILT, ODL)
- Add *testimonials* (rotate them) on the Main page, link to a full list?
- Add Next Steps section to Course Detail pages with next courses in the Learning Path



Screens

Design Evolution

Solution

Where we've arrived



Design Highlights – Education Main

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Highlights

- 1. Sub-navigation in the header for integration with LMS pages.
- 2. Ubiquitous *course search and login* in the header the 2 most prevalent user tasks. When logged in, shows My Account links.
- 3. Contact links on every page (top right).
- 4. Full page-width rotating banner.
- 5. Info box design for content focus and prioritization. Aids mobile usability.
- 6. Adds testimonials
- 7. Need help? box and links with clear call to action. Brings forward T & C and FAQs links
- 8. Video carousel from the Main page and adds a cool multimedia factor

Design Highlights – Progressive Reveal

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- 1. Course list accordion reveals course summary, registration button, and *download PDF* link.
- 2. More/less links toggle course detail



Design Highlights – Training Paths

Find training paths by role

Training Paths Training Paths Call us I email us BMC Education Services offers learning paths for key roles across industries and orgal BMC Education Services offers learning paths for key roles across industries and organizations. Each training path includes training in a sequence that will help you reach the highest level of proficiency. in a sequence that will help you reach the highest level of proficiency. Training paths may be offered on these products and topics, depending on your country: Learning paths may be offered on the Filter the list By Role By IT Sector By Role Showtraining paths by IT sector by dicking on a functional area or on the BSM Blueprint diagram. $\mathbf{\nabla}$ View All **Business Services by IT Sector** Request & Suppo BMC At Administrators (16) Filter the list BMC A * BMC Atrium CMC Developers (8) \square View All * BMC Atrium Discovery and Dependency Mapp REQUEST & Administrators (16) BMC Cloud Lifecycle Manageme BMC Bla Managers (4) Developers (8) * BMC Remedy AR Syste BMC Ck Managers (4) * BMC Remedy Asset Managem Operators (3) BMC Co Operators (3) PLAN E INTEGRATE & PROVISION A BMC Remedy Change Manageme Users (4) BMC Ide Users (4) BMC Pe * BMC Remedy OnDeman BMC Pe * BMC Remedy Service Des Certified Administrator BMC Pic * BMC Service Desk Expres: NONITOR 6 BMC IT BMC Service Level Manageme BMC Analytics and Dashboards BMC Remedy AR System BMC Service Request Manageme BMC Remedy Asset Management BMC Identity Manageme BMC Remedy Change Management * ITIL (IT Infrastructure Libra BMC Remedy Knowledge Management PROVISION & CONFIGURE BMC Remedy IT Service Management (ITSM) BMC Remedy OnDemand MONITOR & OPERATE BMC Remedy Service Desk Performance Manageme BMC Service Desk Express PLAN & GOVERN BMC Service Level Management INTEGRATE & ORCHESTRATI BMC Service Request Management ITIL® (IT Infrastructure Library)

Find training paths by IT Sector (BSM Blueprint)

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Supporting Documentation - How We Got There





Site Maps / User Flows

Education Site Map – Previous Design



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Education Site Map – New Design

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Sub-navigation in Header

Stream-lined, sub-navigation. Frees-up page real estate.











Personas

Persona Scenarios – Harry, Manager



45 yrs old

Manager IT Infrastructure

Swift Bank

Industry:

Finance

SAP

Oracle

Platforms/App:

CA products

PeopleSoft

Pain points:

- Managing the training needs of a diverse team with a tight budget.
- His team needs different levels of training: administrative training for him, certifications for two staff, and the others who need end user training to create and run reports.
- It isn't always clear how to find help when his situation changes (i.e. cancelation and reschedules). He'd like to avoid voice mail queues and waiting for email takes too long.

Goal – get my staff up and running on new software:

- Quickly train his six direct reports on new ITSM software recently installed at his company.
- Decide on, find, purchase, and track his staff's training can be time consuming and confusing.
- Get answers from BMC about training logistics and policies without needing to call.

Keep in mind that Harry is:

- Is looking for options (e.g. schedules, training platforms, levels of training, discounts)
- Mental keywords: *learn, manage, implement, find, schedule, track, purchase , discounts*.
- Trying to get multiple staff trained at different levels, (coincides with BMC Solutions Adoption Framework):
 - Awareness & alignment; Project team enablement; End-user enablement; and Measurement & validation
- Must see (calls-to-action):
 - Findability: easy to search and browse course lists, intuitive categorizations by IT area, and clear learning paths
 - Support: easy access to training policies and customer support.
 - Awareness: what's new, what's changed?

Ref: BMC Base personas

Persona Scenarios – Harry, Manager



Pain points:

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- Told I need to take a training course. I was given the URL to the training site, but can't find it.
 - Which one of these browse/search modes am I supposed to use?
- I clicked a few links and now I can't remember where I should go to login to the training?

Goal – get trained as efficiently as possible

- Find, register for, track and complete personal software training
- · Advance my career by developing expert skills on my company's IT systems.
- Training options and flexibility: I learn better at my own tempo and by seeing than when mostly listening and at an instructor's pace.

• Keep in mind that Fred is:

- Interested in improving his skills with an eye to his career future.
- Mental keywords: learn, grow, training, find, course, schedule, register.
- Trying to progress from a beginning to an expert user using:
 - Learning paths, certifications, meeting Harry's expectations.
- Must see: (calls-to-action)
 - Findability: easy to search and browse course lists, intuitive categorizations by IT area, and clear learning paths
 - Support: easy access to training policies and customer support.
 - Awareness: a clear (learning) path forward for courses with pre-requisites and next steps.

35yrs old Technical Staff Swift Bank

Industry: Finance

Platforms: Windows Linux Mainframe

Applications: People Soft SAP



Analysis

Metrics Analysis – ClickMaps for Main page

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High click traffic from the Main page's left sidebar



Summary:

- Just Released: few clicks indicate that this use of valuable home page real estate could be made better use of.
- The many links in the **right sidebar** box elements may confuse the user. The left sidebar is used as much as 100 times more.
- **Customer service** feature is unclear, undefined

Metrics Analysis – ClickMaps for Main page

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Low click traffic from the Main page's rightsidebar



Summary:

- Just Released: few clicks indicate that this use of valuable home page real estate could be made better use of.
- The many links in the **right sidebar** box elements may confuse the user. The left sidebar is used as much as 100 times more.
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Metrics Analysis – Omniture Data

Entry and Exit points for the Main page





User Testing

User Testing on Current Site

- We conducted a user test with usertesting.com on March 8-9 to understand how users interact with BMC Education pages.
- We asked 5 participants (self-identified as: advanced web users working in IT) to answer some questions and then to complete specific tasks on at BMC and competitor websites.

Key Findings:

- Most used functionality for locating a course was the Master Course list.
- When looking for course support (how to cancel) users were generally unsuccessful, the two who succeeded did so after much trial and error.
- As expected, participants had an exceptionally hard time trying to locate T&C and FAQs.
- Participants did not relate Learning Paths to finding advanced courses when given a base course to start from.

User Testing on New Design

- We conducted a user test with usertesting.com on April 25-27 to understand how users interact with BMC Education pages.
- We asked 5 participants (self-identified as: advanced web users working in IT) to answer some questions and then to complete specific tasks on at BMC and competitor websites.

Key Findings:

- Users were able to complete tasks in a short amount of time and with few clicks.
- User easily browsed for a given course using the Courses tab in the header subnavigation, and the Course List link in the Find a Course box on the Main page.
- The Customer Support tab was universally noticed and used to find course support information within one or two clicks.
- Participants related well to *Training Paths* when asked to find other courses that would build on the base course they were assigned.

The user test on the prototype validated that business goals and user issues (identified when testing the current site) were addressed in the redesign, including:

- Sub-navigation menu in the header to remove confusing duplicate menu items and links (i.e. Course Catalogue, Catalogue, Master Course List)
- Redesign of the home page to highlight priority links (i.e., Terms and Conditions, FAQs, Contact information)
- Re-architecting of the home page to prioritize and call attention to site features (i.e., different ways to find courses, value proposition for training paths, highlighting video tutorials)
- Introducing progressive reveal for the Course List replacing what is now a problematic PDF pop up.
- A clear call to *Register* on every instance of the course description.
- Note: no registered customers tested these pages. Metrics analysis indicates logging in to the LMS is by far the most used feature. Global Login/My Account has been added to all pages.



Competitive Analysis



Competitive Analysis

Goal: We conducted the competitive analysis to compare training site features and functionality to determine best in class for redesign of BMC's Education portal

We evaluated:

- HP
- CA
- IBM
- EMC

Key findings:

- The BMC education site compare's well to competitors sites.
- The site is full featured but the home page needs to bring forward the most important functionality.
- The education site and the LMS site (view-central) need to be better integrated.
- Using the metadata available as facets, ease of browsing and search for courses can be improved.

Competitive Analysis: Comparisons

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Vendor	Link in top navigation	Browsing	Search (type)	Learning Paths	Policies access (graded)	Ease of ordering (graded)	Aesthetics (graded)
ВМС	√	A-Z: can't filter!	keyword Faceted Hidden in sidebar. Links mislabeled. Multiple facets use "OR" > no results	√	C — hidden in Ask an Advisor	✓ B − schedule	B - bmc.com C - iviewcentral
НР	×	too many links	✓ unified search*	✓ next steps!	X F - not found	X separate form	A - main F - details pages
CA	with sub- section links	find by category	keyword faceted multiple facets use "OR" > no results	√	B - main Ed page > Policies	X D - bizarre PDF path	C clean, boring
IBM	Ad to use search	select country, first by several attributes	keyword faceted Box in top nav	×	F - not found	C - schedule	C moldy, cluttered
EMC	✓ with mega menu	mega menu poorly by categories	keyword faceted hidden in sidebar	√ sidebar	F - not found	A - direct link in detail	C cluttered, boring

* Poor results, trade-off is that ALL site searches return Education results, labeled as such.

**Dropdown menus, new windows, then 4 clicks to detail!



Appendix

User Experience Deliverables Model

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UX Treasure Map by Jeffery Callender and Peter Morville

Ref: BMC user experience deliverables

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