



DIGICOMP NEWS: DigiComp is the planning phase of a two part comprehensive information system modernization project. The planning phase is expected to last throughout 2015. Implementation (the second phase of the project) will occur in 2016.

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DigiComp Update – November 2015

In the October 2015 DigiComp Planning Project Update, we gave details about web accounts versus email and how they will be utilized within the new system. We also explained the next topic addressed would be the use of an online “availability polling” tool for scheduling purposes. Like web accounts, this tool will be a great benefit to both internal and external users, providing a more efficient and timely way of scheduling hearings, meetings, etc.

Online scheduling tools can be used quickly and easily to find a date and time to meet with multiple people. An example of an online schedule tool is “Doodle.” First you open up www.doodle.com, and suggest dates and times for your event participants to choose from and then Doodle creates a polling calendar that can be sent to participants for feedback. As each participant selects the dates and times from the polling calendar that he or she is free, Doodle compiles the responses and tells you which option works best for everyone. Our new system plans to use a “Doodle like” tool to assist with scheduling.

Getting everyone on the same page is hard enough with just five other coworkers, let alone fifty new volunteers you may have never met. An online scheduling tool can be invaluable for coordinating a large event like volunteer training as well as a small event like a monthly meeting with the board.

Example using Doodle:

For the people you have invited, the finished basic poll will look something like this:

		SEPTEMBER 2012				
		Mon 10			Wed 12	
		9:00 AM	11:00 AM	1:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
3 participants						
Volunteer1			✓	✓		✓
Volunteer2		✓		✓	✓	
Volunteer3				✓		
Your name		<input type="checkbox"/>				
		1	1	3	1	1

Here, the people that you invite will enter their name or some other identifier in the field that says “Your name” and check the boxes in the time slots when they are free. In the image above, the best time to meet would clearly be Monday at 1:00pm.

[What is Doodle and how does it work](#) – Clicking this link will take you to the Doodle support center and you will be able to view this introduction to using Doodle. This will give you an idea of how online scheduling tools function.

We are testing using such a tool, to better identify the functions and features we need for scheduling hearings. The Lenexa office staff will be our test pilot; they will begin by starting to use Doodle in January 2016 to schedule regular hearings. We expect to find that it will bring increased effectiveness and efficiency to our internal and external users.

The DigiComp Team will continue to provide monthly updates of the status of our project, and details regarding the new system. The next topic we will address is focus groups. In the upcoming weeks the Communications Team is looking into hosting focus groups to get questions and concerns from fellow employees.

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We welcome any questions or input, which can be sent to digicomp@dol.ks.gov.