

A Case Study of The Dorsata Healthcare Cloud Adoption and Publishing System

Dorsata

About Dorsata

Dorsata, in partnership with the American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists has created an electronic Prenatal Record platform used by OBGYN's all over the world.



With an easy-to-use interface and API's to connect with healthcare agencies, Dorsata makes clinical tasks and patient engagement activities easy to track. You can schedule reminders for a certain gestational age, your next visit with the patient, or even a specific date.

The ACOG Prenatal Record integrates directly with your EHR to enhance the way you manage pregnancies. All patient information (problems, allergies, meds, previous visits, order, and labs) is kept in sync, meaning that all findings documented and order entered are push back to your EHR in real-time.

The Challenge

Dorsata had a number of challengers enter the OBGYN healthcare space over the years and was losing customers. Dorsata greatly needed modern features within their web-app-portal to regain momentum in the sector:

Portal Improvements Needed:

- Responsive-design for cross-platform compatibility
- Client-side html5/CSS3 hardware-acceleration
- Search-engine optimization
- Global CDN deployment
- WAF security measures
- A 'Mobile-first' architecture
- Retina-display-renditions (higher resolution imagery)
- Sticky headers (persistent navigation)
- Integrated medical blogs
- Geo-targeting and localization
- Remote Auto-backups
- Modern back-end to allow the Dorsata staff to make changes to text and layouts.

Lastly, the user-interface needed a complete overhaul to provide more intuitive "calls to action".

The Solution

After researching different Cloud companies, and listening to valued opinions of Implerus Cloud Solution Architects, Dorsata quickly settled into using AWS as their Cloud Computing Service Provider.

IMPLERUS helped Dorsata by designing a solution that was needed for their versatile application.

IMPLERUS ramped their solutions quickly using:

- 1) AWS Lightsail to host the latest Wordpress engine
- 2) "Elementor Pro" within Wordpress to provide a drag-and-drop editing tool for Dorsata page layout and text-modifications.
- 3) AWS Cloudfront to provide global CDN distribution and decrease latency.
- 4) AWS WAF to protect Dorsata from SQL-injection, Denial-of-Service attacks, and other security measures.
- 5) And Wordpress responsive-design logic and custom plugins to handle cross-platform browser compatibilities, sticky headers, SEO optimization, blog integration, remote-backups, localization, and mobile-first breakpoints.

Old site:



New Site:























Performance Challenge

Because there was an "original" Dorsata website that had to be decommissioned, there were a number of redirects that had to be handled to send the user to new pages vs. old urls. Initially these were simple redirects that pointed users to product pages, login pages and other content and the Wordpress-native Redirects-plugin was used. However, additional redirects were needed to handle apicalls for their client apps, and the immense throughput required to handle that additional traffic would have been too much for Wordpress to handle.

For performance reasons, we opted to switch to apache-native .htaccess redirects, removing Wordpress from the equation altogether. This allowed the performance of the site to remain consistently high - - - acting both as a marketing site, but also as a central routing area for api calls.

Upon testing with Loader.io, Google Page Test, and Webpagetest.org, we were able to optimize further with improved graphics compression, caching and javascript optimization.



Salesforce Integration

Dorsata wanted to have contact-us forms throughout the site that were integrated tightly with their Salesforce account. We were able to achieve this by passing the first-name, last-name, company, email, phone, health-system data straight to Salesforce through Salesforce's API calls, securely transmitted via Salesforce keys and authentication tokens.

The ultimate goal was to keep the user on the same web-page when submitting the form, as opposed to presenting a separate "thank you" page that typically occurs with contact-forms. To achieve this, we had to tightly couple the "Ninja forms" SUBMIT button with an AJAX-based transfer mechanism that doesn't require a compete page-refresh. A subtle status-banner is displayed instead, thanking the user for their information.

The Benefits

Dorsata was pleased with the quick results of the Implerus implementation of their new web portal. Not only is the hosting much more cost-effective, but the drag-and-drop editing capability allows Dorsata to save money on future development costs as now they can organize and edit new content themselves. The new site's analytics show more user-engagement, more downloads of the application, and greater SEO benefits due to the extra traffic to the site via the blog integration. Scheduled remote-backups give Dorsata stakeholders piece-of-mind.

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