

EdgeXFoundry current website questions and observations

HOME PAGE

How frequently are the homepage carousel images updated?

Are there ever more than one at a time?

Are they always advertising an event?

The first paragraph of homepage text you come to reads:

"Once you've learned how EdgeX works..."

Opening description is actually at the bottom of the homepage.

The 3 x widget navigation (below carousel) - there is no other simple method of reaching these key pages:

The 'Learn More' button links to a page that isn't in the Get Started top level nav dropdown.

'Get the Code' links to <https://github.com/edgexfoundry>

However, 'Take me to the code' on the homepage links to:

<https://fuji-docs.edgexfoundry.org/Ch-GettingStartedDevelopers.html>

Where do you want people to start?

There are a lot of ways to begin to access information - however no ordered sequence to the process - ie What is step 1?

The 'Join the Community' button links to a page that isn't in the Community top level nav dropdown.

Could 'Learn More' and 'Join the Community' content be combined?

There is also a link to a Jobs board <https://www.edgexfoundry.org/jobs/>

- is this ever used?

Throughout:

In various places there are differing terms used for the site's visitors:

- Developer / Contributor // Companies / Users / End Customers

Would it make sense to filter and separate these users from the homepage?

Could we make better use of the footer?

As the site is planned to be also geared towards companies, with business application in mind, should there be more explanation of how the technology can be applied in business - in specific verticals/markets/sectors etc?

This could be supported by testimonials, linking to case studies / test cases.

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ABOUT

About EdgeXFoundry

Who is this written for?

Could videos be used here? Ie from YouTube channel?

Would information about the company as well as the technology be valuable?

Technical charter

Code of conduct

These pages are very prominent in the navigation. Is this necessary?

Members

The current navigation links straight to the LF Edge members list with no context - could link to the Join page initially.

Is membership something which we are looking to push more strongly?

Is membership only applicable to users / companies?

Vendors

What do you want visitors to do with this information?

Should each vendor have a call to action?

What is the current process of adding a new vendor via the form?

Contact us

Can there be a dedicated EdgeXFoundry contact page (even if links point to the same LF Edge addresses) just to minimise excessive linking offsite)?

Can make better use of site footer.

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GET STARTED

Get started

Is the Quick Start Guide appropriate / relevant for both Users and Contributors?

Is this content pitched at the right level for a company who may want to utilise the technology?

EdgeX DevKits

Page looks good but doesn't actually do anything except link to the next page

EdgeX Community DevKit

Content can be organised in a clearer layout by type, with consistent structure to each section.

Is this only relevant for Contributors?

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NEWS & EVENTS

News & events

In the news

Announcements

Blog

Events

Asset library

EdgeX has it's own blog:

<https://www.edgexfoundry.org/category/blog/>

But the main navigation Blog link links to:

<https://www.lfedge.org/category/edgex-foundry/>

EdgeX has its own In the News:

<https://www.edgexfoundry.org/in-the-news/>

But the main nav In the News link links to:

<https://www.lfedge.org/category/in-the-news+edgex-foundry/>

There is also this page:

<https://www.edgexfoundry.org/news/>

Which features 4 articles from 2018

This also features 2 links:

'All LF Edge News' links to:

<https://www.lfedge.org/news-events/in-the-news/>

'All EdgeX News' links to:

<https://www.edgexfoundry.org/news/blog/>

<https://www.edgexfoundry.org/news/blog/>

Features an intro video that isn't featured elsewhere, where it could be more useful.

As you can see, there are lots of links with similar names ie News / In the News / Announcements, with some linking to News on EdgeX and some linking to News LfEdge. Many of these pages are then difficult to find again. This definitely needs to be clarified, in terms of where the content is created and how and where it is shared across the websites.

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COMMUNITY

Calendar

Chat

Could this be part of Contact?

Wiki

As mentioned previously, it would be beneficial to have a clear place to start with all of the supporting material ie

Quick Start Guide:

<https://fuji-docs.edgexfoundry.org/Ch-QuickStart.html>

or

<https://wiki.edgexfoundry.org>

However the link on this page to Get Started has been deleted:

<https://wiki.edgexfoundry.org/display/FA/Getting+Started+Guide>

There also seems to be a lot of doubling up of content ie:

<https://wiki.edgexfoundry.org>

Introducing EdgeX Foundry

The vendor-neutral EdgeX Foundry Project has been launched under the Linux Foundation. The initiative is aligned around a common goal: the simplification and standardization of the foundation for edge computing architectures in the Industrial IoT market, while still allowing the ecosystem to add significant value. The seed for the new project is a fully-functional, Alpha-grade edge platform based on over 125,000 lines of code donated by Dell with references to other open source projects and developed with feedback from their partners, customers, and even competitors. The EdgeX project has already garnered a diverse and experienced membership base of supporting companies that is continuing the development of the architecture and code base.

<https://wiki.edgexfoundry.org/display/FA/Introduction+to+EdgeX+Foundry>

Introduction to EdgeX Foundry

EdgeX Foundry is a vendor-neutral open source software platform at the edge of the network, that interacts with the physical, every day working world of devices, sensors, actuators, and other IoT objects. The intent is to build a common framework for Industrial IoT edge computing. The EdgeX platform enables and encourages the rapidly growing community of IoT solution providers to work together in an ecosystem of interoperable components to reduce uncertainty, accelerate time to market, and facilitate scale.

Also whether these are clearly filtered for the users and developers.

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EDGEX IN MARKET

Could this information be expanded upon?

Could these be combined with the new case studies?

Could these be combined with the Vendors section?