What is the H-Net Commons?

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The H-Net Commons is the new platform for H-Net Networks, built on the modular Drupal content management system. Think of the H-Net Commons as a public square or intellectual common market with free access to educational and scholarly information generated from local producers (our networks, also known as "lists").

Here is a quick summary of the features that will launch with the first public version:

- Network-based blogging
- Moderated discussion postings, with email notifications of new comments
- H-Net Reviews fed to each network site, with discussion capability alongside each review.
- Editor-customized pages with different “views” of content
- Subscriber "home box" that can be customized to display specific types of content from various networks, including saved searches that dynamically update when new material is published.
- Common web-based moderating of all content, with private editor-to-editor and editor-to-author comments on revised postings.
- “Private,” member-only network sites for use by editors or affiliated organizations
- User and editor individual profiles, with user-managed restrictions on what information is visible to the public
- Customized menus pointing to the network’s featured content
- Editor-vetted collections of links, essays, images, audio, and documents
- Front-page feeds of featured, recent, and other content.
- H-Net-wide and network-only searching, filtered by categories and tags attached to content by editors and users, that can be saved to any custom page or a subscriber’s account.

Depending on the evolution of the software, the subsequent release will include:

- Individual network and H-Net master calendars for events
- Crowd-sourced bibliographical management tools
- Additional refinements of the discussion, blogging, and private network systems

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