Full Comparison of Website Design Interfaces

1. Google Sites

- Overview of functions: Text, images, embedded content (forms, Google maps, Youtube, Timeline JS etc.)
- Cost and access: Open access and free
- How difficult is it to use? Easy
- Can multiple people work on the same project? Yes
- Are there protected view options? Yes. You can share the unpublished version to specific people before publication.
- Class and tutorial options: [Step-by-step Google sites tutorial](#)
- What support is available at Brandeis: contact Natalie Susmann

2. Git Version Control

- Overview of functions: Preserves versions of your "digital notebook"
- Cost and access: Open access and free
- How difficult is it to use? Some training is required
- Can multiple people work on the same project? Public and private options
- Are there protected view options? Public and private options
- Class and tutorial options: [Git Version Control tutorial](#)
- What support is available at Brandeis: contact Ford Fishman

3. StoryMaps

- Overview of functions: Text, images, videos, and maps with optional interactive features for readers. The StoryMaps mapping interface is limited to basic vector features, but users can upload complex analytical maps they created in ArcGIS Online.
- Cost and access: Free for Brandeis users
- How difficult is it to use? Easy
- Can multiple people work on the same project? Yes
- Are there protected view options? Optional viewing levels: private, group, Brandeis, and public
- Class and tutorial options: [Step-by-step StoryMaps tutorial](#)
- What support is available at Brandeis: contact Alex Willett and Natalie Susmann

4. Juncture

- Overview of functions: Text and embedded features (videos, images, Google Maps). Use HTML or Markdown to write your research narrative
- Cost and access: Open Access
- How difficult is it to use? There are no templates or uploading tools. Requires Markdown or HTML for customizing the layout and embedding features. The documentation does walk you through the correct commands.
- Can multiple people work on the same project? Yes
- Are there protected view options? Public or unpublished.
- Class and tutorial options: [How-to documentation written by Juncture staff](#)
- What support is available at Brandeis: contact Natalie Susmann