



Events Management in WiscWeb

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Agenda

- Updates regarding Events Calendar
- Events Calendar usage data
- What we've been working on
- Barriers for our team
- Gathering your input
- Next steps





Events Calendar 6.0 Update

- Includes a major update
- Resulted in a crash of our Network Admin area
- Migrating a site failed with no info
- Vendor unhelpful
- Not tested for large multisite instances of WordPress
- Newer versions are better but still break things



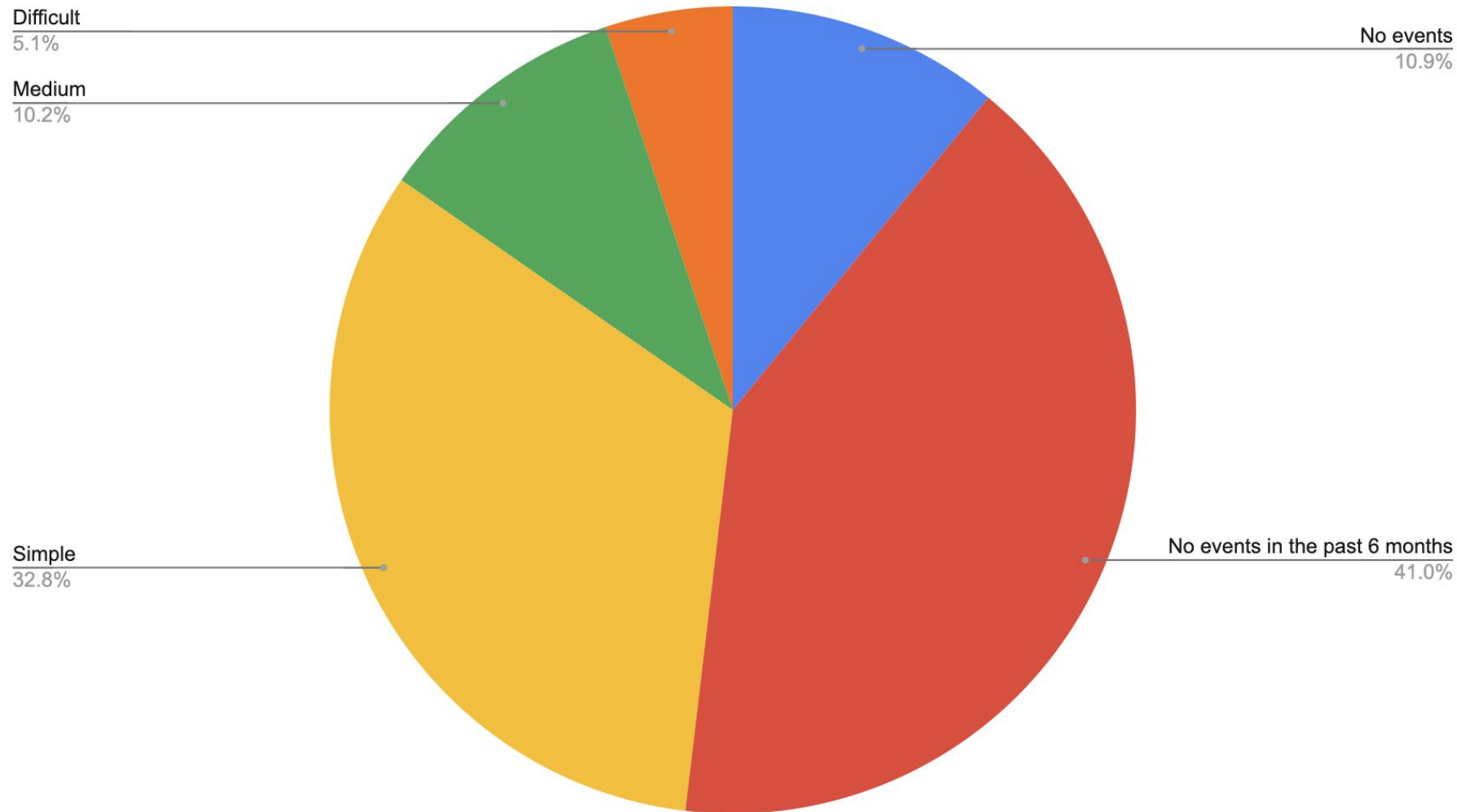
Ongoing Events Calendar Issues

- Regular server log errors
- Conflicts related to 'week view'
- Design conflicts with campus brand
- PHP compatibility issues
- Expensive plugin
- Large plugin



Decisions

- What to do next:
 - Abandon Events Calendar?
 - What is a suitable alternative?
 - What do folks actually need?
- Barriers:
 - Security risks
 - Plugin limitations
 - Campus limitations
 - Competing priorities
 - Small team





What We Think We Know

- Most groups just need simple events
- A handful of groups need more (long details, event search, event categories)
- Additional needs noted in feature requests:
 - Sharing events between sites
 - Event registration



WiscWeb vision

- Something supportable with a small team
- Something that doesn't introduce infrastructure/server issues
- Something that meets the needs of most



What is YOUR vision?

- What are your primary events management needs?
- What are your concerns for the future?
- [Qualtrics survey](#)



Next Steps

- Consolidate and assess feedback
- Weigh against current options
- Communicate decision



Thank you!