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GIFTegrity-specifications

Update: June 10, 2010 – We are in the process of building a new website to facilitate the exchange of gifts—goods, services, knowing and spirit. A place where you can be gifted with the help that you need, and a place where you can help others with your gifts. The process is well described below. We desire to get our new website up and functioning as soon as possible.



To briefly review, The GIFTegrity is a newly invented mechanism for the exchange of human help based entirely on gifting. The continuous pull of the gifttees' needs are balanced by the discontinuous push from the giftors' offers of help. Humans are an INTERdependent species, there will be times when I will help others and times when others will help me.

Specifications for a GIFTegrity

As a first step in towards the realization of a synergic help exchange I will propose the following specifications for the creation of a working prototype.

A web site for synergic help exchange would be created describing the concept of GIFTegrity and the rationale and benefits for becoming a member. The web site would be interactive so that individuals could join, register as members, register their gift offers, and then view lists of gifts offered by other members. The web site must support the easy exchange of information between members. And, when the exchange of help occurs, keep a record of those exchanges for the purpose of informing community and making the synergic help exchange process transparent.

Membership Registration

In complete opposition to the present custom of anonymity on the internet, members of synergic community are never anonymous. Membership in a synergic help exchange must be known to their fellow members. Synergic relationship is based on trust. I propose use of the following information as a basis for the creation of explicit non anonymous membership data. All GIFTegrities start from the bottom up. They are first LOCAL. Most of our needs and our gifts are personal. We will need to know those we are helping and those that are helping us. As GIFTegrity networks grow they can exchange specialized help between GIFTegrities. Some Gifts may have regional merit. But the foundation is always LOCAL.

Registration fields: 1) Last Name 2) First Name 3) Middle initial 4) Date of Birth 5) Place of birth 6) E-mail address 7) Country 8] State or Province and 9) City

1) Last Name	2) First Name	3) Middle Initial
4)mm/dd/yyyy	5) nation/state or province/city	6) member@abc.com
7) Country	8] State or Province	9) City

Items 1) through 5) would be permanent identifying information that would never change in an individual's lifetime. Considered together the five items are unique enough that their should be

no duplications even in very large communities.

Item 6) should be a convenient email address for members of the synergic help exchange to communicate with each other. Your email address will also serve as your member identity or username.

Items 7) through 9) are your LOCALITY.

Notice that your street address is not give nor is telephone numbers, place of employment, social security number, or any of the personal facts of identification in the commercial world. E-mail is asynchronous. That means I compose and send email when it is convenient to me. The receiver of the email message reads and responds when it is convenient to them. E-mail conversations do not occur in "real time." You and your partner do not have to be sitting at the computer at the same moment in order to talk. Unlike face-to-face encounters, which are synchronous, e-mail discussions do not require you to respond on-the-spot to what they other has said. You have time to think, evaluate, and compose your reply. This encourages more careful and effective communication that might take place in "real time".

Your email address will also serve as your username. And, you will also select to select a unique password. Your username and password will be used to login in to the GIFTegrity database.

Once you have registered as a new member, you need to offer help to others in the community. This is accomplished by registering at least one offer of help. You may also request help. This is accomplished by going to the GIFTegrity: Offers & Needs Database and filling out a new record.

[Register a new Gift Offer or Gift Need](#)


1) Each Gift Offer or Gift Need registered is given an ID number. 2) Date the Gift Offer or Need is registered would be automatically entered along with the 3) username of the member offering or requesting help.

Offer-Need ID#	1
Username	john@abc.org
Date Originated	06/08/02

[GIFTegrity: Offer & Need form](#)

Recall that gifts can be actions or things. First you will select the Exchange Type. That will be one of four possibilites: Action Offered, Action Needed, Thing Offered, Thing Needed.

The Offer & Need form fields include: 1) Exchange type 2) Name of the action or need. 3) Brief description of the action or thing. 4) When the action or thing is available or needed, 5) How Long? Duration of its availability, 6) Where? location of the action or thing. 7) Detailed Description and Terms of Exchange

Exchange Type	Action Offered 
Name	Physician Advise
Brief Description	Telephone Consultation
When	Now, negotiate a time
How long	0.5 hour
Where	Anywhere, you call me.

Detailed Description and Terms of Exchange

I am a practicing physician with many years of experience in Family Medicine. I can listen and answer your questions concerning yourself or your family. This would be advice only and should not take the place of seeing your own Doctor. I can not prescribe medications over the telephone. However, I can advise you on the need to see a Doctor and in what time frame. I may be able to save you the expense of an unnecessary visit to the Emergency Room or Urgent Care. I can advise you on the proper use of Over-The-Counter medications.

Once you have registered one or more offers of help to the community and your needs, you then go to the public data base. Which will look similar to the following one line examples. If you find a line description of an offer of action or an offer of a thing that might meet one of your needs, you can click on it to get the detailed description.

Exchange Type	Name	Brief Description	When	How Long	Where
Action Offered	Carpenter	House Repairs	2 hours (only on weekends) local in town	two weekends a month	Monterey
Thing Needed	Clothes Women's	Used, Size 8-10, young styles	Now	Too Keep	Monterey
Action Needed	Auto Repair	Fuel Pump Replaced	Now	I have the parts. Three hours?	Carmel
Thing Offered	Ink Jet Printer	Epson Stylus 500 color	Anytime, you pick up or pay shipping	Keep It.	Monterey
Action Offered	Personal Shopper	Run Errands, Buy Groceries, Good Driver	After school (local)	Schedule (limited to time available)	Monterey
Action Offered	Web Designer	Set Up Your Website	5 hours/week, total 20 hrs	Varies, I only work on one site at a time	Anywhere
Thing Offered	Lawn Mower	21" gasoline power, Toro	USE ONLY, accept liability, return in same condition	Schedule In Advance	Monterey
Thing Offered	Television Set	17" SONY Color (10years old) works OK	Now	Keep It, You PickUp or pay shipment	Seaside
Action Needed	Baby Sitter	Child Care Ages 2 and 4	Fri Eve and Saturdays (4 hrs)	once a week	Carmel
Thing Needed	Pick Up Truck	I am moving.	Next 2 weeks.	At least two full days	Central Coast
Action Needed	Accountant	2001 Federal & State Tax Returns, Personal	Due August 15, 2002	NA	Monterey
Thing Needed	Firewood	One Cord	Anytime, I will pick up	Permanent	Central Coast
Thing Offered	Bed Room Furniture	Oak Set, Queen, Good Condition	Available next month, You pick up	Permanent	Marina

[Within the GIFTegrity, the Gifto Controls](#)

Once you have found an offer that you think might be of help to you or your family, you can register your interest in the offer with the Gifto. You would click on the line item and click the register my interest with this gifto.

That will take you a new screen where you will answer two questions.

- 1) Urgency? Now, ASAP, 1 wk, 2 wks, other
 - 2) Need is? One time, occasionally, or continuous
- Then click to register your interest in the OFFER.

At this point an email is sent to the gifto registering your interest in his/her offer. With your registration of interest, the gifto now gains access to the information in your profile. Your name and all comments by others in the community about their dealings with you. They also get the date you joined the GIFTegrity and the number of Gifts you have made and received. (see description below)

You may be one of several members who have expressed interest in their offer. If it is one of a kind offer, only one interested giftee will be offered the gift.

[Gift Offered to you](#)

If the gifto decides to offer the gift to you, you will then receive an email from the GIFTegrity that advises that you have an offer pending.

At this point you will gain access to the information in the gifto's profile. Their name and all comments by others in the community about their dealings with them. You also get the date they joined the GIFTegrity and the number of Gifts they have made and received.

If after reviewing this information, you decide to accept their offer. They will be notified that you have accepted the offer and both Gifto and Giftee will be given each other's email addresses to directly work out the details. The GIFTegrity does not have your telephone numbers and or residential street addresses. It does not know where you live or work and so it can not give this information to anyone. The gifto and giftee will communicate directly with each other and exchange information as appropriate to effect the exchange of help. Once the exchange occurs, the gifto will delete the offering from the community database.

[Responding to a Need](#)

If you see a Need in the database that you can think you can meet, you can register your offer of help. You would click on the line item and click the register my offer of help with this giftee.

That will take you to a new screen where you will answer two questions:

- 1) Availability of your help? Now, 1 wk, 2 wks, other
- 2) Help is? One time, occasionally, or continuous

Then click to register your OFFER of help.

At this point an email is sent to the giftee registering your offer to help. With your registration of your OFFER to help, the giftee now gains access to the information in your profile. Your name and all comments by others in the community about their dealings with you. They also get the date you joined the GIFTegrity and the number of Gifts you have made and received.

If they decide to accept your help, you will be notified that your offer of help has been accepted, and both Gifto and Giftee will be given each other's email addresses to directly work out the details. The GIFTegrity does not have your telephone numbers and or residential street addresses. It does not know where you live or work and so it can not give this information to anyone. The gifto and giftee will communicate directly with each other and exchange information as appropriate to effect the exchange of help. Once the exchange occurs, the giftee will delete the request for help from the community database.

[Rating the Exchange](#)

Approximately, one week after the offering is removed, you will be queried for comments about the Gifto, and the Gifto will be queried for comments about you.

You may write a one sentence comment and then rate the encounter on a scale of (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) ZERO (0) means that you were not helped by the gift, you should explain why in your comment. ONE (1) means you were helped a little and then up to FIVE (5) meaning you can't imagine being better helped even if you had paid top dollar in the market place. The Gifto will be credited with a gift given, and you will be credited with a gift received. Only the names of Gifts will be kept in the data base after the exchange. If you disagree with a comment, you may post a one sentence rebuttal. All comments and rebuttals are available to future Giftors and Giftees that might choose to relate to you.

[Gifto-Giftee Profile:](#)

Members Name

Date Joined GIFTegrity

Comments

Average Rating of all comments (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

Gifts Given

in past 30 days

in past 90 days

total since joining

Gifts Received

in past 30 days

in past 90 days

total since joining

Read Comments Link to be developed

More information: [Introduction to GIFTegrity](#) or [Read the Scientific Basis for the GIFTegrity](#)

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