













# NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

## FAA AWRP for C & V Sample Onset/Cessation Product\*

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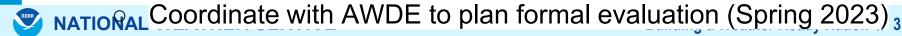
### **Background**

- To create a text product similar to the operational LAMP text bulletin that displays:
  - Flight Category (not currently shown in any LAMP text products)
  - Onset/Cessation of various FCs
- Background: Probability of Ceiling Height and Visibility (currently only shown in LAMP BUFR messages and on LAMP website) corresponding to various Flight Categories
- Goals:
  - A product that can be used by FAA Traffic Flow Managers
  - This, or a variation on this, could also be of use in SFO's Marine Stratus Forecast System (MSFS) replacement
- Webpage product option also to be shown/discussed



### Task Plan

- Work Completed:
  - Create sample products
  - Solicit internal feedback from MDL
  - Present products to FAA/AWDE
  - Solicit feedback from FAA/AWDE
  - Write up report summarizing findings
- Work in Progress / Future Work:
  - Incorporate feedback into sample product options
  - MDL incorporates feedback into products
  - Develop prototype with 15-min temporal resolution

























### **R20** considerations

### Text Products:

- Straightforward R2O (implementation into NWS jobstream, products available on NCEP ftp server)
- Requires an implementation slot

### Web Products:

- Less clear R2O as dissemination is not consistent with MDL's mission
- Could be handed off to AWC for display on their Aviation TAF Board web page (if funded)
- Could possibly be made available on the VLab cloud to restricted FAA users (unclear where we will be in this process in a year)
- Flat images could possibly be created in NWS operations and disseminated via NCEP ftp server (unclear if this would be allowed)



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### **Example of Operational LAMP Text Bulletin**











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### **Sample Message Format**

- UTC: Hour of the day in UTC time. This is the hour at which the forecast is valid, or if the forecast is valid for a period, the end of the forecast period.
- FLT: Flight Category (1/VL-VLIFR, 2/L-LIFR, 3/I-IFR, 4/M-MVFR, 5/V-VFR).
- Onset/cessation for each Flight Category:
  - VFR: Onset/Cessation of VFR conditions ('+'=Onset, '/'=Cessation).
  - MVF: Onset/Cessation of MVFR conditions ('+'=Onset, '/'=Cessation).
  - IFR: Onset/Cessation of IFR conditions ('+'=Onset, '/'=Cessation).
  - LIF: Onset/Cessation of LIFR conditions ('+'=Onset, '/'=Cessation).
  - VLI: Onset/Cessation of VLIFR conditions ('+'=Onset, '/'=Cessation).



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### Sample Message Format (continued)

- CIG: ceiling height categorical forecasts at the hour.
- VIS: visibility categorical forecasts at the hour.
- Probability lines:
  - o CP1/CPVL: Prob. of ceiling < 200 ft.
  - CP2/CPL: Prob.of ceiling < 500 ft. (cumulative) OR Prob. of ceiling 200 < 500 ft. (discrete)
  - CP3/CPI: Prob.of ceiling < 1000 ft. (cumulative) OR Prob. of ceiling 500 < 1000 ft. (discrete)</li>
  - CP4/CPM: Prob. of ceiling <= 3000 ft. (cumulative) OR Prob. of ceiling 1000 3000. ft (discrete)</li>
  - VP1/VPVL: Prob.of visibility < ½ SM.
  - $\circ$  VP2/VPL: Prob. of visibility < 1 SM. (cumulative) OR Prob. of visibility  $\frac{1}{2}$  < 1 SM. (discrete)
  - VP3/VPI: Prob.of visibility < 3 SM. (cumulative) OR Prob. of visibility 1 < 3 SM. (discrete)</li>
  - VP4/VPM: Prob. of visibility <= 5 SM. (cumulative) OR Prob. of visibility 3 5 SM. (discrete)</li>
- Probability of C/V clearing:
  - CPVFR: Prob.of VFR (clearing) (100% Prob.of MVFR)
  - VPVFR: Prob.of VFR (clearing) (100% Prob.of MVFR)







### **Summary of Options**

- One text bulletin out to 38 hours, OR
- Two text bulletins (01 25 hours & 26 38 hours)
- 3-space columns (consistent with operational LAMP text bulletins), OR
- 4-space columns (more readable, especially with 100% probabilities)

CP4 100 95 68 87 91 87 85100100 99100 88 77 86 77 75 58 53 46 48 48 48 47 44 41 46 53 58 63 66 66 63 57 52 47 41 35 39 (3-space)

CP4 100 95 68 87 91 87 85 100 100 99 100 88 77 86 77 75 58 53 46 48 48 48 47 44 41 46 53 58 63 66 66 63 57 52 47 41 35 39 (4-space)

Display Flight Categories with dashes





### **Summary of Options (continued)**



- Cumulative Probabilities (e.g., IFR or worse), OR
- Discrete Probabilities (e.g., IFR flight category, sometimes referred to as "IFR Slice")

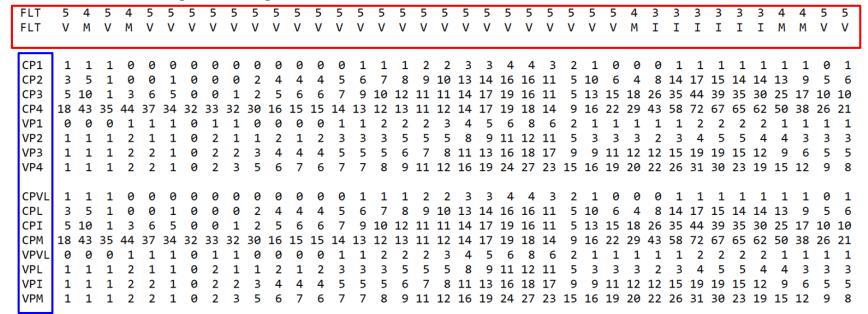






### **Summary of Options (continued)**

- Numeric Flight Categories / Probabilities
- Letter Flight Categories / Probabilities











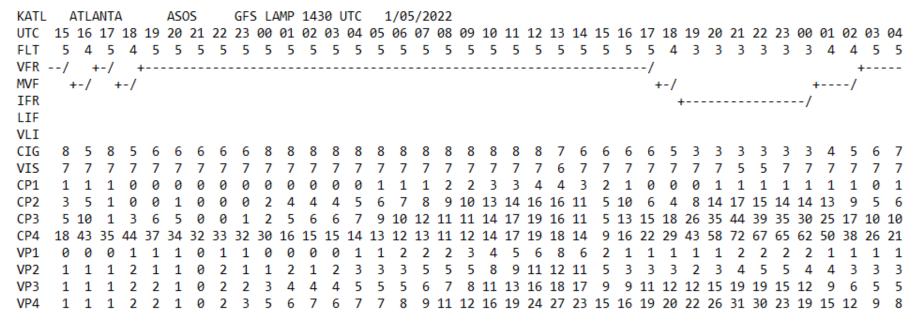








## 3 spaces, all projections (cumulative probs)







## 3 spaces, all projections (discrete probs)

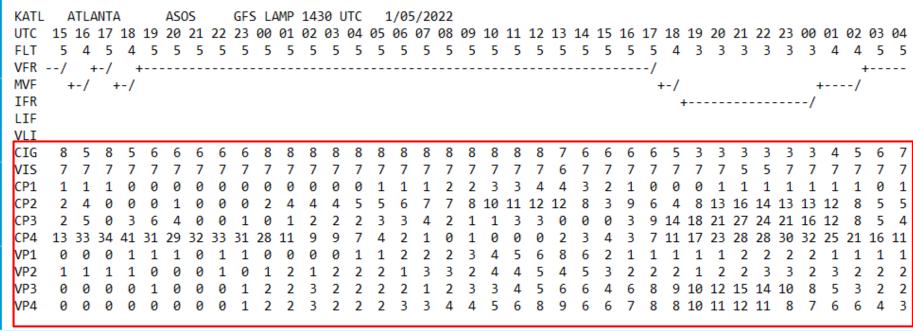
















## 3 spaces with "1"s for FCs, all projections (cumulative probs)











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## 3 spaces with 100% probs, all projections (cumulative probs)

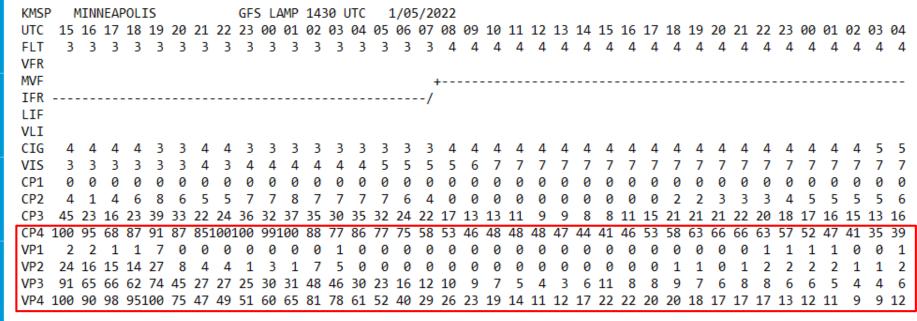


























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### 3 spaces, 01-25 projs (cumulative probs)











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### 3 spaces, 26-38 projs (cumulative probs)











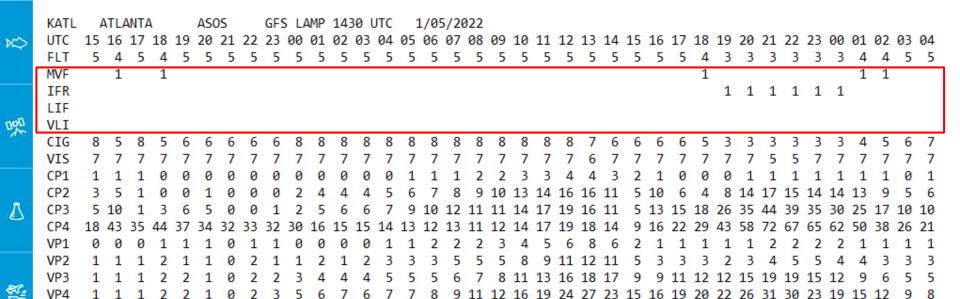
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## 3 spaces with no VFR line, all projections (cumulative probs)









## 3 spaces with no FC dashes, all projections (cumulative probs)





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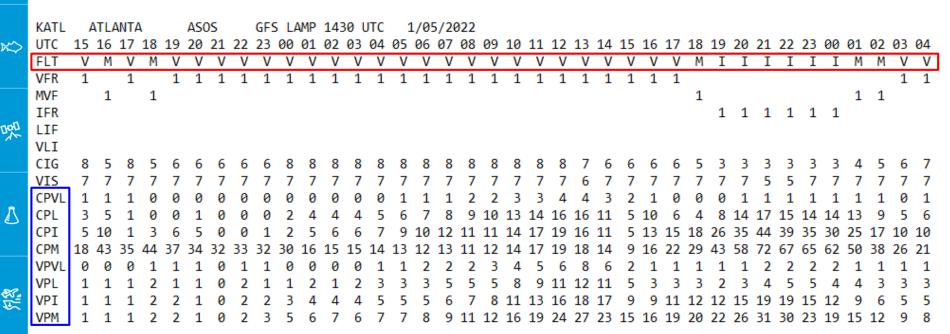
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## 3 spaces with letter FCs and updated prob acronyms, all projections









## 3 spaces with no white space, all projections

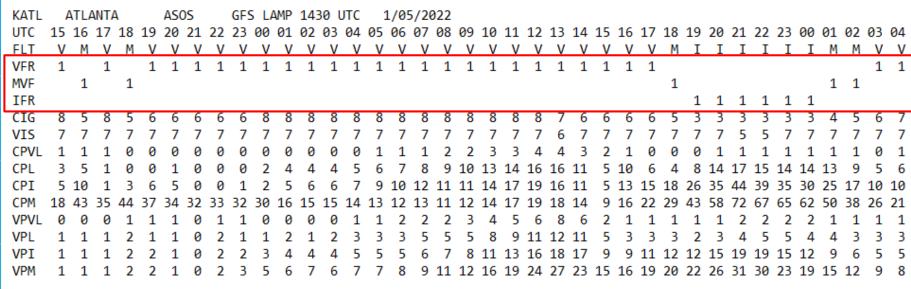










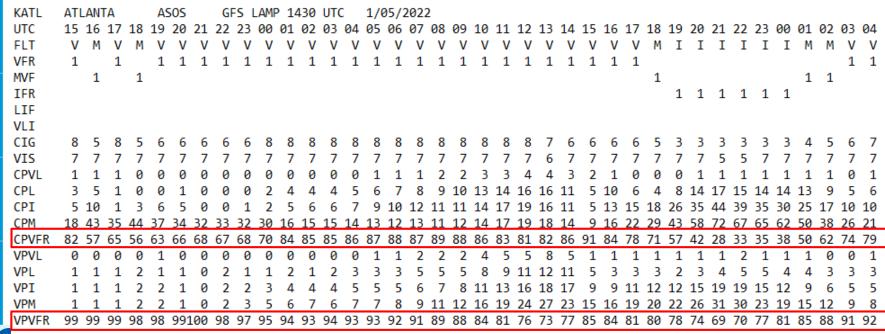








# 3 space with prob of C&V (clearing) discrete VFR conditions, all projs. (cumulative probs)









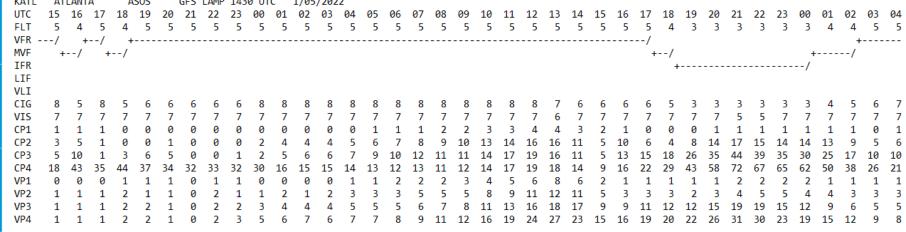


















### 4 spaces, 01-25 projs (cumulative probs)











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VP4	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	2	3	5	6	7	6	7	7	8	9	11	12	16	19	24	27	23	15





### 4 spaces, 26-38 projs (cumulative probs)











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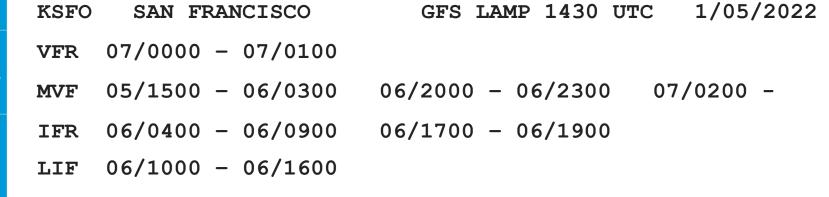
### **Bulletin on onset/cessation times**



















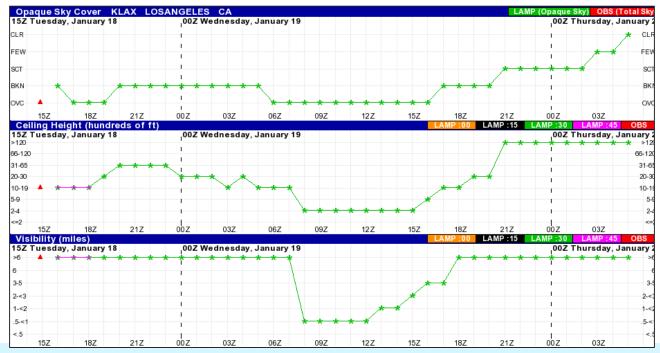








## Webpage Options - current Meteogram Forecasts





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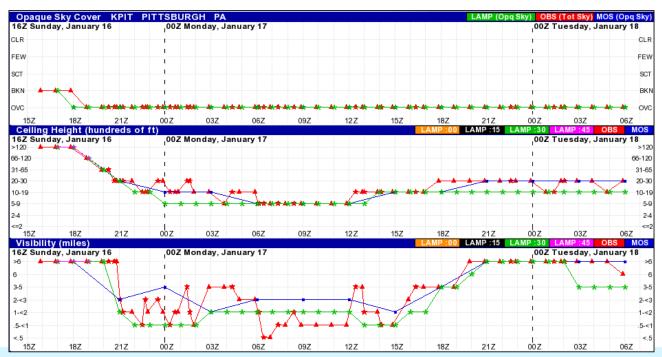








# Webpage Options - current Meteogram showing verifying observations





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## Webpage Options - current Probabilities and Thresholds









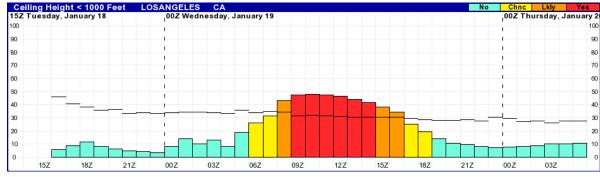


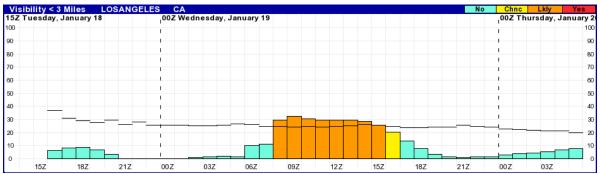






## Webpage Options - current Probabilities and Thresholds













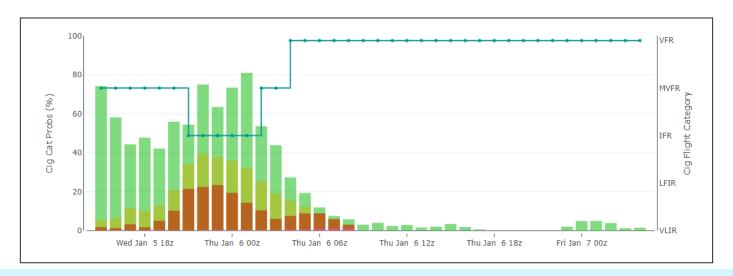




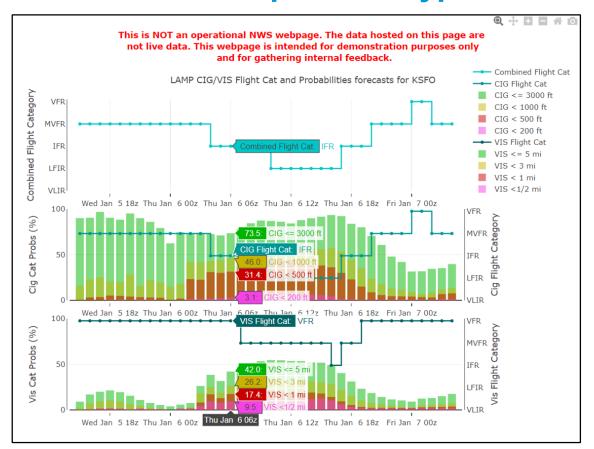


## Webpage Options - Proposed Interactive webpage showing Flight Categories and Probabilistic C&V Information

### **Live Demo**



### **Example Prototype Web Page**



Time series plots of combined flight category (top), cumulative ceiling height probabilities (middle), and cumulative visibility probabilities (bottom)



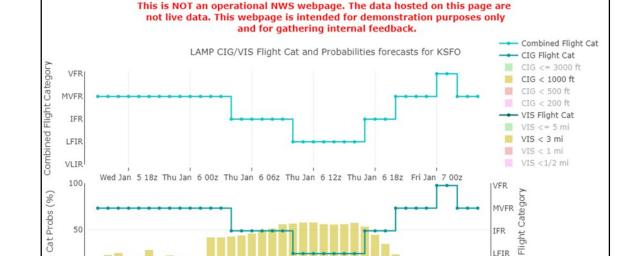
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**Example Prototype Web Page** 

**IVFR** 

MVFR **IFR** LFIR



Wed Jan 5 18z Thu Jan 6 00z Thu Jan 6 06z Thu Jan 6 12z Thu Jan 6 18z Fri Jan 7 00z

Wed Jan 5 18z Thu Jan 6 00z Thu Jan 6 06z Thu Jan 6 12z Thu Jan 6 18z Fri Jan 7 00z

Interactive capability to display only probabilities of categories of interest





Cig

Ms Cat Probs (%



### **Example Prototype Web Page**

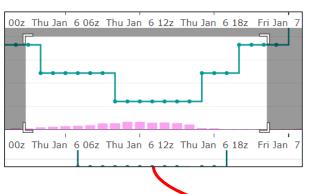




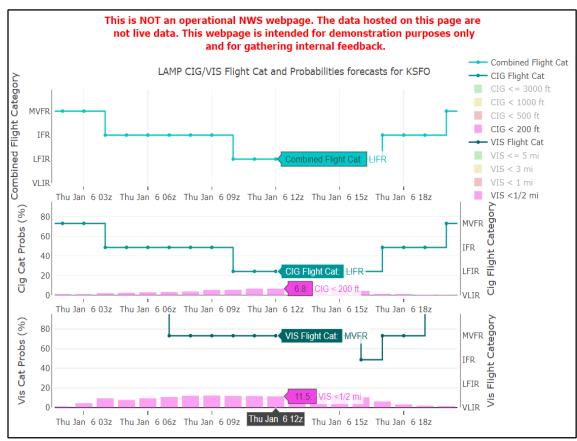








Capability to zoom to specific time range and hover over image to display values





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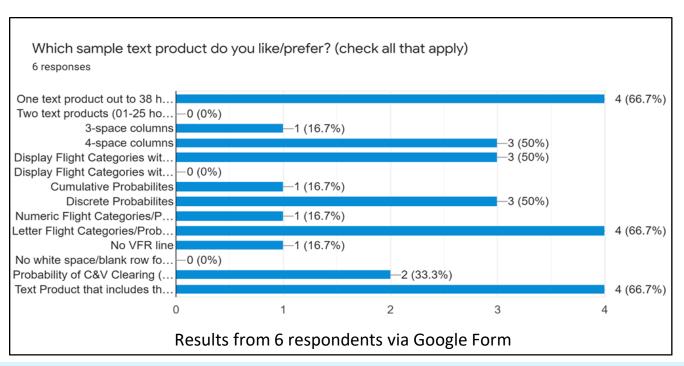






### **Feedback Received**

 Google Form was created for soliciting comments. Presentations were made to the FAA Weather Evaluation Team and sent to the AWC NAMs. Feedback received follows:





- A common takeaway from the feedback received was the indicated need for airport-specific thresholds for C&V at Core 30 airports and not so much the traditional FCs.
- It was also apparent that what meteorologists want may differ from what Traffic Flow Managers (TFMs) want, so it will be important to solicit feedback directly from the TFMs going forward.
- "Over-reliance on 'flight categories' concept which are not necessarily aligned with the most important C & V thresholds for NAS users."
- "I like the initial range of options, particularly with respect to the more simplistic text options. I think this is where it needs to go with air traffic managers. I do think we need to keep in mind the variation in intended audiences (meteorologists vs. air traffic). Having more probabilistic data is very important to meteorologists to CWSU/NAM forecasters and should be readily available to them to interpret the more "deterministic" product given to ATM."



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- Further exemplifying the difference between certain users here were a few differing comments received.
  - "I won't use the text products."
  - "I like the initial range of options, particularly with respect to the more simplistic text options."
  - "Not much to dislike! As long as we consider that there are two distinct audiences here."

Comments welcome!!

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