Mississippi Automated Registration Vehicle Information Network

MARVIN News

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Be sure to share the newsletter with everyone in your office!

MARVIN Videos

The MARVIN Training Team has plans to produce news type videos to keep you informed about the MARVIN project.

The videos will be released every few weeks, and you can find them on the DOR's intranet as well as on the County's password secured site.

Our first video featured the Testers' Feedback from our mini-testing session in October. We received great feedback from that!

The second video will showcase our Development team and will give you a behind the scenes look of what goes into implementing MARVIN.

Check your email in the upcoming weeks for links to the videos!

Mark your calendar!

You can see a MARVIN demonstration!

More details in the Announcements section below.

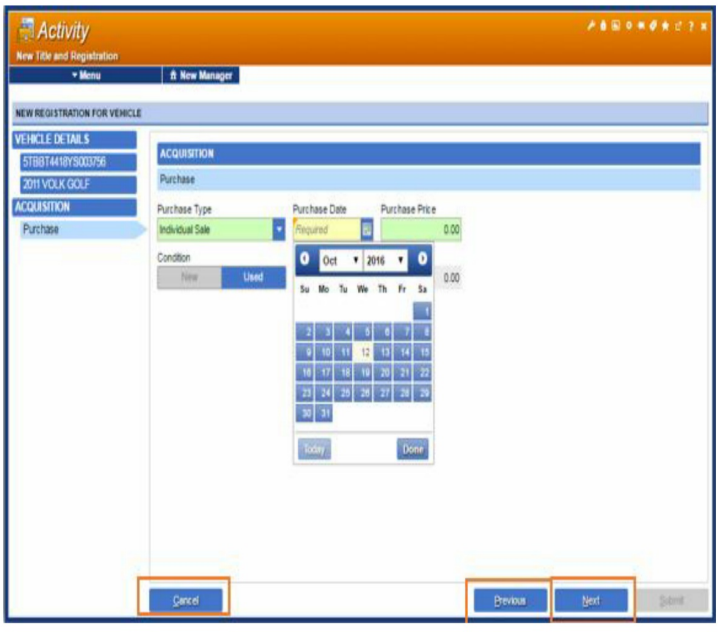
MARVIN MORSEL

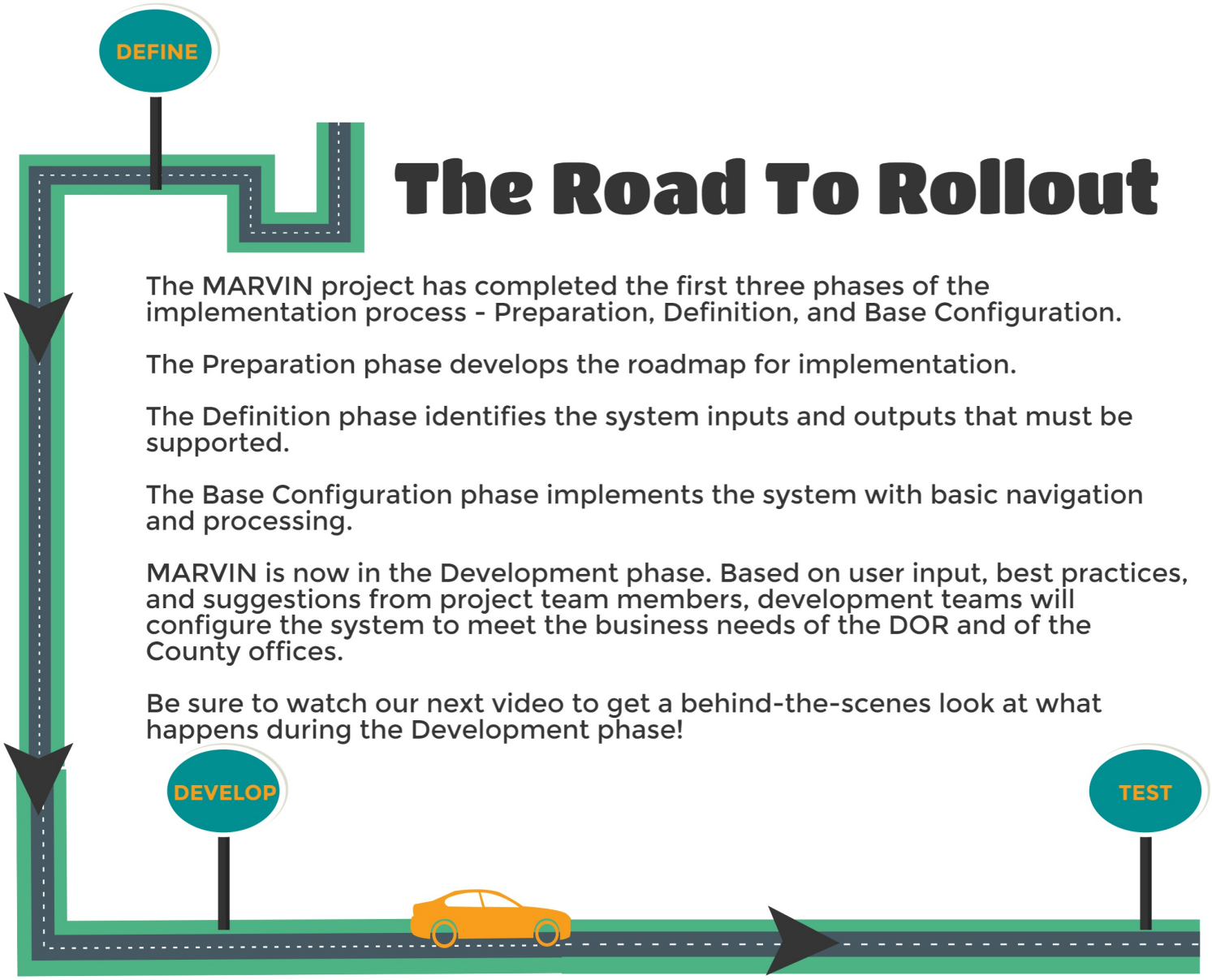
A convenient feature that MARVIN will include is that it allows you to use Hot Keys. These keys will make it easier to move from field to field or from page to page.

Tab allows you to navigate on a single screen. Once a required field has been filled in, you can press Tab to move to the next required field.

These hot keys will make it easier and quicker for you to use the keyboard to navigate through the system.

- Tab - move from field to field
- Alt + C - Cancel Transaction
- Alt + P - Return the Previous Page
- Alt + N - Go to the Next Page
- Alt + up key - New Manager
- Alt + down key - Pulls down the sidebar





The Road To Rollout

The MARVIN project has completed the first three phases of the implementation process - Preparation, Definition, and Base Configuration.

The Preparation phase develops the roadmap for implementation.

The Definition phase identifies the system inputs and outputs that must be supported.

The Base Configuration phase implements the system with basic navigation and processing.

MARVIN is now in the Development phase. Based on user input, best practices, and suggestions from project team members, development teams will configure the system to meet the business needs of the DOR and of the County offices.

Be sure to watch our next video to get a behind-the-scenes look at what happens during the Development phase!

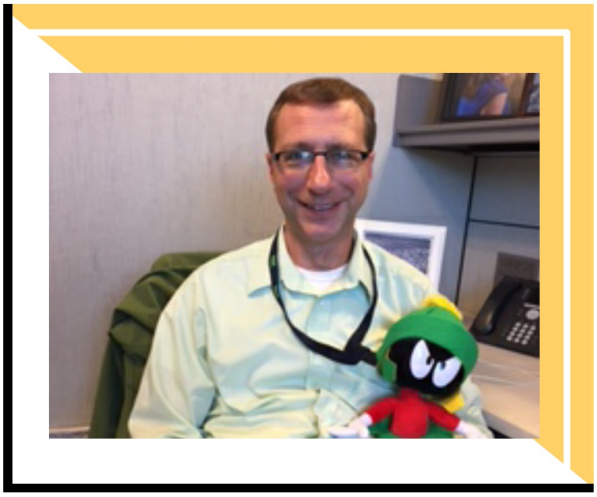
MARVIN Project Managers will be giving a demonstration on December 6, 2016. You will be able to view the demo from the convenience of your office. No need to travel anywhere to view the demo!

There will be two demo sessions:
9:30 - 11:00 am
2:00 - 3:30 pm

A few of the demo topics include: title change, plate surrender and certificate of credit, replacement title application printoff, and county holds.

Check your email for details on how to connect to the demo.

MARVIN **SPOTLIGHT**



STEVE PARKINSON

MARVIN System Architect
FAST Enterprises, LLC

Steve is originally from Florida but has been living in Mississippi for the past five years. He has been with FAST Enterprises, LLC for eleven years and moved to Mississippi to implement the MARS project (the DOR's automated revenue system). Steve is currently working on the MARVIN project as the system architect. He is responsible for making sure that all the teams are on track and that MARVIN meets business needs so that the project has a successful rollout.

10 QUESTIONS IN 30 SECONDS

1. What are you most thankful for this year?
   As always - I am most thankful for my kids.

2. Tell us something that might surprise us about you.
   I can play the piano.

3. What is your favorite song?
   Currently my favorite song is "Heathens" by Twenty One Pilots.

4. What motto do you live by?
   God is good.

5. What is the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
   Snails! And calamari.

6. What is the first car you ever owned?
   An '84 Dodge Ram.

7. You throw a spontaneous dinner party for your friends - what do you make?
   Fried chicken, stuffed mushrooms, turnip greens, and scalloped potatoes.
   For dessert - milkshakes.

8. What do you like most about living in Mississippi?
   The people.

9. What country would you like to visit?
   Italy.

10. Who would you want to have coffee with - dead or alive?
    George Washington.

Thanksgiving Fun Facts

Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners. In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes - and the first TV dinner was born!

Historians say that no turkey was served at the first Thanksgiving. What was on the menu? Deer or venison, ducks, geese, oysters, lobster, eel, and fish.

Wild turkeys can run 20 miles per hour when they are scared, but domesticated turkeys that are bred are heavier and can't run quite that fast.

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird, not the eagle. An eagle had "bad moral character." A turkey, on the other hand, was a "much more respectable bird."

Turkeys have heart attacks. When the Air Force was conducting test runs and breaking the sound barrier, fields of turkeys would drop dead!

A writer named Sarah Hale is responsible for Thanksgiving's national holiday status. She asked President Lincoln to declare it an American holiday in October 1863. She is also the author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb."

Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago!

For the past 67 years, the president has pardoned a live turkey every Thanksgiving. The pardoned turkeys get to live on a farm until they die of old age.

Astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong's first meal after walking on the moon was turkey!

What are you most thankful for this year?

I am so thankful that the MARVIN project has brought me closer to home (New Orleans). - Michelle, Training Team

My family.
- Glenn, Title/Registration Team

My family, the opportunity to work on MARVIN, and the armed services for protecting our freedom.
- Lisa, Project Manager

I am thankful that my son is doing so well in school and that he made the basketball team.
- Kevin, SME

My family, friends, and working with the wonderful people on the MARVIN project.
- Paulette, Testing Team

My kids, health, and happiness.
- Rachel, SME

My baby, happiness, and my upcoming vacation!
- Archana, Dealers/Inventory/e-Services Team

My family, good health, and all my friends that have made living in MS so fun.
- Chris, Financials Team

I am thankful for the strong friendships that I've made over the years and for my coworkers that are more like family than friends. They've helped me through difficult times, and I'm very blessed to have them in my life.
- LoAna, Conversion Team

My family, friends, and the opportunity to work with everyone on the MARVIN project!
- Matt, FAST Project Manager

I'm thankful that I have no worries!
- Ben, Tech Team

I'm thankful that I met Michelle, and for my dog that I adopted from the shelter.
- Eliya, Interfaces Team

If you have newsletter suggestions or questions for the Training Team, send us an email: MARVINTrainingTeam@dor.ms.gov