

Welcome to the World of Drupal

What is Drupal?

Drupal is an open source content management platform written in PHP. It allows individuals, small businesses and enterprises to build a website and manage their content, minimizing, and in some cases eliminating coding altogether, thanks to thousands of add-on modules and designs. Drupal offers a site builder experience for novice users and allows programmers and developers to code and customize to their heart's content. It's the CMS for everyone.

Open Source

Drupal is distributed under the terms of the GNU General Public License (or "GPL"). This means anyone is free to download it and share it with others. There are no licensing costs whatsoever and businesses can sell services and products created with the software. Thanks to this open development model, Drupal is constantly growing and evolving, making it a cutting edge platform that supports the latest technologies.

The Drupal Project

Dries Buytaert began the Drupal software as a message board in 1999. As more and more people became interested in using and contributing to Drupal, the decision was made to shift it into an open source model. Drupal.org came online in 2001 and the community has gained momentum ever since.

The Drupal Community

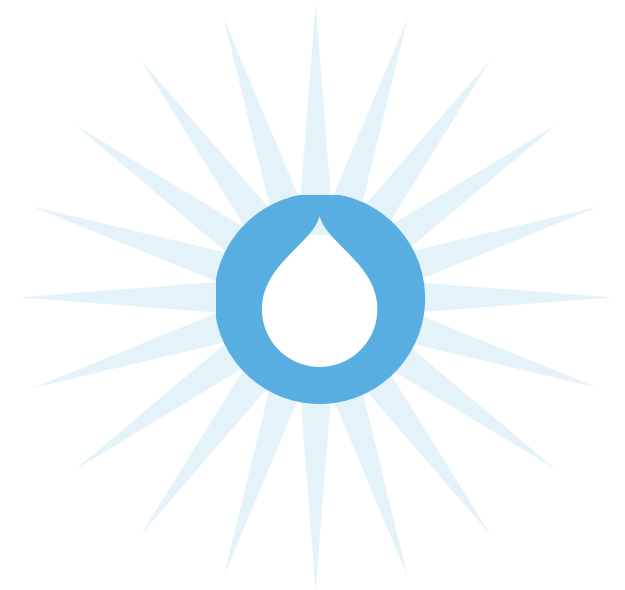
Drupal software is maintained and developed by a worldwide community of hundreds of thousands of users and developers, driving the innovation that propels Drupal forward. Enthusiastic Drupal volunteers offer support, maintain the forums and help to run Drupal events. The community also maintains the extensive documentation for Drupal. Active. Passionate. Engaged. Welcoming. That's the Drupal community!

The Drupal Business Ecosystem

The Drupal Marketplace features a variety of companies that have a deep understanding of and expertise in Drupal. Services include web development and design, web hosting, theming, and training services, amongst many others. These companies act as Drupal partners, supporting the project and the community with their business sponsorship. The fees they pay go directly into the project.

About Drupal.org

Drupal.org is the home of the Drupal project. The website hosts all Drupal code and contributed projects. It also publishes an array of news, Drupal related information, training resources and case studies.



The Drupal Association

The community is responsible for the development of the software and much of the documentation for Drupal. The Association is an educational non-profit organization that assists the Drupal community with funding, infrastructure, education, promotion, distribution and online collaboration at Drupal.org. The Association is responsible for managing the Drupal.org website and improving user experience, maintaining the servers, and protecting against hackers and spammers. The Association also manages programs and events such as DrupalCon that create funds which are then reinvested into development and supporting the project. The Association uses its resources and network to constantly engage in new projects and initiatives to help educate people about Drupal and support the growth of the Drupal project.