Site Building Tools, Tips, Modules, and Tricks

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Welcome

- Who is this chick?
- Who is this for?
- What are we here to learn?

Hi, I'm Shani

- Front-end Web Developer / Designer
- Drupal Site Builder & Themer
- Still new to some Drupal, not ashamed!



Who are you?

- This session is for site builders who might wonder:
 - "Why didn't I know about this module 3 websites ago?"
 - "Isn't there a better way to search and sort all of this content?"
 - "Will this task require custom code?"
 - "Is there a module for that??"
- Anyone else in the house?

What you'll learn today

- A few modules that make viewing and using the Drupal admin area easier
- Simple Drush (Drupal Shell) commands to help you manage your site quickly
- Tried and true resources that help you learn Drupal at your own pace
- What other attendees are doing and using during a share and tell segment
- What we'll miss:
 - · Drupal site building or theming basics
 - Creating modules
 - · Installing drush

This session will be geared to those using Drupal 7, but with an emphasis on tools and modules also available in Drupal 8. (Any encouragement to migrate your Drupal 7 websites to Drupal 8 is purely possibly coincidental ©)

Modules for Site Builders

The Essentials

- Views
- Token
- Webform
- CKEditor
- Block Class
- Menu Attributes
- Link
- Media
- Pathauto
- Context
- Superfish
- Paragraphs
- · Find content

- Views slideshow
- Admin Toolbar
- Display Suite
- Replicate
- Flexslider
- Slick Slideshows
- · Language Switcher Dropdown
- Node Export
- Automated Logout
- · Backup and Migrate
- Select (or Other)
- · and so many more!

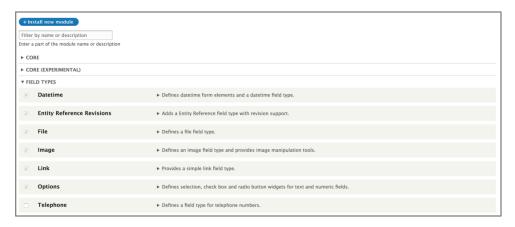
Today's Highlights

- Module Filter
- Administration Views
- EIM (Extend Image Module)
- Focal Point
- Field Group

drupal.org/project/module_filter

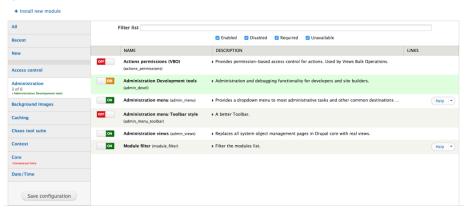
- Improves module readability and findability
- Available for Drupal 7 and 8
- Some functionality built into Drupal 8 core

Drupal Extend / Modules Page (/admin/modules)



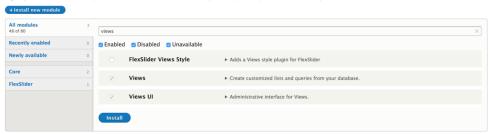
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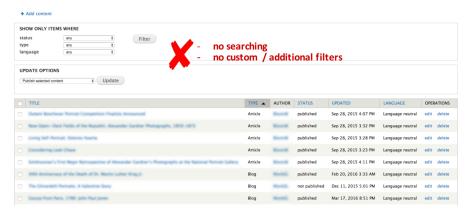
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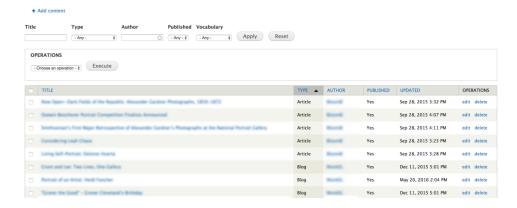
drupal.org/project/admin_views

- Replaces object management pages in Drupal core with Views
- Useful for sorting and finding content
- Included in Drupal 8 core (but still maintained for 7)

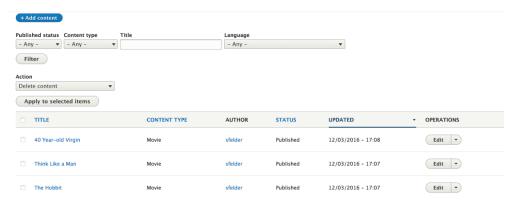
Drupal 7 Core Content Page (/admin/content)



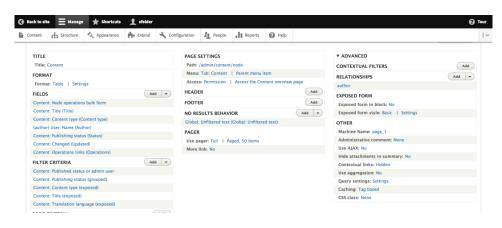
Drupal 7 Content Page with Administration Views (admin_views) enabled



Drupal 8 Core Content Page



Drupal 7 Administrative Node View (/admin/structure/views/view/admin_views_node)
Drupal 8 Content View (/admin/structure/views/view/content)



EIM (Extend Image Module)

drupal.org/project/eim

- Allows us to make image Alt text and title text required!
 - These are not required by default in Drupal 7
- Included in Drupal 8 core

EIM (Extend Image Module)

Drupal 7 Core Default Accessible Image Options



The alt attribute may be used by search engines, screen readers, and when the image cannot be loaded.

Enable Title field

The title attribute is used as a tooltip when the mouse hovers over the image.

Drupal 7 Image Field in Add Content Form



EIM (Extend Image Module)

Drupal Accessible Image Options with EIM enabled



Drupal Image Field in Add Content Form



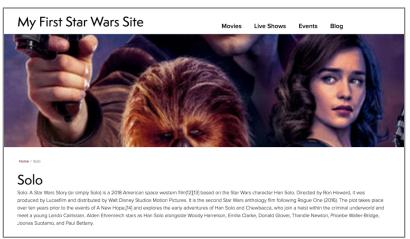
drupal.org/project/focal_point

- Never allow Drupal to crop a bad image again!
- Eliminate the need for multiple dimensions of the same image
- Specify the most important portion of an image (its focal point)
- Blends nicely with Drupal's image styles and various image sizes
- Available for Drupal 7 and 8

Default image field in content form



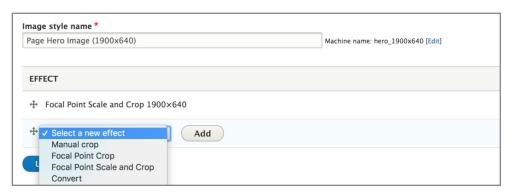
Hero image, no focal point





The movie's main character is cropped out of the image!

Install the Crop & Focal Point Modules, select the "Focal Point Scale & Crop" effect for your Image Style

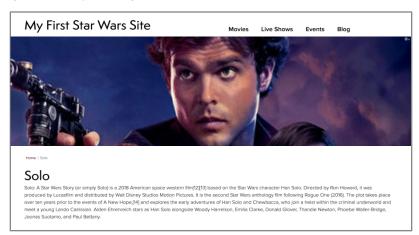


Adjust the image's focal point in your content





Hero image, with focal point assigned



Content blocks with varied image sizes using the same image style

Upcoming Shows



Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back Mon Jun 25



Star Wars Marathon
Wed Jun 20



Solo Tue Jun 12



Star Wars Made Simple
Mon Jun 11

Adjust the focal point for each node's image



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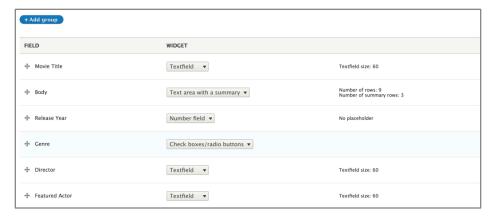
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http://drupal.org/project/field_group

- Makes organizing fields easier, more intuitive
- Cleans up the Add content form
- Choose from Tab, Accordion, other UI options
- Available for Drupal 7 or 8

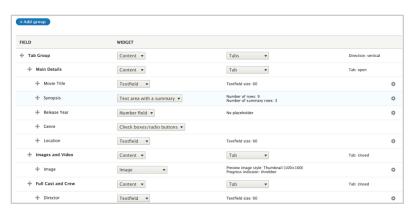
Default Content type > Manage Fields Page



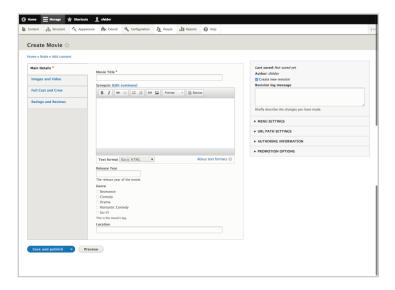
Add content form



Create, drag and drop groups of fields



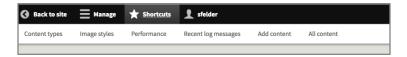
Add content form is now tabbed and organized



Tips & Tricks for Site Builders

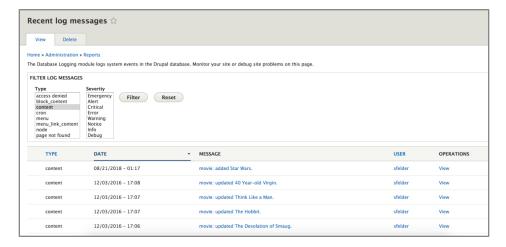
The Essentials

- Adopt a Content First attitude
 - Plan then build
- Follow the Drupal Way
 - Separate the content, theme, and functionality layers
 - · Work with Drupal, not against it
 - Think of those that will follow
- Use your admin shortcuts!



Drupal Report Log

/admin/reports/dblog > Use filters



Simple Drush Commands for Site Builders

- Manage your site quickly
- Manage yourself and other users quickly

Drush Site Management

Open your Drupal Shell (Drush)

- Open Terminal, Command Prompt or another command line interface
 - o If using Acquia Dev Desktop, click the terminal window icon
- Navigate to your site: \$ cd sites/myDrupalSite

Manage your database

- Backup: \$ drush sql-dump -resultfile=my_backup_file.sql
- Restore
 - o \$ drush sql-drop (drop / clear all tables)
 - \$ drush sql-cli < my_backup_file.sql or ~/my_backup_file.sql
 - O Update: \$ drush updatedb or \$ drush updb

Clear your site's cache

- Drupal 7: \$ drush cc all
 - o \$ drush cc css-js
- Drupal 8: \$ drush cr

Manage your modules

- List: \$ drush pml or \$ drush pm-list
- Enable and disable
 - o \$ drush en <module_name> or \$ drush en <module_name>*
 - o \$ drush dis <module_name>
- Download: \$ drush dl <module_name> -y
- Update all: \$ drush up
- Uninstall: \$ drush dl <module_name> -y

Drush User Management

Create a new user

- \$ drush ucrt <username>
- \$ drush ucrt sfelder2 mail=sfelder@email.com password=password1

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User ID : 758
User name : sfelder2
User mail : sfelder@email.com
User roles : authenticated user
User status : active
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Manage roles

- View info: \$ drush uinf sfelder2
- Add new role: \$ drush urol "administrator" sfelder2

Manage user account access

- Unblock a user after too many password attempts
 \$ drush uublk <username>
- Change a password
 \$ drush upwd <username> -password="SOMEPASSWORD"

Log in with a one time link

- Works with the WSOD!
- \$ drush user-login sfelder2
- Generates a link, copy the entire URL after "http://default" and paste into your address bar after your site domain
 - mylocalsite.com/user/reset/1/678971620/n75RR6vYY jNqcb6jCAMERAz7rA6ly-X_12345unj04R-fE/login

Tools & Resources for Site

Builders

Site Building Toolbox

- WebAIM Color Contrast Checker
 - https://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker
 - Check RGB hexadecimal text colors against various backgrounds for accessibility
- Dirty Markup
 - http://www.10bestdesign.com/dirtymarkup
 - · Beautify poorly formatted HTML, CSS, or JS
- Convert Case
 - http://convertcase.net
 - · Convert text to upper, lower, or Sentence case
- 0to255
 - http://www.0to255.com
 - · Pick a color, any color
- Lorem Pixel
 - http://lorempixel.com
 - Image placeholders at any size!

Resources for Site Builders

- Drupalize.me
 - http://drupalize.me
- Code Karate
 - http://codekarate.com/codekarate-posts/type/daily_dose_of_drupal
- Drupal Documentation
 - http://www.drupal.org/documentation
- YouTube
 - http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=drupal+site+building
- Your favorite search engine!

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