**Drupal** is a [free](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_software) and [open source](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open_source) [content-management framework](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_content_management_frameworks) written in [PHP](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PHP) and distributed under the [GNU General Public License](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GNU_General_Public_License). Drupal provides a [back-end](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Front_and_back_ends) framework for at least 2.3% of all [web sites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Wide_Web) worldwide – ranging from personal [blogs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blog) to corporate, political, and government sites. Systems also use Drupal for [knowledge management](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Knowledge_management) and for business collaboration.

As of January 2018, the Drupal community is composed of more than 1.3 million members,[[12]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-12)[[13]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-13) including 109,800 users actively contributing,[[14]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-dohome-14) resulting in more than 39,500 free modules that extend and customize Drupal functionality,[[15]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-:0-15) over 2,570 free themes that change the look and feel of Drupal,[[16]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-:1-16) and at least 1,200 free distributions that allow users to quickly and easily set up a complex, use-specific Drupal in fewer steps.[[17]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-17)

The standard release of Drupal, known as **Drupal core**, contains basic features common to [content-management systems](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Content_management_system). These include user account registration and maintenance, menu management, [RSS](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS) feeds, taxonomy, page layout customization, and system administration. The Drupal core installation can serve as a simple Web site, a single- or multi-user blog, an [Internet forum](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet_forum), or a community Web site providing for [user-generated content](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User-generated_content). Core modules also includes a hierarchical [taxonomy](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taxonomy_(general)) system, which lets developers categorize content or [tagged](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tag_(metadata)) with key words for easier access

Drupal also describes itself as a [Web application framework](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_application_framework).[[18]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-18) When compared with notable frameworks Drupal meets most of the generally accepted [feature requirements](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_application_framework#Features)for such web frameworks.[[19]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-19)[[20]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-20)[[21]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-21)

Although Drupal offers a sophisticated [API](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Application_programming_interface) for developers, basic Web-site installation and administration of the framework require no programming skills.[[22]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Drupal#cite_note-features-22)

Drupal runs on any [computing platform](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computing_platform) that supports both a [Web server](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_server) capable of running PHP and a [database](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Database) to store content and configuration.